



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

For UN Vesak Day 2019

Thank you for thinking of us. It has been three years since we established Samanadipa Forest Hermitage, the first Buddhist monastery in this small country. This could not have happened were it not for the abundance of faith, goodwill and metta of our Buddhist brothers and sisters from all around the world. The Buddha told us to be the light in the darkness and it brings joy in our hearts to see that Sasana is getting gradually brighter also in this small nation. We are all part a large community; the support is inter-dependent. Anumodana to all who are supporting the monks with the four requisites and anumodana to all the monks who keep seeing liberation from the chains of ignorance and teach Dhamma to others. The celebration of the United Nations' Day of Vesak is an important event for all of us, because in this gathering we bring hope and faith to our brothers and sisters, and encouragement to live in harmony, with tolerance and patience, and with friendliness and generosity. It is living proof that the Dhamma is not yet forgotten. On behalf of the Sangha of Samanadipa, and all Slovenian Buddhists, I would like to express our gratitude to the organizers of this important event for making possible this large congregation of Buddhists from every corner of the world, for in this way we show the world that we do not believe in divisions! May all be free from all burdens!

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