

Part III:
Appendix

Bangkok Declaration 2004
Joint Communiqué
World Buddhist Leaders Conference
On International Recognition of the Day of Vesak
At Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
May 25, 2004 (2547)



We, the participants of World Buddhist Leaders Conference on International Recognition of the Day of Vesak, from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, having met at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand on May 25, 2004 (2547),

Acknowledging that the Day of Vesak, the Date of the Full Moon in the month of May each year, the internationally recognized and, in particular, at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices, in accordance with the Government and the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand's initiative to celebrate the Day of Vesak in 2004 (2547) both in New York and Bangkok,

Recognizing that the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May each year is the day most sacred to Buddhists around the world, who commemorate, on that day, the birth of the Buddha, his attainment of enlightenment and his passing away; moreover, they may, at the same time, observe his virtues in his great compassion, his wisdom, and his purity as an ideal way of living in harmony.

Considering that international recognition at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices would constitute acknowledgement of the contribution that Buddhism, one of the oldest religions in the world, has made for over two and a half millennia, and continues to make to the spirituality of humanity; therefore, Buddhism should vitally be protected and promoted in order to maintain its course.

Resolves that, without cost to the United Nations, appropriate arrangement shall be made for international observances of Vesak at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices, in consultation with the relevant United Nations offices and permanent missions that also wish to be consulted. In the year of 2004 (2547), Thailand has been appointed to coordinate with other Buddhist countries to celebrate the Day of Vesak both at the United Nations in New York and its regional office.

Therefore, we hereby agree to the followings:

1. We will endeavor to maintain and protect Buddhism, objects of worship and holy places worldwide.
2. We will endeavor to deliver the noble messages of the Buddha to the hearts and minds of the people of the world through Buddhist studies and practice to ensure propagation of Buddhism.
3. We will endeavor to promote peace, harmony and understanding among the people of the world through Buddhism.
4. We will endeavor to collaborate and to celebrate, on the international scale, the Day of Vesak at United Nations Headquarters, its regional offices and especially at the UNESCAP office in Bangkok, Thailand



Bangkok Declaration 2005
The Joint Communiqué
The Second International Buddhist Conference
On The United Nations Day of Vesak
May 18 – 20, 2005 (B.E. 2548)
At Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
and the United Nations Conference Centre, in Bangkok, Thailand



We, the participants from 41 countries and districts to the International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom and at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand from May 18th to 20th, 2005 (B.E. 2548), being aware that the Conference was supported by the Government of Thailand and the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, unanimously resolved the followings:

In accordance to the resolution adopted by General Assembly of the United Nations in 1999 (B.E. 2542) to have the Day of Vesak, the Full Moon day in the month of May, being internationally recognized and observed worldwide, this Celebration will be continued jointly by all Buddhist traditions;

Furthermore, to promote mutual understanding and co-operation between all Buddhist traditions, organizations and individuals through ongoing dialogue and cooperation of Buddhist leaders and scholars,

It has been decided to disseminate the message of peace based on the Buddha's teachings of wisdom and compassion,

Having explored the issues concerning Buddhism, the Conference has agreed the followings:

1. Decided to increase and enhance cooperation amongst all schools of Buddhism to promote unity and solidarity among Buddhists,
2. Agreed to develop education so as to promote mutual understanding, respect and inner peace amongst individuals and communities,
3. Noted to create a spiritual network by using modern science and technology for strengthening moral and ethical development among all young Buddhists,

4. Ensured to work for humanitarian and social development without prejudice for the benefit of humanity,
5. Endeavored to protect Buddhism and its sublime teachings in order to maintain its universal values,
6. Agreed to support other countries and districts to hold International Buddhist Conferences, and support the World Forum on Buddhism to be held in China .
7. Decided to continue United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration in Thailand, with Buddhamonthon to be recognized as a Centre of World Buddhism, and Mahachulalongkorn Rajavidyalaya University to be continued as a coordinator of the Celebrations.



