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Most Venerable Prof. Dr. Phra Dharmakosajarn and members of the UNDV Celebration Organizing Committee,

It is a great honor for me to extend my hearty greetings to all of you for organizing the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations and Buddhist Conference 2012. This program has emerged as a model program and common platform not only for the Buddhists of the whole world to share their ideas, views and vision in the last few years but also for all those who believe in the humanistic values and spiritual treasure founded by the Buddha and followed and propagated by later Buddhist sages.

The theme "The Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well being of Humanity" is well suited for the present world as the crises generated by the enormity of three roots of evil (*Akusala Mūla*) namely, greed (*Lobha*), hatred (*Dosa*) and delusion (*Moha*) are leading the world towards a devastating stage day by day and immediate steps, in the forms of physical (*Kāyika*), verbal (*Vācika*) and mental (*Mānasika*) actions are inevitable to eradicate those problems. The Buddha's enlightenment itself is the best example of the triumph of the human being's resolution, efforts and action and his teachings encompass each and every issue related to the well being of humanity.

According to the Buddha's teachings, the welfare of human beings and Dhamma practices are inseparable. Buddhism asserts the need of breaking the mental barriers which may, resultantly, break the social, cultural, economic and geographical barriers; bring the whole world on a common platform to reflect upon the universal problems afflicting the society and such a path of life may be a panacea for all the problems of this earth. I hope the learned scholars gathering on this auspicious occasion and participating in the conference will certainly contemplate over such issues to make a better and peaceful world.

I wish all the best wishes for the success of the celebration and the conference.

Yours in Dhamma

  
Siddharth Singh