

**Congratulatory Message
from H.E. Mr. Luvsandoo Dashpurev,
the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia
to the Kingdom of Thailand and Permanent Representative of Mongolia to United
Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

On this special occasion of celebrating the 9th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations 2012, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to everybody who gathered in Ayutthaya and Bangkok these days. I wish to thank the Royal Thai Government and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for hosting and organizing this important event.

Recognition of the Day of Vesak by the General Assembly as an International day of the United Nations was a milestone for the world Buddhists in commemoration of Birth, Enlightenment and Passing Away of Buddha.

I believe that teachings of Buddha can highly contribute to the international community in overcoming current challenges in the path for inclusive and sustainable economic and social development and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Let us take the opportunity of this special day to recommit ourselves to the cause of compassion and kindness, moderation and tolerance, non-violence and peace - values of Buddhism which are reflected in the principles of the United Nations.

People of Mongolia share those universal values and their ideals of harmonious and peaceful coexistence are influenced by their Buddhist history and culture.

I wish you joyful celebrations and successful debates!

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