



UNITED NATIONS DAY OF VESAK CELEBRATION 2019



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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

16th UNITED NATIONS DAY OF VESAK CELEBRATION 2019

Theme: “Buddhist Approach to Global Leadership and Shared Responsibilities for Sustainable Societies”

Organized by ICDV – UNDV Joint International Organizing Committee
 Co-Organized by National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha

**Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center, Ha Nam Province, Vietnam
 12th-14th May, 2019**

Friday, 10 th May 2019	
All Day	: Welcoming Delegates and Registration
10:00	: General Rehearsal of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of Vesak 2019
19:00	: Commencement of Buddhist Cultural Events: Buddhist Cultural Exhibition, Buddhist Cultural Fair, Floating Lotus Lantern Display at Tam Chuc Lake
Saturday, 11 th May 2019 – Ha Nam: ICDV-EXCO Meeting	
All Day	: Welcoming Delegates and Registration
08:00	: Vesak Academic Conference for Vietnamese Scholars
13:30	: ICDV EXCO/ National Organizing Committee Meeting Conference to launch the ‘ Buddhist Social Network: Butta.vn ’ Conference to launch Postal Stamp Series in Celebration of Vesak 2019
15:00	: Flower Float Parade from Phu Ly City to Tam Chuc Temple
17:30	: Gala Dinner in Hanoi hosted by Chairwoman of the National Assembly, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. Madame Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan (by invitation only).
20:00	: Return to hotels
Sunday, 12 th May 2019 – Ha Nam: Opening Ceremony	
06:00	: Breakfast
06:30	: Travel to Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center from the hotels in Ha Noi and Ninh Binh Province
07:00	: Travel to Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center from the hotels in Ha Nam Province



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08:00	:	Buddhist Leaders from all local Executive Communities of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha arrive at Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center and settle in the Main Hall. Welcome Heads of State, Foreign Dignitaries, Ambassadors, and Delegates to Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center
08:10	:	Buddhist Leaders, Sangha Members, Heads of State, Foreign Dignitaries, Ambassadors, and Delegates settle in the Main Hall
08:15	:	Opening Artistic Performance
08:30	:	Live-Broadcast of the Opening Ceremony of Vesak 2019 on VTV1 Channel
08:45	:	Pay Homage to the Three Jewels
08:50	:	Message from the Supreme Patriarch of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, H.H. Most Ven. Dr. Thich Tri Quang
09:00	:	Welcoming Speech by President of the Organizing Committee of the United Nations Day of Vesak 2019 and President of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, Most Ven. Dr. Thich Thien Nhon
09:10	:	Speech by Founder/President of ICDV, President of IABU, Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit
09:20	:	Speech by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc
09:30	:	Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. António Guterres (Video Clip)
09:35	:	Address by the President of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. U Win Myint
09:40	:	Address by the Prime Minister of Nepal, Right Hon. Mr. KP Sharma Oli
09:45	:	Keynote Speech of the Vice President of India, His Excellency Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu: <i>Buddhist Approach to Global Leadership and Shared Responsibility for Sustainable Society</i>
09:55	:	Messages from World Buddhist Leaders



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10:20	:	Speech by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, H.E. Madame Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana
10:25	:	Address by the Chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, H.E. Mr. Tran Thanh Man
10:30	:	Message from Director-General, UNESCO, H.E. Madame Audrey Azoulay
10:35	:	Presentations by Guest Speakers - H.E. Mr. Vu Khoan , <i>Former Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam</i> - Prof. Dr. S.R. Bhatt , <i>Ex-Chairman of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, India</i> - Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Bhavanaviteht , <i>The Forest Hermitage, U.K.</i>
11:00	:	Lunch
13:30	:	Messages from Political Leaders of Vietnam
13:45	:	Messages from World Buddhist Leaders
16:30	:	Break and Group Photo
17:00	:	Commemorative Tree Planting
17:30	:	Dinner
18:00	:	Dharma Talk about <i>the Meanings of Vesak</i>
18:45	:	International Cultural Performance
20:10	:	Live-Broadcast of International Cultural Performance on VTV1 Channel
21:45	:	Fireworks-Show
22:00	:	Return to hotels
Monday, 13th May 2019 - Ha Nam: Thematic Panels		
06:00	:	Breakfast
06:30	:	Travel to Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center from the hotels in Ha Noi and Ninh Binh Province
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07:30	:	All Delegates arrive at Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center and settle in the Main Hall
08:00	:	Buddhist Chanting and Prayer Section
08:30	:	Thematic Panels on Sub-themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mindful Leadership for Sustainable Peace2. Buddhist Approach to Harmonious Families, Healthcare, and Sustainable Societies3. Buddhist Approach to Global Education in Ethics4. The Fourth Industrial Revolution and Buddhism5. Buddhist Approach to Responsible Consumption and Sustainable Development
11:00	:	Lunch
13:30	:	Panel Discussion (contd.)
15:00	:	Break
16:00	:	Conclusion of Panel Discussion
17:30	:	Dinner
19:00	:	Candle-Lit Procession for World Peace Speech by Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
20:00	:	Rapporteurs Submit Panel Reports to ICDV Secretariat and the Drafting Committee for the Writing of the Ha Nam Declaration
21:00	:	Return to hotels
Tuesday, 14th May 2019 - Ha Nam: Closing Ceremony		
06:00	:	Breakfast
06:30	:	Travel to Tam Chuc International Buddhist Convention Center from the hotels in Ha Noi and Ninh Binh province
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08:15	:	Buddhist Leaders, Sangha Members, Heads of State, Foreign Dignitaries, Ambassadors, and Delegates settle in the Main Hall
08:30	:	Closing Artistic Performance to Celebrate the success of Vesak 2019
08:50	:	Live-Broadcast of the Closing Ceremony of Vesak 2019 on VTV1 channel
09:00	:	Pay Homage to the Three Jewels
09:05	:	Address by the Vice President of ICDV-UNDV 2019 International Organizing Committee and Standing Vice President of National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, Most Ven. Dr. Thich Thanh Nhieu
09:15	:	Address by President of ICDV and IABU, Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit
09:25	:	Address by Standing Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, H.E. Mr. Truong Hoa Binh
09:35	:	Address by the Chairperson of the National Council of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Tashi Dorji
09:45	:	Address by the Leader of Ha Nam Province
09:50	:	Report of the Conference's Outcome
10:00	:	Secretariat Report on UNDV 2019 Announcement of Ha Nam Declaration 2019
10:30	:	(Transfer to) Announcing the Host of UN Vesak 2020
11:00	:	Lunch at Tam Chuc Temple
12:00	:	Return to Hotels
14:30	:	Pre-booked organized tours depart for Yen Tu (Ha Long, Quang Ninh) / Fansipan (Sapa, Lao Cai) / Trang An Scenic Spot - Bai Dinh (Ninh Binh)
Wednesday, 15th May 2019: Departure		
All day	:	Delegate Farewell and Departure for Airport

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