



**Universal Buddhist Education Foundation**

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE**  
For UN Vesak Day 2019

On behalf of the Universal Buddhist Education Foundation (UBEF), we would like to congratulate you for being selected to host the 16<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) at the Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center in Ha Nam Province, Vietnam, from 12th-14th May 2019. An important day in our Buddhist tradition, the Day of Vesak celebrating the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of the Buddha Gautama.

The responsibility you have accepted in hosting this important event, bringing together Buddhists and non-Buddhists, in celebration of the Buddha Gautama fills us with admiration and respect for the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha. The happiness and joy this event will bring to the world will know no bounds. We are honored to be asked to participate in this auspicious occasion of the United Nation's sponsored Day of Vesak in your wonderful country of Vietnam.

Vietnam is a very special place for me, it is where | grew up during my childhood and during the war. | saw many sad things and many poor people. Now that the war is over, | wish | can come back to the land | love. This time, to spread the teaching of Buddha and help you all to succeed.

May the merit and the principles of the of the Triple Gems of the Buddha Dharma guide us as we share with all a completed dream of hope for the future.

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