



The Permanent Missions of Thailand and the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, will co-organize a virtual commemoration of the International Day for Vesak 2021 on 25 May 2021 at 9.00-10.30 hrs. (NY time which is 15.00 -16.30 hrs. Sweden time, or 16.00-17.30 hrs. Latvia time). Ajahn Jayasaro will give a short Dharma talk. You are invited to follow the event on UN WebTV (webtv.un.org) and YouTube (youtube.com/c/unitednations). The tentative program appears below.



Virtual Commemoration of the International Day of Vesak 2021
Tuesday, 25th May, 2021
9:00-10:30 hrs

Programme

• **Welcome Remarks**

H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok

Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Mohan Pieris

Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

• **High-Level Segment (*video messages*)**

Remarks by:

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir

President of the General Assembly

H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka

H.E. Mr. António Guterres

Secretary-General of the United Nations

- **Religious Blessings (*video messages*)**
 - **Theravada Tradition: Venerable Heenbunne Kondañña Thero**
The Staten Island Buddhist Vihara
 - **Mahayana Tradition:**
Reverend Dr. T Kenjitsu Nakagaki,
Heiwa Peace & Reconciliation Foundation of New York
Venerable Ming Yu, *American Buddhist Confederation*
Venerable Gikwang, *Korean Buddhist Wonkaksa*

- **Sermons (*video messages*)**
 - **Thailand: Venerable Phrathepphacharayanamuni (Venerable Ajahn Jayasāro)** *Thailand*
 - **Sri Lanka: Venerable Muruddeniye Dhammarathna Nayaka Thero**
Muthiyangana Rajamaha Viharaya, Sri Lanka

- **Screening of Video of Vesak Celebrations**

- **Statements by Representatives of Member States (*live*)**

- **Closing remarks**

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