

Message

United Nations Day of Vesak

It is a great honor and privilege for me to extend a message on behalf of my colleagues in South-East Asia University, to the United Nations Day of Vesak celebration in Bangkok, on 12-14th May 2011, which commemorates the thrice-events: the Birth, Enlightenment, and Passing Away of the Lord Buddha, the founder of Buddhism.

Visakha Puja Day is significant not only for Buddhists in Thailand but for mankind around the world. This is because the noble teachings of the Buddha extended to every corner of the world which benefited not all mankind equally. The teachings of the Buddha generated peace and happiness in societies. The Enlightened One, the Buddha, as the founder of this noble religion addressed his message of selfless service with boundless compassion not only to kings, princes, and nobles, but also to the poor, lowly and needy. He revolved against all kinds of human discrimination and sought to establish social justice and equal society. His doctrine absorbed into the minds and ways of life for humanity to live in happier way, which is the middle path that warned not to cling with desires or self-mortification-realized as unnecessary. The middle path can mean to live a self-sufficient life.

I congratulate all Buddhist organizations leading by Thai Government, Sangha Supreme Council and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, and other associated individuals for their endeavors towards organizing Visakha Puja Day 2011/B.E. 2554. This is the most significant event for all of us to pay homage to the Buddha, bringing his teachings for practicing in life and spreading throughout the world for the benefit of all mankind.

I invoke the power of Triple Gem and all merits which have been accumulated to be factors for your prosperity and happiness forever.



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