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**Congratulatory Message
from
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I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate the International Committee for United Nations Day of Vesak, Thai Sangha Supreme Council, the Royal Thai Government and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, for making great effort in successfully organizing this event.

The Day of Vesak which commemorates the Birth, the Enlightenment, and the Passing away of the Lord Buddha, is the most important event for Buddhists all over the world regardless of sectarian inclination such as Theravada, Mahayana, Vajrayana or other schools.

I am glad that the eighth United Nations Day of Vesak Conference will be held in Thailand under the theme of "Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development".

We are responsible for the world we inhabit and for our actions in it. It would benefit everybody if the human race would be more wise and less selfish.

It extremely is important for us to change our behavior because if we don't do it our planet will not be able to support human life for a long period of time.

The time has come for human selfishness to be replaced with selflessness and this is the main task for human beings. Generosity should replace greediness. Lovingkindness should replace hate. And light of wisdom should dispel the darkness of ignorance.

This change occurs in minds of certain human beings and then spreads in the world we live in, because we live not alone and we can't separate ourselves from others. That's why our behavior has an influence on our friends and relatives, other people, and step by step the changes of our mind begin to play an important role in the world.

Ukrainian's Buddhists will join others around the world to reflect on the Birth and Enlightenment of Lord Buddha and I believe, we'll meet these challenges and contribute to the contentment, happiness and peace of humankind.

May all beings be happy!

Your sincerely in the Dhamma,

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