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Congratulations

On behalf of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, I offer our heartfelt appreciation to the Royal Thai Government for hosting the North United Nations Day of Vesak 2012/2555. Vesak Celebrations recall the birth, enlightenment, and passing of Lord Buddha. But perhaps more importantly these celebrations are reminders that Buddhist/Gautama discovered a territory unknown spiritual landscape, which in turn generated a paradigm shift in thinking, being, and doing. The theme for our current celebration, "Buddha's Enlightenment for the Best-Being of Humanity" provided an opportunity to further creatively map the implications of Lord Buddha's experiences and discovery of a multi-centered and ever shifting reality.

I commend the International Council for Day of Vesak for once again recommending that the International Celebration on the Occasion of United Nations Day of Vesak be held in Buddhist Thailand. With the blessings of the Supreme Sangha Council, the leaders and staff of Mahavithayalai-rajavidyalaya University have assumed a major responsibility in providing a forum for celebrating Lord Buddha's enduring-compassion born from wisdom.

Sincerely,

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