

# Buddhajayanti: The Celebration of 2600 Years of the Buddha's Enlightenment

9<sup>th</sup> International Conference and Celebration of United Nations Day of Vesak

**Theme: The Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-being of Humanity**

Venue: MCU Campus Wang Noi, UN Convention Center Bangkok and Buddhamonthon

**Program: 31 May – 2 June 2012**

<b>Wednesday, 30 May 2012</b>		
<b>All Day</b>		Arrival of participants at Airport Reception, Registration at the Hotel Lobby
19:00 hours		Dinner at the Hotel
<b>Thursday, 31 May 2012 - MCU Conference Hall, Ayutthaya</b>		
08:00 hours		Arrival of participants at MCU Conference Hall
08:30 hours		Buddhist leaders enter the Conference Hall
09:00 – 09:30 hours		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival of His Holiness Somdet Phra Maharatchamangkalacharn</li> <li>• His Holiness is attended and escorted by the Organizing Committee</li> <li>• His Holiness leads the congregation in Paying Homage to the Triple Gem</li> <li>• Report by Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Dharmakosajarn, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and Member of the Supreme Sangha Council</li> <li>• Speech by His Holiness</li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:00 hours		Welcome Address by Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Dharmakosajarn, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV)
11:00 hours		Arrival of HRH Princess Chulabhorn Walailak Akra Rajakumari <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRH Princess Chulabhorn is attended and escorted by Deputy Prime Minister Yongyut Wichaidit and organizing Committee</li> <li>• HRH Princess Chulabhorn pays Homage to the Triple Gem</li> <li>• Report by Deputy Prime Minister Yongyut Wichaidit</li> <li>• Inauguration speech by HRH Princess Chulabhorn</li> <li>• HRH Princess Chulabhorn departs</li> </ul>
11:30 hours		Luncheon
13:00-13.30 hours		Speech by Deputy Prime Minister, Yongyut Wichaidit
13:30-14.00 hours		Keynote Speech on the Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-being of Humanity: <b>Ven. Phra Bhavanaviteht, UK</b>
14.00-15.30 hours		Messages from Supreme Patriarch and Buddhist Leaders from different

		traditions
15:30 – 17:00 hours		Symposium Session 1: Buddhist Wisdom and Reconciliation 1. Rev. Noriaki Kunitomo, Japan 2. Prof. Vanchai Vatanasapt, Thailand 3. Prof. Kamaleswar Bhattacharya, France 4. Dr. Phil Tan, USA
17:00 – 17:30 hours		Group Photograph
18:00 hours		Dinner at MCU
19:00 – 21:00 hours		Cultural Performance
<b>Friday, 1 June 2012 - MCU Main Campus, Ayutthaya</b>		
08:00 hours		Arrival of participants at MCU Conference Hall
08:30 – 09:10 hours		Speeches / Messages from Buddhist Leaders
09:10 – 09:30 hours		Guest Speaker on Buddhist Wisdom and World Peace: Venerable Dr. Sheng Kai, China
09:30 – 11:30 hours		Symposium Session 2: Buddhist Wisdom and Environment 1. Prof. Dr. Donald K Swearer, USA 2. Prof. Dr. Damien Keown, UK 3. Ven. Dr. Thich Tam-Duc, Vietnam 4. Prof. Dr. Chamnong Adivadhanasit, Thailand
11:30 hours		Luncheon
13:00 – 13:30 hours		Speeches / Messages from Buddhist Leaders
13:30 – 13:50 hours		Guest Speaker on Buddhist Wisdom and Human Transformation: Dr. Art-ong Jumsai Na Ayudhaya, Thailand
13:50 – 15:00 hours		Speeches / Messages from Buddhist Leaders
15:00 – 17:00 hours		Symposium Session 3: Buddhist Wisdom and Human Transformation 1. Ven. Prof. Dr. Yuan Ci, China 2. Senior Prof. Sumanapala Galmangoda, Sri Lanka 3. Ven. Dr. Khammai, UK 4. Dr. Sarah Shaw, UK
18:00 hours		Dinner at Hotel
<b>Saturday, 2 June 2012 - UNCC / Buddhathon</b>		
08:00 hours	All	Arrival of Participants at UNCC, Bangkok
08:30 hours		Arrival of Her Excellency Prime Minister of Thailand and H.E. the President of Sri Lanka

09:00 hours		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Speech by Ms Noeleen Heyzer, the Executive Secretary of the UN ESCAP</li> <li>• Message from H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary-General</li> <li>• Message from H.E. Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO</li> <li>• Address by H.E. Prime Minister of Thailand</li> <li>• Address by H.E. the President of Sri Lanka</li> </ul>
10:00 hours		Congratulatory Messages from Buddhist and Political Leaders
11:30 hours		Luncheon
12:30 hours		Group Photo
13:30 – 14:00 hours		Congratulatory Messages from Buddhist and Political Leaders
14:00 – 15:00 hours		Final Plenary Session – Recommendations from the Symposiums and Workshop
15:00 hours		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcing of the 2012 Bangkok Declaration</li> <li>• Closing ceremony presided over by His Holiness Somdet Phra Buddhachaya</li> </ul>
16:00 hours		Proceed to Buddhamonthon for Candle-lit Procession in Srisakyadasapalanyana Buddha Statute's compound, Buddhamonthon, Nakhornpathom
17:00- hours		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chanting in honor of HMQ and HRH the Crown Prince</li> <li>• Candle-lit Procession</li> <li>• Laying Foundation Stone</li> <li>• Cultural Performance</li> <li>• Dinner at Hotel</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, 3 June 2012</b>		
13:00-15:00 hours		Joint EXCO Meeting of ICDV/IABU EXCO at Wat Prayunrawongsawas, Bangkok
All Day		All participants check-out from hotel and depart

Last Updated: 30 May 19:30 pm.

