



## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE For UN Vesak Day 2019

It's my great honor to be invited to the 16<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations 2019 in Vietnam. With the history of two-times successfully hosting this biggest event of international Buddhist communities and more especially, this year the UNDV will be celebrated at the Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center in Ha Nam Province, which is expected soon to be the greatest temple in the world; I have strong belief that this year celebration will also be very successful and be an unforgettable memory for all participants.

The theme of this 16<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations is "Buddhist Approach to Global Leadership and Shared Responsibilities for Sustainable Societies". The sub-topics covered in the Conference are dealing with the rooted causes for the contemporary economic crisis, society's corruptions and other problems by thoroughly studying the connections between Buddhist doctrines and the social issues. I believe this will not only strongly promote the commitment of International Council for the Day of Vesak with the UN Economic and Social Council as a special consultant; but also be the chance for us to share our thoughts about the world's most concerns at present, which helps raise people's awareness of sustainability and strengthen people's understandings about Buddhism and its linkage to the society.

I am sending you all the best wishes for the success of the 16<sup>th</sup> United Nations of Vesak Celebrations in Vietnam.

May peace, health and happiness to all the people in the World.

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