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**Congratulatory Message:**  
**On the occasion of the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations**  
**& Buddhist Conference 2011/B.E. 2554.**

It is indeed an honor, and it gives me great pleasure to present this congratulatory message on the occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations & Buddhist Conference 2011, that is organized in conjunction with the 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary Celebration of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

On behalf of all residents and expatriates of the United Arab Emirates, "Kalayanamitras" and staff of The Dhammakaya International Meditation Centre of Dubai, United Arab Emirates in particular, I take this opportunity to thank The Most Venerable Professor Dr. Dharmakosajarn, President of The International Council of United Nations Day of Vesak and its International Committee. I also wish to thank the International Association of Buddhist Universities, the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, the Royal Thai Government, The Thai National Office of Buddhism and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for hosting and organizing this auspicious event.

Vesak Day, which was recognized by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-fourth session under Agenda Item 174 as an International Day of the United Nations, is a day of sublime significance to Buddhist all over the world. It is the day commemorating the sacred triple events of birth, attainment of enlightenment and entering into "Parinibbana" of the Lord Buddha - the utmost Supreme Being.

On this auspicious occasion, let us take a moment to reflect on the virtues of the Lord Buddha and his teachings propagated for more than 2500 years for the well being of all humans and "dewas". In a world ridden with conflict, disputes, struggles and natural disasters, the Lord Buddha's "dhamma" becomes more relevant as a practical way to resolution through the practice of righteousness, precepts, spreading of loving kindness, generosity, compassion and equanimity. Let us all come together to practice the Lord Buddha's teaching. Let us discipline ourselves in body and mind in order to spread "World peace through Inner peace". Let all Buddhist leaders, organizations, companies and individuals be united, under one sun, with common objectives, to develop Buddhist solutions toward global recovery.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish His Majesty the King of Thailand a Happy Birthday. May His Majesty have longevity, good health, continued rule with wisdom and harmony and be blessed by the triple gems always.

Last but not least, I wish the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations & Buddhist Conference 2011 great success so that all the objectives are achieved.

**Yours in Dhamma**

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