

DECLARATION
KAOHSIUNG DECLARATION OF THE WORLD
FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS
B.E. 2549 (2006)



As the world today is still faced with turbulence, disaster and suffering in spite of unending efforts to call for tolerance and establish peace in the world,

We, the Delegates to the 23rd General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists held in Fo Guang Shan Monastery, Kaohsiung, Taiwan on April 19 - 23, B.E. 2549 (2006) hereby declare to dedicate ourselves to-

- ❖ Examine our thoughts, speeches and actions daily in order to abandon of all defilements,
- ❖ Create an effective means of communication for the Buddhists to learn and understand and also to protect them from spiritual afflictions and physical oppression.
- ❖ Maintain unity and solidarity among the Buddhists at large and the world community
- ❖ To encourage the world community to practice tolerance, patience and understanding
- ❖ Uphold Buddhist ethics and values through the practice of Buddha Dhamma.
- ❖ Actively participate in conflict resolution and prevention of war as a mission inherent in the Buddhist principles of loving-kindness, compassion, appreciative joy, equality and equanimity.
- ❖ To encourage a skilful way of life that is ecologically and environmentally responsible to ensure the sustainability of our society.
- ❖ To promote mutual respect and peace among all religions by opposing unethical conversion of the followers of the Buddhist faith.
- ❖ To participate in improving the quality of life by providing education and health assistance to those adversely affected.