

**THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS DECLARATION
THAILAND B.E. 2523 (C.E. 1980)**

We, the members of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, representing the majority of the Buddhists of the world, present at the 13th General Conference under the sponsorship of the Buddhist Association of Thailand and the Young Buddhist Association of Thailand under Royal Patronage held in Bangkok and Chiang Mai from November 22nd through 28th in the Year B.E. 2523 (C.E. 1980), do assert and affirm that we uphold the Aims and Objects of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, which states, inter-alia, that apart from propagating the sublime doctrine of the Buddha, we should work to secure unity, solidarity, and brotherhood amongst Buddhists and to secure peace and harmony amongst men and happiness for all beings.

Mindful of the contemporary world situation we hereby solemnly reiterate that we are prepared to uphold the two points contained in the solemn Declaration made by us in Japan in the Year B.E. 2521 (C.E. 1978) which reads as follows:-

- (i) We will strive in concert with other world religious and humanist organizations to work for peace and harmony with the ultimate aim of achieving a world community;
- (ii) We will assist in the complete restoration of Lumbini, the birthplace of Sakyamuni Buddha.

Deeply concerned with the prevailing tragic refugee problems in South East Asia and also with the social trends of the contemporary world reflecting the confused and unsettled state of human mind resulting from ideological conflicts,

We further declare that:-

- (i) We are determined to appeal to all nations of the world to do their utmost in extending all possible aid to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate refugees and to ensure the safety and security for their return to their homeland and enjoy the basic human rights in respect of their own religions and holding their own views;
- (ii) We are convinced that religious practices and humanitarian aid would contribute to the creation of a stable human mind leading to ultimate religious achievement and betterment of human life.