Bangkok Declaration 2006

Joint Communiqué

The Third International Buddhist Conference

On The United Nations Day of Vesak

May 7-10, 2006 (B.E.2549)

At Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom

and the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand



We, the participants from 46 countries and regions of the International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom and at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok from May 7-10 2006 (B.E. 2549), gratefully acknowledging that the Conference has been generously supported by the Royal Government of Thailand and the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand when the entire Kingdom of Thailand is joyfully celebrating the 60th Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Accession to the Throne, have unanimously resolved the following:

With full reference to the resolution approved on 15th December 1999 at the General Assembly of the United Nations, Session No. 54, Agenda Item 174, a joint proposal by representatives from 34 countries, that Vesak, which falls on the Full Moon day in the month of May, be internationally recognized and observed at the United Nations Headquarters and its Regional Offices from the Year 2000 onwards, the United Nations Day of Vesak will be jointly celebrated by all Buddhist traditions;

Furthermore, to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation amongst all Buddhist traditions, organizations and individuals through ongoing dialogue between Buddhist leaders and scholars,

It has been decided to disseminate the following message of peace based on the Buddha's teaching of wisdom and compassion.

Having explored the issues concerning Buddhism and the World, the Conference has agreed upon the following:

1. To further increase and enhance cooperation between all schools of Buddhism to promote unity and solidarity among Buddhists.

2. To promote socially engaged actions to create dharmic societies through the emphasis of the central role of inner peace development, and by addressing the motivations that drive feelings/thought, speech and action that creates discord.
3. To set up more Buddhist meditation centers throughout the world and for that purpose to nurture more meditation teachers.
4. To promote the creation of consistent and easily usable educational materials for children, adolescents and adults through the establishment of an e-library as the central repository of Buddhist content in electronic medium, initially as a partnership between Buddha Dharma Education and BuddhaNet and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University.
5. To compile and publish an informed work on Buddhism to be freely distributed to hotels worldwide as part of the effort to disseminate Buddhism and, in order to facilitate that, to form a sub-committee of the Joint International Organizing Committee to carry on the work.
6. To create an international body to deal with public relations for Buddhism.
7. To urge all parties, the United Nations, UNESCO and concerned governments and agencies to preserve both the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Buddhists.
8. To promote practices that transform the inner being, manifesting themselves in qualities of self-discipline, volunteerism, simplicity and skilful consumption as well as proactive efforts contributing to social activism and partnering in the development of new economic paradigms.
9. To encourage a holistic approach to sustainable development, based on the Buddhist central teaching of the Middle Way, which is exemplified in the philosophy of “Sufficiency Economy” put forward by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.
10. To acknowledge the urgency of improving gender status in order to bring to an end the detriment to individuals, communities and ecology of inequitable and unbalanced development, and to redirect our efforts towards sustainable development based on the inter-dependent integration of economic and ecological concerns and towards peace and security.
11. To record the success of the First World Buddhist Forum held in April in Zhou Shan, China, the convening of which was supported in the 2005 International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak in Bangkok, Thailand, and to affirm that Falungong is not in accordance with the fundamental teachings of Buddhism.

12. To encourage other countries and districts to hold International Buddhist Conferences, and to hold the Fourth International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations in Thailand in 2007 (B.E 2550) in honor of the 80th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and.
13. To continue to entrust Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University with responsibility for coordinating the International Secretariat of the Joint International Organizing Committee in order to facilitate necessary follow-up actions and for the Fourth International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak.



Bangkok Declaration 2007
The Joint Communiqué
The Fourth International Buddhist Conference
On The United Nations Day of Vesak
May 26- 29, 2007 (B.E.2550)
At Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom
And the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand



We, the participants from 61 countries and regions of the International Buddhist Conference on the United Nations Day of Vesak at Buddhamonthon, Nakhon Pathom and at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok from May 26-29, 2007 (B.E. 2550), gratefully acknowledging that the Conference has been generously supported by the Royal Government of Thailand and the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand when the entire Kingdom of Thailand is joyfully celebrating the 80th Auspicious Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, have unanimously resolved the following:

