

YEOSU DECLARATION

OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS



We, the participants of the 26th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists held from 11 - 16 June B.E. 2555 (2012) in Yeosu, Republic of Korea, with the theme of "Buddhist Ecological - Environmental Thought and Practices for the 21st Century", having explored the issues concerning Buddhism and the world, have unanimously resolved the following :

1. To work for ecological and environmental preservation through Regional Centres of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, in order to reduce natural and man-made disasters and to protect planet earth.
2. To encourage Buddhist communities to continue their efforts of inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue to establish religious harmony and sustainable world peace.
3. To encourage the practice of *Pancasila* and meditation in daily life to promote moral and ethical standards in the global community.
4. To focus our efforts to support and promote Buddhist faith and practice in regions where people are abandoning Buddhist beliefs and identity and being converted to other religions through unethical practices.
5. To promote Humanitarian services to be extended to all living beings as a practice of Buddhist teachings of compassion and generosity.
6. To encourage the best practice of Buddhist principles in the business community in order to create social and economic stability.
7. To promote and support Buddhist culture through multi-media and to strengthen Buddhist values in global society.
8. To encourage Buddhist communities to provide better educational facilities to under-privileged communities, especially under-privileged children and women, by promoting general knowledge and Buddhist ethical and moral values, in order for them to have a better future.
9. To introduce a Buddhist Charter this explores to the historical, cultural and spiritual values of Buddhist tangible and intangible heritage worldwide and to get support from UNESCO and other international organizations to preserve our Buddhist cultural identity.
10. To improve Buddhist youths' development and leadership programs to strengthen their capabilities to become promising future leaders in different parts of the world.