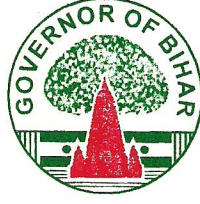




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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my Congratulatory message on the auspicious occasion of the celebration of the 9th UN Day of 'Vesak' in Ayutthaya and Bangkok, Thailand from 31st May-2nd June, 2012. I congratulate the organizers for celebrating this historic and eventful day which reminds us of the purposeful life, teachings and contribution of Lord Buddha towards entire human civilization.

The theme for the 2012 Vesak celebrations is the Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well Being of Humanity and on this occasion the words of first Nobel laureate of the Republic of India, Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore, who travelled all over the world many times with the message of universal brotherhood naturally discovered an affinity of mission and declared emphatically with regard the Universal teachings of Lord Buddha, I quote;

"Buddhism was the first spiritual force known to us in history which drew closer together such a large number of races separated by most difficult barriers of distance, by differences of language and custom, by various degrees and divergent types of civilization. It had its motive power not in international commerce, nor in empire-building, nor a scientific curiosity, nor in a migratory impulse to occupy fresh territory. It was a purely disinterested effort to help mankind forward to its final goal".

I am sure that the organizers of the 'Vesak Day' have been successful in creating due awareness much needed for peace and harmony for the well-being of Humanity, during the 2600th Year of Enlightenment of Lord Buddha throughout the world. I on behalf of the people of Bihar and on behalf of the followers of the Dhamma convey my good wishes for the great success of the event and once again congratulate the organizers of the Vesak Day.

May all beings be happy, be peaceful and contented.

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