

2537 (1994)

The Nineteenth General Conference

Bangkok, Thailand

The 19th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists and the 10th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth convened in Bangkok, Thailand on 29 November 2537 (1994) with more than 500 Buddhists from 72 regional centres from 25 countries participating.

The theme of the Conference was: “Buddhist Way: The Way to Harmony and Peace”.

After much activities involving plenary session, reports of standing Committees, and deliberation the following “Declaration 2537 (1994) was released:

We, representing the Buddhists of the world assembled in Bangkok from 22 to 29 November 2537 (1994), do assert and affirm that we uphold the Aims and Objectives of the World Fellowship of Buddhists to propagate the sublime doctrine of the Buddha, to promote unity and solidarity and secure peace, harmony and happiness for all beings.

We hereby declare that, in pursuance of our theme for this General Conference “Buddhist Way: The Way to Harmony and Peace” and addressing ourselves to the many problems in the world, we will continue to co-operate with other religions and humanitarian national and international organizations to alleviate both physical and mental suffering now and in the future.

The deliberation at this Conference have brought to the fore the need to strengthen and reinforce communication and heighten mutual understanding and responsibility among our widely scattered Regional Centres and between them and the Headquarters. Equally important are global efforts to raise and mobilise resources - human, material

and financial - for effective implementation of programmes and resolutions of the Fellowship. As our relations thus grown closer, our improved rapport and responsiveness will generate harmony and peace among Buddhists and thereby loving-kindness and compassion toward all living beings.

The following Patrons, Officers, Executive Council Members, and Chairman of Standing Committees served in this year 1994 (B.E. 2537).

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3. The King of Thailand;
4. The King of Nepal;
5. The President of the Republic of India;
6. The President of the Republic of Sri Lanka;
7. The Prime Minister of Thailand;
8. The President of the Japan Buddhist Federation;
9. Such Heads of the Sangha, Heads of States and others as may be invited by the General Council to be the Patrons of The World Fellowship of Buddhists.

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