

Ninth International Celebrations
Of the United Nations Day of Vesak
21-22 May 2013

**Congratulatory Message by H.E. Jorge Chen,
Ambassador of Mexico to Thailand**

It is an honor to be part of the international celebrations of the United Nations Day of Vesak. As a date based on the fundamental principles of our major multilateral organism, the United Nations Organization (UNO), Mexico is happy to be present in such celebrations in Thailand. We all know that the main goal of the UNO is to maintain international peace in the world through the practice of tolerance and promoting life together as good neighbors. The Charter of the United Nations reaffirms the people's faith in essential human rights such as the equality and education of all men, women and children.

The Day of Vesak was recognized by the Assembly General of the United Nations in 1999 in New York, confirming with such act the commitments of the organization and its members with the basic and fundamental rights along with the message and principles of Buddha such as compassion and devotion to the service to humanity.

"Education and Global Citizenship: A Buddhist Perspective" as this year's Conference theme cannot be more appropriate for this time since education is the key to reach economic and social developments of countries which also leads to social peace, one of the principles of the United Nations Charter and its organization.

As I said in previous years, I am glad to welcome the Tenth International Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak and my congratulations go to the organizers, the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Organization for the support to this year celebrations in Bangkok, especially to the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV), the International Association of Buddhist Universities and the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for organizing this event.

Sincerely yours,

Amb. Jorge Chen

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