

**TOKYO DECLARATION
OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS
B.E. 2551 (2008)**



We the participants of the 24th General Conference of The World Fellowship of Buddhists, held from November 13 to 17 B.E. 2551 (2008) in Asakusa View Hotel in Tokyo, Japan, do hereby declare that :

- We express our deepest gratitude to our generous host, the Japanese Buddhist Federation for its thoughtful hospitality and appreciate, the most efficient organisation of facilities for the effective execution of this General Conference.
- This conference dedicated to the exploration of “Buddhist contributions to resolving social problems” has enabled us to build upon the past experience, and look forward to the rising challenges in diverse issues pertaining to Economic Stability, Peace and Co-existence, social Development, Caring for the Dying and Bereaved, Gender Equality, Suicide as a social problem, Youth and Environmental crises.
- We recognise that Buddhists the world over have an important contribution to make through the Teachings of the Buddha as promoted by all traditions to ensure the happiness and benefit of all sentient beings.
- We further urge that the forthcoming celebration of the 2600th anniversary of the Buddhahood in Vesak 2011, be utilised to expand and improve the social consciousness of Buddhists and that as many projects as resources permit be undertaken in the fields identified in our deliberations.
- Being conscious of the recent natural disasters which have affected Buddhist societies, we re-dedicate ourselves to enhancing the role of The World Fellowship of Buddhists to provide immediate and adequate humanitarian support to effected areas and communities.
- Finally, we urge all Buddhists to continue to promote with renewed attention the four sublime states of Loving Kindness, Compassion, Sympathetic Joy and Equanimity for the benefit of all humanity.