

SHAH ALAM DECLARATION OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS - B.E. 2545 (2002)

Deeply conscious of the many challenges in the domain of religion and interfaith understanding and cooperation as a consequences of recent and current acts of global terrorism, and fervently committed to the Buddhist virtues of Wisdom and Compassion as the way forward to human progress and happiness,

We, the Delegates to the 22nd General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, held in Shah Alam in the State of Selangor in Malaysia, hereby re-dedicate ourselves, on the twelfth day of the month of December of 2002, to

(i) Strengthen the will to live and work in harmony with humanity as a whole regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, social status, geographical location, political affiliations or economic circumstances;

(ii) Uphold the importance of religion for the promotion of peace and security for self development and social progress through the inculcation of moral values of mindfulness, non-violence, tolerance, charity, unity, and selfless service to others;

(iii) Testify, with our own lives and actions, to the supreme role of the Buddha-Dhamma an Buddhist practice as a system of values and virtues capable of serving humanity at this crucial stage of instability and crisis;

(iv) Observe the *pancasila* as our unwavering commitment to global ethics.

(v) Actively participate in the resolution of conflicts and prevention of war as a mission inherent in the Buddhist principles of loving kindness, compassion, appreciative joy, equality and equanimity.

(vi) Modernize and revamp Buddhist institutions and organizations to enhance their services through capacity building through introduction of state-of-the-art technology of communication and information; and

(vii) Pool and increase our resources, with special attention to voluntary services, for the efficient and effective accomplishment of Buddhist programs of educational, intellectual, social and spiritual service.