With full reference to the resolution approved on 15th December 1999 at the General Assembly of the United Nations, Session No. 54, Agenda Item 174, a joint proposal by representatives from 34 countries, that Vesak, which falls on the Full Moon day in the month of May, be internationally recognized and observed at the United Nations Headquarters and its Regional Offices from the Year 2000 onwards, the United Nations Day of Vesak will be jointly celebrated by all Buddhist traditions;

Furthermore, to consolidate mutual understanding and cooperation amongst all Buddhist traditions, organizations and individuals through ongoing dialogue between Buddhist leaders and scholars,

It has been decided to disseminate the following message of peace based on the Buddha's teaching of wisdom and compassion.

Having explored the issues concerning Buddhism and the World, the Conference has agreed upon the following:

1. To further enhance cooperation between all schools of Buddhism to strengthen unity and solidarity among Buddhists;

2. To acknowledge the generosity of and the crucial role played by the Kingdom of Thailand in hosting the United Nations Day of Vesak in the past four years, and to approve and support the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as the host for 2008;
3. To re-affirm Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University as the permanent venue of the International Secretariat for the International Organizing Committee for the United Nations Day of Vesak;
4. To promote through Buddhist principles socially engaged actions and urge the Buddhist leaders to take a leading role on moral and ethical issues, in particular, on social justice, respect equal opportunities, good governance and transparency;
5. To acknowledge the inspiration that many countries and regions, and in particular, the Buddhist world and the UNDP, have towards His Majesty the King of Thailand on good governance and development throughout His Reign over sixty years;
6. To support the 2nd World Buddhist Forum to be held in China in 2008;
7. To continue the electronic Buddhist library project, started initially last year as a partnership between Buddha Dharma Education and BuddhaNet and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, and to record the strong interest in the project by the many Buddhist Higher Institutions present at this conference;
8. To continue the project of compiling an informed work on Buddhism to be freely distributed to hotels worldwide;
9. To reiterate the appeal to all parties, the United Nations, UNESCO and concerned governments and agencies to preserve both the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Buddhists, and to encourage visit to Buddhist holy sites as part of their revitalization;
10. To record the historic formation at this conference and support the function and growth in every means possible of the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU), comprising some eighty Buddhist Higher Education Institutions from twenty-two countries and regions;
11. To hold the 2nd symposium of the International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU) which will be hosted by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University in 2008 in Bangkok and to rejoice in the generosity of the same university for undertaking to fund, at least for one year, the International Secretariat of the IABU; and

12. To highlight at every level the effective and scientific values of Buddhist meditation in human development, and to encourage both traditional means and modern technology in dissemination of the teaching of the Buddha, and to also raise awareness on the proper and respectful use of Buddha images.



*Charter of the International Organizing Committee of
the United Nations Day of Vesak*



Foreword

In 1999, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the resolution to recognize the Vesak Day as an International Day of Recognition of Buddhists and the contribution of the Buddha to the world. Since then, the Thai Royal Government has played a crucial role to help fund the celebrations while Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University was assigned to be the organizer of the celebrations, seeing the birth to the International Organizing Committee or more affectionately known as the IOC.

From 2004 to date, we have come a long way in the celebrations and we are happy to be the host and organizer, but it is time for the celebrations to grow and evolve. The United Nations Day of Vesak celebrations is coming to maturity, with four celebrations under our belt, much experience gained, it is time now to share this with others. So, we are formulating this charter as a guideline for all future celebrations. There will always be room for growth and development and we are elated to see it grow.

The teachings of the Buddha see no boundaries, the minds of all are alike, the sufferings of all are similar and truly, the liberation of all is the same. We are happy to initiate the process, develop the scope and now it is time for others to follow in footsteps similar, evolve the celebrations into a truly international event that can be shared with the Buddhists and NonBuddhists alike.

We like to thank all those who have contribute to the success of previous celebrations and wish all the future celebrations be successful. Let the Dhamma of the Buddha be the beacon to the world, shredding away the ignorance of our hearts, bringing development into sustainable capacity for humanity and more importantly, peace and harmony to the world.

May all beings be blessed!



