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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS 9th DAY OF VESAK

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On behalf of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of Thailand as well as my own, I would like to convey my sincere congratulations to the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2012/B.E., organized by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University.

At its high level international community recognized the thrice-sacred day of Vesak, having noted that the teaching of the Buddha became a great civilising force wherever it went. It appeals to reason and freedom of thought, recognising the dignity and potentiality of the human mind. It calls for equality, fraternity and understanding, exhorting its followers to avoid evil, to do good and to purify their minds.

During the Vesak Buddhists of all over the world celebrate the event - the holy day when the first time in the history of unenlightened being, a man turned into an enlightened. They say, the day that Siddhartha Gautama finally freed himself from all human lack of freedom from all human limitations, to merge with the ultimate reality, or even can be said to be the living embodiment of the supreme truth, Buddha. Deep source of joy, expressed by his followers during the Vesak - is not only the fact that he attained enlightenment, but also the fact that he opened the door, lit up the road on which of them can be followed by others.

The Buddha did not inherit enlightenment, he was not born enlightened. He attained enlightenment after years of struggle - and even errors. Own efforts, his own life, he showed that we too can attain enlightenment through their own efforts.

On this peculiar occasion, I would like to congratulate the people of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Thai Government as well as to extend gratitude to the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for its noble endeavor and efforts to organize this memorable event in Thailand.

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