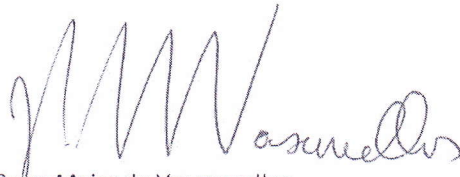


Congratulatory Message for the Vesak Celebration

On behalf of the Embassy of Brazil in Bangkok as well as on my own, I would like to extend my congratulations to the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations 2012/B.E. 2555 organized by Mahachulalongrajavidyalaya University of Thailand.

As the theme for this year celebrations implies: "The Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-Being of Humanity" If mankind sincerely follows and practices the teaching of the Buddha, then all human will indeed find the wellness of mind and peaceful final deliverance that they long for.

Although today we are living in a cyber age of science and high technology, it is heartwarming to see Buddhists all over the world celebrate the sacred Day of Vesak making merits in their own appropriate traditional ways. With this continuous positive and strong spirits, the world will indeed be a more harmonious place to live.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Meira de Vasconcellos', written in a cursive style.

Paulo Cesar Meira de Vasconcellos
Ambassador of Brazil