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Vesak Day Message from Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and tourism of Sri Lanka

I extend my warmest greetings to the Buddhist community in Sri Lanka and across the globe on this sacred occasion of Vesak. Vesak Day commemorates the Birth, Enlightenment, and Passing of the Buddha, the three hallmarks of supreme wisdom that revealed the human mind's true potential and offered a clear path to compassionate, meaningful living.

In a world torn by war, conflict, and deepening divisions, the Buddha's teachings on peace (Shanti) remain urgently relevant. As the Buddha declared, "Akkodhena jine kodham, asādhum sādhunā jine" - conquer anger with non-anger, conquer evil with good. We must rise above the illusions of separation and live as harmonious nations, guided by boundless goodwill and genuine compassion for all beings. Our government, placing the Dhamma at the heart of national renewal, leads the "Rebuild Sri Lanka" programme: aligning economic recovery with ethical stewardship, good governance, and social well-being, walking the Noble Eightfold Path for a just and sustainable society.

Let this Vesak inspire more than a single day of reverence. May the Four Brahmavihāras; Mettā (Kindness), Karunā (Compassion), Muditā (sympathetic joy), and Upekkhā (equanimity), guide nations toward genuine international peace, cooperation, and mutual understanding. Let us not confine the Dhamma to ritual, but embody it daily in how we govern, resolve disputes, and treat one another. As the Buddha taught, "Attā hi attano nātho"- oneself is one's own refuge. May we all find the strength to walk the noble path, today and always.

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