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Chapter 1 – Establishment of the Organization

1.1 Name of Organization

1.1.1 This international Buddhist community celebrating the United Nations Day of Vesak shall be known as the International Organizing Committee hereinafter is to be referred to as ‘the IOC’ or ‘the organization’.

1.2 Establishment of the IOC

1.2.1 The IOC comprises of representatives from all Buddhist traditions from different countries aiming at observing and celebrating the United Nations Day of Vesak (hereinafter to be referred to as “UNDV”), annually in accordance to the resolution approved on 15th December 1999 at the General Assembly of the United Nations, Session No.54, Agenda Item 174.

1.2.2 The United Nations Day of Vesak is to recognize the Thrice Sacred Event of Vesak, celebrating the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing Away of the Buddha, as the International Day of Recognition of religion and culture.

1.3 The Organizational Seat

1.3.1 The headquarters of the IOC shall be located wherever the Chairman of the IOC resides.

1.3.2 The Office of the IS shall be permanently situated at Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University.

1.4 Use of the Name

1.4.1 The use of the name shall be limited to the members of the committee whose affiliations are duly recorded by the IOC.

1.5 Affiliation Rules

1.5.1 All members who are affiliated to the IOC are required to use only the words ‘International Organizing Committee’ or ‘IOC’, followed by the name of the region or country in their names.

1.6 Forfeiture

1.6.1 The right to use of the name shall be automatically and forthwith forfeited on termination of any member’s affiliation or any such group’s formal recognition.

Chapter 2 – Definitions

- 2.1 The following words and expressions have the following meanings unless contrary to the context:
 - 2.1.1 ‘Committee’ shall mean the International Organizing Committee of the United Nations Day of Vesak;
 - 2.1.2 ‘Chairman’ shall mean the Chairman of the International Organizing Committee of the United Nations Day of Vesak;
 - 2.1.3 ‘Member’ shall mean a member of the International Organizing Committee of the United Nations Day of Vesak;
 - 2.1.4 ‘Rules’ shall mean these Rules and all amendments, additions, deletions or replacements from time to time in force and effect;
 - 2.1.5 ‘Regulation’ shall mean the regulation of the International Organizing Committee of the UN Day of Vesak as made and amended from time to time;
 - 2.1.6 ‘IS’ shall mean International Secretariat;
 - 2.1.7 ‘IOC’ shall mean the International Organizing Committee;
 - 2.1.8 ‘UNDV’ shall mean the United Nations Day of Vesak.
 - 2.1.9 ‘IBC’ shall mean the International Buddhist Conference.

Chapter 3 – Declaration of Principles and Purpose

- 3.1 Declaration of Principles
 - 3.1.1 The Principles of International Organizing Committee are based upon a belief in:
 - 3.1.1.1 Faith in the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha, or the Triple Gem.
- 3.2 Purpose of the IOC
 - 3.2.1 To internationally recognize and observe the Day of Vesak, the thrice sacred day commemorating the birth, the enlightenment and the passing away of the Buddha, as the day of religion and culture.

- 3.2.2 To promote, foster and maintain collaborations between the different Buddhist traditions and schools, in order to foster and support Buddhist Culture, Philosophy and Practice for the well being and happiness of humanity.
- 3.2.3 To organize conferences, workshops and forums to discuss academic, social and religious issues.
- 3.2.4 To encourage Buddhist academics and scholars to dialogue and contribute to promotion of Buddhist studies and philosophy.
- 3.2.5 To encourage the practice of Buddha-Dhamma and to meet the challenges of the world that is faced by humanity.
- 3.2.6 To discuss matters relating to the general welfare of the World Buddhist Community and to deliberate on the issues which may arise from time to time.
- 3.2.7 The IOC in affirming its Joint Communiqué recognizes the fundamental goals of the founding members commits itself to strive for peace in the world.

