



Message from the President of ICDV/IABU



It is with immense pride and gratitude that we announce the upcoming 18th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations in 2023. As we gather to commemorate this significant event, we reflect upon the timeless teachings of the Buddha and their relevance in navigating the complexities of our modern world.

The United Nations Day of Vesak holds a special place in our hearts as it fosters understanding, harmony, and compassion among Buddhist communities worldwide. In this era of global crises and challenges, it is paramount that we come together to seek peace and stability for all beings.

This year, we are honored to host the celebrations in Thailand, with Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University leading the way. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Royal Government of Thailand for their invaluable support and the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand for their guidance.

As the International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV) has held a special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2013 (BE 2556) we strive to fulfill the Four ICDV Missions: Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Education, and Peace-building.

Falling within the scope of our Missions, the theme for this year's celebrations, "Buddhist Wisdom Coping with Global Crises," invites us to delve deeper into the profound wisdom of Buddhism and apply it to address the pressing issues we face. Through insightful discussions and meaningful interactions, we aim to cultivate understanding, unity, and positive change.

We extend our warmest welcome to participants from all corners of the globe, as we believe that the diversity of perspectives and experiences enriches our collective journey towards peace and enlightenment. Together, let us share our knowledge, inspire one another, and foster a global community rooted in compassion and kindness.

As we embark on this auspicious occasion, we invoke the blessings of the Triple Gems upon each and every one of you. May the United Nations Day of Vesak 2023 be a transformative experience that deepens our spiritual understanding and strengthens our commitment to building a harmonious and sustainable world.

May the blessing of the Triple Gems be upon you all,

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