

Goodwill Message
for
The UN Day of Vesak Celebration 2554 (2011)

Buddhism has been implanted deeply in Thai society, shaping and strengthening Thai culture and its people's ways of life, since the first Thai Kingdom of SukhoThai (1238-1583). Now it takes root firmly not only in this country but in the other countries worldwide.

The Buddha showed a way-out for suffering of humankind through his teachings of middle way, Loving-kindness, harmony and non violence. The middle way is the best and most practical of attitudes that one can pursue and practice, not only in the personal lives of individuals but in the entire spectrum of human society, as well as in such major fields as economic, politic and international relation.

It is my pleasure to learn that the 8th UN Day of Vesak Celebration will be organized on 12-14 May 2554(2011) in honor of His Majesty the King's 84th Birthday Anniversary. And in that an International conference on "Buddhist Virtues in Socio-economic Development" will be held. The conference is of great moral and scholastic significance as it serves to highlight the talent of the Buddha's teachings.

I extend my warm and cordial greetings to the hosts, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, the scholars and the Buddhists attending the conference form all over the world and wish its deliberation very success.

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