Chapter 4 – United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations

4.1 Program

- 4.1.1 The celebrations and conference shall include:
 - 4.1.1.1 Meetings and discussion groups of the IOC.
 - 4.1.1.2 Meetings of the outgoing and incoming members of the IOC (inclusive of handling over and reporting).
 - 4.1.1.3 Meetings of the outgoing and incoming members of the IS (inclusive of handling over and reporting).
 - 4.1.1.4 Conferences, forums and other activities centered around the United Nations, Buddhism and especially Vesak Day (which shall be the focal point of the celebrations).
 - 4.1.1.5 Others like symposiums, workshops and meetings of direct interest to observers attending the celebrations and to encourage maximum participation from all delegates.

4.2 Date and Place

4.2.1 The UNDV Celebrations should be held every year in the month of May. The date and place of each celebration shall be decided upon by a simple majority vote by the members of the IOC.

4.3 Handling and Taking Over

4.3.1 The government of the intended-host-country shall write a formal letter to the appropriate authorities to express their willingness to host the next UNDV Celebrations.

4.3.2 The original copy of the letter shall be couriered to the Government of the current host, to the liaison in charge of the current UNDV Celebrations. Another copy shall be couriered to the Chairman of the current IOC.

4.3.3 The Chairman of the current IOC must submit the application to the IOC board for selection and endorsement. The result shall be announced and to send to the Government of the current host country for endorsement.

4.3.4 The necessary preparations shall be made, duly recorded into the Vesak Declaration and announced at the closing ceremony of the UNDV Celebrations.

4.3.5 There will be a handling over ceremony from the current host to the next host. The Vesak symbol (which may be a plaque or a Vesak Day flag), shall be handed over by the current Chairman to the representative of the next host country.

4.3.6 The representative shall be current member of the IOC who is also the representative of the next host country.

Chapter 5 – International Organizing Committee

5.1 Recognized Authority

5.1.1 The International Organizing Committee shall continue the authority to direct the affairs of UNDV Celebrations and the IBC.

5.2 Exclusive Prerogatives

5.2.1 The IOC shall have the exclusive prerogative to vote on any and all of the following matters:

- 5.2.1.1 Election or appointment of new members to the IOC, unless the next host for UNDV Celebrations is a new host.
 - 5.2.1.2 Approval of appointments of persons to hold positions in the IS, unless the next host for UNDV Celebrations is a new host.
 - 5.2.1.3 Approval of preparatory meetings and working visits to be held leading up to the UNDV Celebrations.
 - 5.2.1.4 Determination of the next host country for UNDV Celebrations.
- 5.3 Specific Responsibilities
- 5.3.1 The IOC shall:
 - 5.3.1.1 Receive and act upon reports from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
 - 5.3.1.2 Receive and act upon reports and general policy recommendations from the members of the IOC.
 - 5.3.1.3 Receive and act upon activities and project recommendations from the IS.
 - 5.3.1.4 Sub Committees for the Celebrations (e.g. steering committee, declaration drafting committee, events and program coordinating committee).
- 5.4 Meetings
- 5.4.1 The meetings of the IOC shall be held at the time as when need to ensure the smooth planning of the UNDV Celebrations and IBC participation. Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the IOC on a mail ballot or electronic mail.
 - 5.4.2 The quorum for any meeting shall be at least 1/3 of the members present.
 - 5.4.3 If the quorum is not met, then the chairman is to be given the authority to form an ad-hoc committee to conduct the function.
- 5.5 Observers
- 5.5.1 All past members of the IOC attending an IOC meeting shall be seated as observers without voting rights except as may be provided in this Constitution.

Chapter 6 – Office Bearers

6.1 Selection of the Chairman

6.1.1 The election of chairman must be a member of the current IOC.

6.1.2 If there is more than one member from the same host country, then:

6.1.2.1 The next host country members shall select amongst themselves the next Chairman and announced to the members of the IOC.

6.1.2.2 Upon conflict of interest and the next host country members are unable to come to agreement, then the election of the Chairman shall be given to the members of the IOC to decide through balloting. The current Chairman shall conduct the Ballot.

6.1.3 The Chairman shall have the power to restructure in consultation with the IOC and to fill any vacancy in the committees or in any other sub-committees until the next UNDV Celebration.

