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**Congratulatory message of the Triratna Buddhist Community in Estonia on the occasion of the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2012**

I am very honoured to be able to participate in the 2012 celebrations of the thrice holy day of Vesak, bringing together Buddhists from all over the world and from different denominations.

The theme for 2012 celebrations, *Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-Being of Humanity*, underlines the very essence of Buddha's teaching: its message of liberation and compassion was, and continues to be, addressed to the whole humankind, extending the limitations of time, space, religious traditions, nationality or gender. This invaluable teaching is getting more and more support in the northern and eastern regions of Europe, the part of the world where I come from.

On behalf of the Triratna Buddhist Community in Tallinn, as well as of all Buddhists in Estonia, I would like to express my gratitude and congratulations to the Royal Thai Government and to Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for all their efforts towards making this celebration a success. I hope to be able to take the inspiration and knowledge gained during this event back to my home country and share them for the benefit of furthering Buddhism and for the happiness of all.

I would like to give my special thanks to the organising committee and hosts for making the realisation of such an important event possible.

With metta,  
Yours in the Dharma,

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