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The Most Venerable Assist. Prof.
Dr. Phramaha Hansa Dhammhaso

Congratulatory Message-United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration & Buddhist Conference 2011/B.E 2554

Dear the Most Venerable Assist. Prof. Dr. Phramaha Hansa Dhammhaso,

I feel honored to have an opportunity to congratulate you for your continuous efforts in organizing the Vesak celebration, the thrice sacred day: celebrating the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Gautam Buddha, which has been recognized by the United Nations General Assembly resolution of 1999. I would like to express my solidarity in fulfilling the theme of this 2012 celebrations: **the Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-Being of Humanity**. I personally, believe that this will enhance and strengthen bonds of friendship with love, compassion, unity and cooperation and give mileages of improvement and understanding among the different Buddhist Sects without any barriers in different regions of the World. This indeed is an important step towards true peace, harmony, serenity and prosperity of all mankind and for blessings to human and purification of all mankind to guide the society in which we live.

Buddha's message, enunciated 2556 years ago, is still scientific as well as practical and there is no other alternative to the teachings of Buddha. Especially *Pancha Shila*, as a basic fundamental principle to respect each other and meditation "Vipasana" a principle to know and learn about oneself, resulting fresh and energetic mind. Lack of understanding to this matchless message and the failure on our part to follow the path discovered by the Gautam Buddha are the basic causes, which have driven men from sanity to insanity, unity to disunity and from peace to war and disaster. There shall be no room whatsoever for global turmoil arise as a result of differences in main ideology if the four fold noble virtues of Metta (unselfishness), Karuna (Compassion), Mudita (altruistic joy) and Upekkha (well balance a mental state) taught by Buddha are implement and practiced. It is high time to push back the sectarian differences within Buddhism in the names of Theravada, Vajrayana and Mahayana and put into the efforts to come together to revert to the original teachings of Gautam Buddha. The United Nations office in Kathmandu, Nepal has recognized the full moon day of Vesak and announced public holiday as in the previous years.

Finally, I would like to wish this Vesak Celebration a great success in awakening the society and help all to revere and follow Gautam Buddha's noble ideas and achievements. May the realistic and scientific doctrines of Buddhism spread and reach every heart and may its influence strengthen the whole world to become a better place to live in eternal peace, contentment and harmonious living with self satisfaction and a liberal heart.

Yours in the Dhamma,

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