



**Statement by the Permanent Representative on
Commemoration of International Day of Vesak co-hosted by the
Permanent Missions of Thailand and Sri Lanka
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(Trusteeship Council Chamber)**

I would like to thank you and the distinguished Permanent Representative of Thailand for having organized this important commemoration. It is an honour to participate in this celebration of Vesak Day and I extend my great respect and appreciation to the venerable monks for their participation.

2. The life and teachings of Gautam Buddha have left an indelible impact on the world, inspiring countless generations to pursue a path of peace, compassion, and non-violence. The land of Pakistan and the Indus Valley have greatly benefitted from the civilization, which the Buddha brought to us, as manifested in the Gandhara civilization in the great ancient city of Taxila and the sacred shrine of Takht-i-Bahi.

3. The sacred Day of Vesak offers an opportunity to reflect on the timeless wisdom of Buddha. Peace, understanding and a vision of humanity that supersedes national and other international differences, which is so essential for us to cope with the complexities and the turbulent challenges of our times. These are virtues that can serve as an inspiration to us today.

4. On this Day of Vesak, let us all renew our commitment to stand together as One Humanity, show kindness and compassion to the most vulnerable and to truly leave no one behind in our search for peace and prosperity. Happy Vesak Day!

I thank you.