



Joint Communiqué
International Buddhist Conference
on The United Nations Day of Vesak
May 18 – 20, 2005 (B.E. 2548)
At Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
and the United Nations Conference Centre, in Bangkok, Thailand

We, the participants from 41 countries and districts to the International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom and at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand from May 18th to 20th, 2005 (B.E. 2548), being aware that the Conference was supported by the Government of Thailand and the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, unanimously resolved the followings:

In accordance to the resolution adopted by General Assembly of the United Nations in 1999 (B.E. 2542) to have the Day of Vesak, the Full Moon day in the month of May, being internationally recognized and observed worldwide, this Celebration will be continued jointly by all Buddhist traditions;

Furthermore, to promote mutual understanding and co-operation between all Buddhist traditions, organizations and individuals through ongoing dialogue and cooperation of Buddhist leaders and scholars,

It has been decided to disseminate the message of peace based on the Buddha's teachings of wisdom and compassion,

Having explored the issues concerning Buddhism, the Conference has agreed the followings:

(1) decided to increase and enhance cooperation amongst all schools of Buddhism to promote unity and solidarity among Buddhists,

(2) agreed to develop education so as to promote mutual understanding, respect and inner peace amongst individuals and communities,

(3) noted to create a spiritual network by using modern

science and technology for strengthening moral and ethical development among all young Buddhists,

(4) ensured to work for humanitarian and social development without prejudice for the benefit of humanity,

(5) endeavored to protect Buddhism and its sublime teachings in order to maintain its universal values,

(6) agreed to support other countries and districts to hold International Buddhist Conferences, and support the World Forum on Buddhism to be held in China.

(7) decided to continue United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration in Thailand, with Buddhamonthon to be recognized as a Centre of World Buddhism, and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University to be continued as a coordinator of the Celebrations.