

BAOJI DECLARATION

27th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists
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We, the participants from 40 countries and regions, attending the 27th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) held from 16-18 October 2014 (B.E. 2557) in Baoji, Shaanxi Province, People's Republic of China, with the theme of "Buddhism and Public-Benefit Charity", would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the People's Republic of China, the Shaanxi Organizing Committee, the Baoji Organizing Committee and the Buddhist Association of China for hosting successfully the General Conference and showing to the world the development of global Buddhism.

We, the leaders of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, are delighted to witness the development of Buddhism and to hold our first WFB General Conference in mainland China since the inception of the World Fellowship of Buddhists. We strengthen the long-standing relationship with the Buddhist Association of China as one of the founding countries of the World Fellowship of Buddhists in 1950. In particular, we are spiritually and culturally inspired to have the Opening Ceremony of the General Conference in the renowned Famen Temple in Shaanxi.

Having successfully conducted the 27th General Conference, we hereby unanimously resolve :

1. To appeal to the world community to strengthen their ongoing engagements in humanitarian and social welfare development, in order to reduce social inequality and poverty.
2. To pursue and establish peaceful and harmonious society through applying the teachings of the Buddha.
3. To promote inter-religious and inter-cultural understanding through dialogues to reduce mistrust and misunderstanding among the communities.
4. To urge all Buddhists to contribute to environmental sustainability through the mindful reduction of greed and through practicing green-consumption in their daily life.
5. To urge world communities to maintain respect of human values in order to uphold equality of human beings.
6. To encourage promotion of spiritual and religious practice irrespective of cultural or social backgrounds.
7. To work for the preservation of intangible and tangible Buddhist cultural heritages which are in danger in different parts of the world.
8. To promote moral and ethical education among Buddhist youth to support them to be humane and responsible global citizens.
9. To appeal to the international community to sustain their ongoing effort to provide educational and professional opportunities to underprivileged women to improve their quality of life.
10. To provide education and skill development to impoverished communities to help improve their economic and social circumstances.

We vow to work with all human beings to achieve human happiness through kind heart; social harmony through respect; world peace through reconciliation; and to promote goodwill through fellowship.