

Message on Visakha Puja Day
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I wish you all a very auspicious Visak.

Visak is the day of victory and the day of Peace for humankind. This auspicious victory is the victory over greed and passion. This is not the kind of victory that may bring conflict; dissatisfaction and war. This victory is therefore the real; self sufficient that leads to sustainable peace for the individual community and society who learn, understand and put into practice.

The essence of Buddhist teaching is self liberating from craving which is the real cause of suffering. Therefore, the real and sustainable peace must stem from liberated mind of the people.

According to the teaching of Buddhadasa Bhikkhu, an important Buddhist guru of Thailand, the world peace can be realize only when each religion of the world joins hand in working and collaborating among each other towards eliminating the selfishness of the people.

Therefore, on this special occasion celebrating the Visakha Puja Day to mark the 2600 year of the Buddha enlightenment, I would like to extend the best regards on behalf of Siam University to all of you. Let us work together towards the real and sustainable world Peace starting with the real understanding and willingness to change positively within ourselves.

Thank you.



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