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## Congratulatory Message

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Dear venerables and distinguished guests,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Buddhist Union, I express my gratitude to the organizing committee of the United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) celebration and seminar to discuss *"The Buddhist Perspective of the Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-Being of Humanity."*

The teaching of the Buddha value wisdom and compassion, and it teaches people to develop the understanding of consequences of our actions, respect for others, and care for the environment. It also teaches us to apply the teaching towards proper results. By practicing loving-kindness, we can promote peaceful co-existence. We see the growing imbalance and spiritual needs of the 21st century.

I wish the noble efforts of the UNDV organizing committee to develop awareness of our responsibility and contribution to be successful.

May the message of the Buddha reach all beings throughout the universe.

Godakalana Gunaratana

Bhante Chao Chu

President, Los Angeles Buddhist Union