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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Most Ven. Dr. Seck Kwang Phing,

President, Singapore Buddhist Federation

Dear Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, President, International Council for Day of Vesak,

On behalf of the Singapore Buddhist Communities, I congratulate you and your ICDV committee for once again organise this auspicious Buddhist event celebrating the Birth, Enlightenment and Parinibbana of Gotama Buddha. We appreciate the amount of effort, time and energy the ICDV committee expended into organising this event and wish greater success in this endeavour. Sadhu! Sadhu! Sadhu! to all of you.

In this present geopolitical instability and climate changes, many human lives were lost, and large amount of additional suffering was inflicted. Human life takes at least more than twenty years to mature from birth and yet these lives are lost in wars. These wars are created by human beings. Money for wars can be re-earned and war machinery can be reproduced, much faster than the time for the maturity of human life. Likewise, earthquakes causing tsunamis, landslides and building collapses also take its toll of human life. Flood due to unprecedented large volume of rainfall has its fair share on this toll too. All in all, this global situation is chaotic and additional suffering to all earth-bound beings. Expounding together with the Four Noble Truth and the Noble Eightfold Path, the four Brahma Viharas can contain this suffering. Buddhists around the world can do this in both practical approaches and teaching.

May all suffering beings Be suffering free.

The fear struck one Fearless be.

And the grieved Shed all grieves.

May there be peace, harmony and happiness Here on earth and in the world.

