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Dear Assoc. Prof. Dr. Colin D. Butler
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As we all know, the Supreme Sangha Council and the Royal Thai Government have given their blessings for the celebration of the 7th United Nations Day of Vesak will be held in Thailand from 22-26 May 2010 and co-hosted by Thailand and Japan. It is our distinct pleasure to inform you that intensive preparations are taking place for the conference under the theme "Global Recovery: the Buddhist Perspective".

We are expecting 5,000 participants in total and we are putting together six panel discussions and two workshops for them. The panel discussions will feature papers written by Buddhist academics and scholars all over the world. Each panel will consist of at least fifteen speakers, and the entire panel discussion is divided into three sessions.

We would be very honored if you accept our invitation to serve as **Chief Moderator** for the Panel on **Global Recovery through Buddhist Ecology**. Your expertise on the subject is internationally recognized and we have full confidence in your ability to manage this panel. We sincerely believe that your presence will significantly enrich the discussions and the participants' experience of the conference. Aside from serving as a Chief Moderator for the entire panel, we are also inviting you to serve as a **Moderator** for the **Session 1** from **8.30-11.35**.

Should you accept our invitation, we would be very happy to host you beginning the 21st of May 2010. There will be a City Tour for invited guests on the 22nd of May, which we will be honored for you to join. A General Briefing for Chief Moderators, Moderators, Secretaries, and Assistants will take place in the evening of the same day. The costs of economy-class round-trip air travel, accommodation, meals, and domestic transportation for all delegates will be covered.

Attached are detailed job descriptions of the people involved in panel discussions and workshops, a copy of the program, a copy of the agenda for the general briefing, and some CVs and papers of the panelists who have been invited to present at the conference. Within the next few weeks, we will send more updates and articles.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in the Dhamma,

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