The 29th General Conference of The World Fellowship of Buddhists, the 20th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth, the 11th Meeting of the World Buddhist University Council were held from the 5 to 9 of November B.E. 2561 (2018) in Narita, Japan under the theme of “Compassion in Action”.

Shakyamuni Buddha said: “Sabbe Sattā Bhavantu Sukhitattā” (may all beings be well and happy). Accordingly, we Buddhists wish for the happiness of all sentient beings. In order to embody that wish, the participants of the 29th General Conference do hereby declare that:

1. We encourage a lifestyle that is environmentally responsible such as the reduction of wasteful consumption, recycling and adoption of renewable energy resources.

2. We are committed to providing relief for the victims of natural disasters, such as floods, earthquakes and tsunamis through effective material and spiritual support.

3. We support education for children, who are our future. The WFB and WFBY are offering support for students in Nepal whose education has been disrupted by the 2015 earthquake.

4. We provide assistance to the marginalised and those facing personal crisis, and also their friends and families to offer them hope. This includes support for those living in depopulated areas, support for nursing and end of life care.

5. We uphold the inherent dignity, equality and fundamental rights of all members of the human family. For example, promoting diversity and inclusion, non-violence, protection of the rights of minority groups and supporting refugees.

6. We support the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For example, helping impoverished communities develop practical skills to improve their quality of life and increase income.

7. We encourage interfaith harmony through open dialogue, working together and peaceful co-operation.