

PROGRAM
The 20th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2025
Theme: “Harmony and Inclusivity for Human Dignity: Buddhist Insights for
World Peace and Sustainable Development”
Venue: United Nations Conference Centre Bangkok, Thailand
Date: 10th May 2025

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Saturday, 10th May 2025 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 – 09:30 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Address by Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV) and the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU)• Video Message from H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General• Video Message from Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, the Executive Secretary of the UN ESCAP, Bangkok
09:30 – 10:00 hours	Keynote Speech by H.E. Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Thailand
10:00 – 11:00 hours	Goodwill Messages from Buddhist and Political Leaders
11:00 – 11:30 hours	Group Photo
11:30 hours	Luncheon
13:00 hours	Chanting for World Peace
14.00 - 15.00 hours	Opening Ceremony of the 20th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Their Majesties King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua and Queen Suthida preside over the Opening Ceremony of the 20th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2025• His Majesty the King pays homage to the Triple Gem• Assoc Prof. Chusak Sirinill, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office delivers report of event• His Majesty the King delivers the inauguration speech and presents Buddha statues to Buddhist leaders
15:00 – 16:45 hours	Goodwill Messages from Buddhist Leaders
16:45 hours	Leaving for Vesak circumambulation at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom Province

19:00 hours	Return to Hotel and Dinner
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