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Vesak Message

The Vesak full moon day is the most sacred day of all Buddhists around the world. From time immemorial, the discipline inculcated from Buddhism greatly influenced the strengthening of national and religious harmony, and it also helped us to stand proudly in front of the world.

Today, the mankind is so keen in defining the life and there is growing interest to follow the path of Buddhism as it teaches the true philosophy of life. When people become disgruntled with the materialistic world, they are naturally tempted to search the tranquility taught in Buddhist philosophy.

Not only that, the self-management taught in Buddhism can also contribute to alleviating the crisis situation we are facing today.

“Ekena bhoge bhunjeyya- dvihi kamman payojaye
Cattuttam ca nidhapeyya- apadasu bhavissati”

The Buddha taught that a person should divide the income into four portions; one to be used for daily expenses, two portions for the progress of the profession and the last to be deposited carefully for use in the future and in case of emergency.

Let us work towards a society that values Loving-kindness (metta), Compassion (karuna), Sympathetic Joy (muditha) and Equanimity (upekkha) the four states of mind which leads to true happiness shown in sublime teaching of the Buddha.

Siyalu Sathwayo Niduk wethwa, Nirogi wethwa, Suwapath wethwa!

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