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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Buddha Purnima (Vesak Day) is the thrice Sacred Day of the Buddhist Commemorating the Birth, Enlightenment and Great Demise (Mahaparinibbana) of Buddha. The Buddhist world observe it as Vesak Day. United Nation passed an unanimous resolution to observe the Day as United Nations Day of Vesak throughout the world. Every year this historic day is being observed with due solemnity in different countries of the world. This year this is going to be observed in Ayudhya, Thailand under the auspicious of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and under the patronization of His Majesty the King of Thailand.

This year this festival is also significant because of the fact that it is going to be observed as Sambuddha Jayanti along with 9th International Conference on Buddhism. It is also interesting to note that long 2600 years after the Enlightenment of Lord Buddha we are still observing the Buddhist teachings which is indispensable for the benefit and happiness of Mankind and also for establishing World Peace.

At present the civilization is in front of danger, poverty, terrorism, invention of new new deadly weapons, greed of the people, intolerance, mistrust, hatred are the causes of these threats. In order to save humanity and uphold civilization time has come to follow the path of Lord Buddha which he discovered in 2600 years before. Buddha's path is a path of Compassion, Amity, Loving kindness & Non-Violence. This path is a Middle Path which is known as Noble Eight Fold Path.

I hope this International Conference will pave the way in establishing peace in the world.

In fine I would like to extend thank to the organizer of this Celebration and the Royal Thai Government for organizing such an important & significant conference. Please accept my greetings and the good wishes from the Buddhist of Bangladesh and also Vesak greetings from the members of the delegation of Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha. I wish the Conference a grand success.

May all living beings be happy.

(Ven. Suddhananda Mahathero)
President

**Curriculum Vitae
of
Ven. Suddhananda Mahathero
President
Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha
Dhaka, Bangladesh**

1. Name : Suddhananda Mahathero
2. Date of birth : February 01, 1938
3. Prabbajya (enrolment as novice monk) : October, 1948
4. Upasampada (ordination to monk hood) : July, 1953
5. Higher ordination to Mahathero : 1975
6. Preceptor : Late Most Ven. Mahasanghanayaka Visuddhananda Mahathero, a renown world fame Buddhist leader of Bangladesh
7. Position in the order : Deputy Sanghanayaka
8. Organizational status :
 - 1) President, Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha since 1994
 - 2) Vice-President, World Fellowship of Buddhists(WFB), Bangkok, Thailand
 - 3) President, World Fellowship of Buddhists, Bangladesh Regional Centre
 - 4) President, Asian Conference for Religion and Peace Bangladesh National Centre
 - 5) Chief Patron, World Conference for Religion and Peace, Bangladesh National Chapter
 - 6) President International Association for Religious Freedom, Bangladesh Chapter
 - 7) Executive Member, World Buddhist Sangha Council, Taiwan
9. Promotional activities(educational) :
 - 1) Founder, Padua Degree College, Rangunia, Chittagong.
 - 2) " Agrasara Girls' College, Raozan, Chittagong
 - 3) " Dharmarajika High School, Dhaka
 - 4) " Dharmarajika Kinder Garten, Dhaka
 - 5) " Dharmarajika Vocational School, Dhaka
 - 6) " Dharmarajika Pali College, Dhaka
 - 7) " Karal Girls' School, Patiya, Chittagong
 - 8) " Padua Girls' School, Rangunia, Chittagong
10. Promotional activities (poverty addressing and humanitarian services) :
 - 1) Founder, Dharmarajika Orphanage, Dhaka
 - 2) " Nikkyo Niwano Clinic, Dhaka
11. Address : Lord Abbot, Dharmarajika Buddhist Temple, Atish Dipankar Sarak, P.O: Basabo, P.S: Sabujbag, Dhaka-1214, Bangladesh.

12. Decorations and appreciations
- a) Dhammadhipati – from International Brotherhood Mission, Assam, India
 - b) Gandhi Peace Award in 2007
 - c) Mother Teresa Gold Award in 2007
 - d) Letter of Appreciation from Gandhi Peace Foundation Norway
 - e) Letter of Appreciation from UNICEF – for Humanitarian services
 - f) Letter of Appreciation from All Ceylon Buddhist Congress, Sri Lanka
 - g) Fellowship - 2005 for contribution in social welfare conferred by Bangla Academy, Dhaka
 - h) Ekushe Padak-2012 (State Gold Award) for his unbounded contributions in Social Services
13. Literary works
- i) Bhagirath Jiboni (a life sketch of Dr. Bhagirath Barua, a great Buddhist social worker of British India period)
 - ii) Byaktohok Jiboner Joy (Short Biography)
 - iii) Chief Editor of The **KRISTI** – a bi-lingual literary periodical of the Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha.