

Tentative Program

The 21st United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2026

Theme: “**Buddhist Wisdom in Promoting Global Sustainable Development and Building a Shared Future for Humanity**”

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre Bangkok, and Buddhamonthon,
Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand

Date: 29th May 2026 (B.E. 2569)

Thursday, 28th May 2026	
All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival of participants at Airport Reception• Registration at the Hotel Lobby
Friday, 29th May 2026	
ESCAP Hall, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok	
08:00 hours	Arrival of participants at UNCC, Bangkok
08:30 - 09:00 hours	Chanting for World Peace
09:00 – 10:00 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Address by Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, President of the International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV) and the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU)• Video Message from H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General• Message by Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, the Executive Secretary of the UN ESCAP, Bangkok
10:00 – 11:30 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Address by the Prime Minister of Thailand• Goodwill Message from Buddhist and Political Leaders
11:30 hours	Luncheon
12:30 hours	Group photo
13:00 hours	Chanting for World Peace
13.30 - 15.00 hours	<p>Opening Ceremony of the 21st United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua graciously appointed to preside over the Opening Ceremony of the 21st United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2026 (<i>TBC</i>)• Paying Homage to the Triple Gem

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Vesak Celebration 2026 by (<i>ministerial level: TBC</i>) • Opening Remark by (<i>TBC</i>) • Departure
15:00 – 16:00 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwill Messages from Buddhist and Political Leaders • Closing Speech by Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmaphundit, President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV) and the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU)
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
Saturday, 30th May 2026	
All Day	All participants check-out from hotel and depart