

श्रीकीर्ति बौद्ध केन्द्र

श्रीकीर्ति विहार, कीर्तिपुर, काठमाडौं

फोन नं. ३३०८३६ फ्याक्स २४३८३३



Srikirti Buddhist Centre

Srikirti Vihar, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tel: (977-1) 330836 Fax: (977-1) 243833

Congratulatory Message

I take great satisfaction to see that Thailand is providing leadership in UN Vesak Day Celebration. I would like to extend congratulation to Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) of Thailand for organizing the 9th International Celebration of United Nations Day of Vesak 2012/2555 as a special occasion celebrating 2600 Sambuddha Jayanti and the 2nd International Association of Buddhist Universities Academic Conference. The theme of the conference **Buddha's Enlightenment for Human Beings** will provide opportunities to the Buddhist scholars and institutions of the world to focus the discussions on understanding of true human nature and the right way to build a peaceful world.

Since the appearance of Shakyamuni Buddha about 2600 years ago, human beings have gone through various changes. Science and Technology has laid out tremendous material developments and the world has come to be a closed family. Greed, hatred and delusion continue as the intrinsic causes of suffering. With so much of material possession human beings became more fragile when they do not clean their mental phenomena from greed, hatred and delusion. Buddha's message of four noble truths, eight noble paths and the understanding of dependent origination are more pertinent in the present day world for human beings to gain peace. Buddhist institutions have to be more effective to produce Buddhist leaders, motivators and facilitators to educate the human beings on Buddhist tenets. Such a conference will provide platform for the Buddhist leaders and scholars to assess the state of humanity and identify the initiatives that need to be carried out by Buddhist institutions and organizations.

Dr. Keshab Man Shakya
Vice-Chair, Srikirti Buddhist Center
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal

10 May 2012