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**Congratulatory Message  
from  
Litoshyn Igor, leader of the Poltava group**

I would like to congratulate on the occasion of United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations 2012 the representatives of The Royal Thai Government, Supreme Sangha Council, International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV), International Association of Buddhist Universities(IABU), Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University as well as all participants of the Buddhist Conference 2012.

I am glad that the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference and Celebrations of the United Nations Day of Vesak will be held in Thailand under the theme of "Buddha`s Enlightenment for the Well-Being of Humanity".

After the Enlightenment until the Final Passing Away at the age of eighty, Buddha put all his time to enlighten others. Over forty-five years he has been teaching reality of existence, the nature of human suffering and the way of ceasing it in a state of utmost bliss and happiness, peace and tranquility, which he termed Nibbāna - a state of deathlessness.

What the Buddha gave humanity as his primary and most important gift in this Path of Spiritual Perfection. It was not a message he brought from a divine origin or a supernatural power. He did not present himself as a saviour whose grace was needed for humans to attain eternal happiness. As a human, himself, he placed before his fellow humans what each man or woman could achieve by dint of individual effort in self-cultivation.

His Teaching illuminates the Way for mankind to cross from a world of darkness, hatred and suffering, to a new world of light, love, happiness and security.

May all beings be happy and well!

**Your sincerely in the Dhamma,**

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