

**SRILANKA, COLOMBO DECLARATION
OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS
B.E. 2553 (2010)**



We, the participants of the 25th General Conference of The World Fellowship of Buddhists, held from November 14th to 17th B.E.2553 (2010) in the Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka, do hereby declare that:

- We express our deepest gratitude to our generous host, the All Ceylon Buddhist Congress and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for its thoughtful hospitality and offer our appreciation for the most efficient and effective execution of this General Conference commemorating the 60th Anniversary of The World Fellowship of Buddhists, making this Anniversary a fitting acknowledgement of our fine heritage handed to us from our founders and all those along the way until this day. We now pledge to honour them by accepting the responsibility to carry on their noble commitments and expand on their success.
- Political and physical conflicts are one of the many causes of human sufferings. The Dharma is a source of healing for all human sufferings. One should overcome anger through kindness, wickedness through goodness, selfishness through generosity and falsehood through truthfulness. As Buddhists we are committed to the teaching of Buddha that told us hatred is never appeased by hatred, but it is appeased by kindness. We appeal to all parties in conflicts to practice restraint, exercise compassion, to forgive and give priority to harmony and social developments.
- At the inaugural WFB Business Forum held in this Conference, we recognized that good business ethics conducted in accordance with the Buddha's Dharma will contribute to improvement of the social conditions of human beings. This Forum will serve as a platform where Buddhist Businessmen may come together to connect with like-minded business interests.
- With the ever increasing natural disasters which have inflicted sufferings on all sentient beings, we re-commit ourselves to enhancing our role to continue providing prompt and adequate humanitarian support to affected areas and communities.