



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
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By email bfaustralia@gmail.com

Dear Henry

2016 Australian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak

I refer to your letter requesting a congratulatory message for the 2016 Australian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak on 15 May.

I am pleased to provide the following message of support for this event:

"The Day of Vesak is an important day of contemplation and celebration, as we reflect on the contribution that Buddhism has made, and continues to make, worldwide. The Buddha's teachings of peace, compassion, and doing no harm, remain highly relevant and important for us all.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, I wish Australia's Buddhists a wonderful day of celebration and reflection. I also wish organisers all the best for this event, and hope those attending have a peaceful and rewarding experience."

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney