

PROGRAM

The 19th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2024

Theme: “The Buddhist Way of Building Trust and Solidarity”

In Honor of the 72nd Year of His Majesty the King of Thailand

Venue: Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU), Ayutthaya

United Nations Conference Centre Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 19th – 20th May 2024



Thursday, 16th May 2024	
All Day	Tipitaka Project Workshop (English Version)
Friday, 17th May 2024	
All Day	Academic Seminar at Mahamakut Buddhist University, Bhutthamonthon District, Nakhon Pathom Province under the Theme “The Buddhist Way of Life with Trust and Harmony in a Modern World”.
All Day	Tipitaka Project Workshop (English Version) at Wat Prayurawongsawat
Saturday, 18th May 2024	
All Day	-Arrival of participants at Airport Reception -Registration at the Hotel Lobby
Sunday, 19th May 2024 Conference Hall, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU), Ayutthaya	
08:00 hours	Arrival of participants at MCU Conference Hall
09:00 – 09:30 hours	Opening Ceremony -Arrival of His Holiness Somdet Phra Ariyavangsagatayana, the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand at the conference hall Report of UNDV Celebration 2024 by Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit -Speech by His Holiness Supreme Patriarch of Thailand -Departure

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Activities to honor the 72nd year of His Majesty the King of Thailand - Paying Obeisance to the Royal Portrait of His Majesty the King by Mr.Phichit Chuenban, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office. - Performing the Royal Anthem of Thailand
09:30 – 09:50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Address by The Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV) and the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU) - Welcome Address by Mr. Phichit Chuenban, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office On behalf of Thai government
09:50 – 10:30 hours	Goodwill Messages from Sangharajas and Mahanayakas from different countries
10:30 – 11:20 hours	Goodwill Messages from Buddhist leaders from different countries
11:20 – 12:00 hours	Luncheon
12:00 – 13:00 hours	Group Photo
13:00 – 14:00 hours	Goodwill Messages from Buddhist leaders from different countries
14:00-15:00 hours	<p>1st Panel Discussion on “Application of Buddhist Mindfulness for Health and Wellbeing”</p> <p>Moderator: Ven Dr. Khammai Dhammasami & MBU/ MCU</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Ven Bhikkhuni Jahun, Dongguk University, South Korea (2) Ven. Matara Wimalabuddhi Thero, Sri Lanka (3) Most Ven. Sheng Hui, Vice President of Buddhist Association of China and President of Beijing Buddhist Association, China (4) Rev Dr Sean Thompson, Founder of The Centered Path, USA (5) Ms. Momoe Saito, Researcher at Chuo University, Japan.
15:00 – 16:00 hours	<p>2nd Panel Discussion on “Buddhist Path to Trust and Global Partnership”</p> <p>Moderator: Ven Dr T Dhammaratana, France & MBU/ MCU</p> <p>Panelists:</p>

	<p>(1) Mr. Carlo Luyckx, Vice-President, European Buddhist Union; President of Belgian Buddhist Union, Belgium</p> <p>(2) Dr. P.A. Kiriwadeniya, Chancellor of Wayamba University, Sri Lanka</p> <p>(3) Dr. Paul Fuller, Teaching Fellow in Buddhist Studies, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, UK</p> <p>(4) H.E. Pham Sanh Chau, Former Ambassador of Vietnam to India and Nepal, Vietnam</p> <p>(5) Venerable Napan Thawornbanjob, Founding Chair, Institute of Buddhist Management for Happiness and Peace (IBHAP) Foundation, Thailand</p>
16:00 – 17:00 hours	<p>3rd Panel Discussion on “Relevance of Buddhist Education for Harmonious Society”</p> <p>Moderator: Bhante Chao Chu & MBU/ MCU</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>(1) Madam Madhusree Chowdhury, India</p> <p>(2) Ven. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nyanasuryanadi, Smaratungga Buddhist College of Boyolali, Indonesia</p> <p>(3) Ven. Dr. Phramaha Surasak Paccantaseno, Vice Rector for Foreign Affairs, MCU, Thailand</p> <p>(4) Professor Datuk Seri Dr Victor Wee Eng Lye, Malaysia</p> <p>(5) Prof. Khanika Hirimburegama, Sri Lanka</p>
17:00 hours	Dinner at MCU
18:00 hours	Return to Hotel
<p>Monday, 20th May 2024</p> <p>ESCAP Hall, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok</p>	
08:00 hours	Arrival of participants at UNCC, Bangkok
08:30 - 09:00 hours	Chanting for World Peace
09:00 – 09:40 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address by The Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV) and the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU) • Message from H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message from H.E. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO • Message by Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, the Executive Secretary of the UN ESCAP, Bangkok
09:40 – 10:00 hours	Keynote Speech on “ The Buddhist Way of Building Trust and Solidarity ” by H.E. Srettha Thavisin, The Prime Minister of Thailand
10:00 – 11:00 hours	Goodwill Messages from Buddhist and Political Leaders
11:00 hours	Luncheon
12:30 hours	Group photo
13:00 - 14:00 hours	Goodwill Messages from Buddhist Leaders
14.00 - 15.00 hours	<p>Opening Ceremony of the 19th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of the President of the ceremony at the United Nations Convention Center • Report of UNDV Celebration 2024 by the Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister’s Office • Opening Remark of UNDV Celebration 2024 by the President of the ceremony and offering souvenirs and Tribute to the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand • Departure
15:00 – 15:45 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Panel Discussions by Moderators • Announcing of the 2024 Bangkok Declaration
16:00 hours	Leave for Buddhamonthon to invoke the Blessings of His Majesty the King of Thailand by Different Buddhist Traditions at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom Province
19:00 hours	Return to Hotel and Dinner
Tuesday, 21st May 2024	
All Day	All participants check-out from hotel and depart