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Buddho Loke Samuppanno – Hitāya Sabbapānīnam

(The Buddha has appeared in the world for the welfare of all living beings)

It with great pleasure I convey this message on the occasion of the 19th United Day of Vesak Celebration 2024. First of all, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the former rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundith, and the present rector, Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Dhammavjirapundith, to the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, and to the Government of Thailand along with entire Thai Buddhist, who are working hard to continue this International Vesak Celebration. I'd also like to pay tribute to the dedicated people, including late Laksman Kadiragamar, who did the basic work to recognize Vesak Day as an international day.

This year, the theme of this conference, **The Buddhist Way of Building Trust & Solidarity** is a very newsworthy and practical topic. It is very sad to see that many countries and societies in the world are in conflict for various reasons and have become haters of each other. Virtues like love, kindness and mercy towards others seem to have disappeared from human society. Therefore, it is very important to discuss the teachings of the Buddha, which is a supreme doctrine that seeks the welfare of all. He appeared in this world for the welfare and also preached the dhamma for the happiness of all living beings. Teachings such as Brahmavihāra, namely loving kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy and equanimity are practical teachings that can be used for the betterment of any society. All of us participating in this conference will use his teachings for world peace as much as possible.

Finally, I wish you all the strength and courage to make this 19th Vesak Celebration a very successful and meaningful conference. May the Blessing of Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha fall upon you!

Yours in Dhamma,

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