



The World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth

Congratulatory Message on the Occasion of the

9<sup>th</sup> International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak 2012/2555 B.E.

and in commemoration of the 2600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lord Buddha's Enlightenment

May 31 – June 2, B.E. 2555 (2012)

At MCU, Ayudhaya and UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

The United Nations Day of Vesak is an extraordinary event when world Buddhists celebrate the birth, enlightenment and passing to Nibbana of the Lord Buddha - the day we celebrate the great discovery of wisdom, purity and peace. And it is today that Buddhists from around the world join hands to pass on the message that Buddhism is the middle path to sustain peace in our global community.

The year 2012 is a very significant year for all Buddhists. This year marks the 2,600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Lord Buddha's Enlightenment. This auspicious event should be commemorated by performing as many good deeds as possible.

On behalf of the World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU) and the International Council Day of Vesak (ICDV), led by The Most Venerable Professor Dr. Phra Dharmakosajarn, and supported by the Thai Government who has made possible this gathering for the past 8 consecutive years. I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all Buddhists leaders who have traveled here from throughout the world who have once again gathered together on this auspicious occasion in Thailand.

May the Triple Gem bless the 9<sup>th</sup> International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak held in conjunction with the commemoration of the 2,600th anniversary of the Lord Buddha's Enlightenment.

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