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**Congratulatory Message - United Nations Day of Vesak  
Celebrations & Buddhist Conference 2012/B.E 2555**

It gives me great honor to present this congratulatory message on the occasion of The United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations and Buddhist Conference 2012.

Since 2004, the International Council for the United Nations Day Of Vesak, lead by the most Venerable Professor Dr. Dharmakosajarn has successfully organized these events and Conferences that has brought Buddhist Societies and leaders from all over the world together, irrespective of monastic fraternities, or "*nikāyas*" on a common platform to find a solution to World Peace.

The theme for this year's Celebration, "The Lord Buddha's Enlightenment for the well-being of humanity, is indeed very appropriate in this challenging time. The Lord Buddha is the first individual to have discovered the ultimate knowledge which can lead all beings out of suffering. Our Lord Buddha is the Supreme Teacher. His boundless compassion moves Him to teach sentient beings to end suffering and attain the everlasting bliss of Nibbana.

On behalf of all residents and expatriates of the United Arab Emirates, "Kalayanamitras" and staff of The Dhammakaya International Meditation Centre of Dubai, United Arab Emirates in particular, I take this opportunity to thank The Most Venerable Professor Dr. Dharmakosajarn, President of The International Council of United Nations Day of Vesak and its International Committee. I also wish to thank the International Association of Buddhist Universities, the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, the Royal Thai Government, The Thai National Office of Buddhism and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for hosting and organizing this auspicious event.

Last but not least, I wish the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations & Buddhist Conference 2012 great success and hope that all the objectives are achieved.

Yours in Dhamma,

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