6.2 Elected Officers

6.2.1 The membership of the IOC shall amongst themselves elect members capable of holding and carrying out the duties of the office to serve as officers of the IOC. The elected officers of the IOC shall be:

6.2.1.1 Six (6) Deputy Chairman.

6.2.2 The elected positions shall be held by the monastics.

6.2.3 At least two (2) Deputy Chairman must be filled from the host country.

6.3 Appointed Officers

6.3.1 The Chairman shall appoint from the members not holding the above office of 6.2 to the following working positions under the direction of the Chairman. These officers shall be deemed capable of holding and carrying out the duties of the office to serve as officers of the IOC. The appointed officers of the IOC shall be:

6.3.1.1 One (1) Secretary General.

- 6.3.1.2 Four (4) Assistant Secretary Generals.
- 6.3.2 One Assistant Secretary General must be from Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and at least two (2) Assistant Secretary Generals must be from other countries.
- 6.4 Immediate Past Chairman
 - 6.4.1 The Immediate Past Chairman shall be given the position of Honorary Chairman in the next host country IOC.
- 6.5 Key Duties of the Office
 - 6.5.1 The Office of the IOC shall:
 - 6.5.1.1 Carry out duties assigned by the Chairman.
 - 6.5.1.2 Make recommendations to the IOC through the Chairman with respect to their assigned duties.
 - 6.5.1.3 Attend all meetings of the IOC.
 - 6.5.1.4 Promote the purposes of the IOC.
 - 6.5.1.4 Conduct in a manner befitting Office of the IOC.
- 6.6 Elections
 - 6.6.1 The officers named in 6.2 shall be elected by the members of the International Organizing Committee.
- 6.7 Majority Vote
 - 6.7.1 A simple majority of the votes cast must be obtained by each officer to be elected.
- 6.8 Terms of Office
 - 6.8.1 The term of office of each officer shall be for one (1) calendar year to commence on the day after the UNDV Celebrations following his election or appointment, and shall continue for the entire year for which he was appointed (or elected) until the completion of the next UNDV Celebrations.
 - 6.8.2 Unless the next host country is still the same country, then the IOC shall meet only to endorse the existing officers and office they hold in 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4.
 - 6.8.3 Members are allowed to step down from office and either election of new officers must be conducted as in 6.2 or appointment of officers as in 6.3.

6.9 Emergency

6.9.1 In the event of the cancellation of an annual UNDV Celebrations, the officer may remain in office beyond the term set out in 6.8 until elections can be held as prescribed in 6.7.

6.10 Vacancies

6.10.1 Vacancies in all offices, other than that of the Chairman, may be filled by appointment by the Chairman with the approval of the IOC.

6.11 Remuneration

6.11.1 All officers shall serve without financial remuneration, except that when funds become available, the host organization shall provide financial remuneration for any officer working on the project by covering the round trip airfare, food, accommodations and transportation.

Chapter 7 – Chairman

7.1 Duties

7.1.1 The Chairman shall serve as Chief Executive of the IOC.

7.1.2 To make recommendations and appointment of new members to the IOC with the approval of the IOC.

7.1.3 To invite respectable Buddhist dignitaries to be Patrons of the IOC.

7.1.4 To ensure the funds of the IOC are utilized in the best possible manner.

7.1.5 To raise funds for the IOC and request for grants from the Government or any other authorities.

7.1.6 Other Duties of the Chairman

7.1.6.1 He shall preside at all meetings of the IOC.

7.1.6.2 He shall supervise the preparation of the Plan of Action for his term, shall direct the overall operations of the IOC and if may, shall travel on its behalf.

7.1.6.3 He shall report to organization the progress of the UNDV Celebratory preparations.

7.1.6.4 The Chairman may delegate the chairmanship of any meeting to another officer designated by him.

7.2 Qualifications

7.2.1 The Chairman shall have served one (1) full term as a member of the IOC.

7.3 Vacancy

7.3.1 Succession: Upon the death, disability, resignation or other disposition that shall prevent the Chairman from serving, the Deputy Chairman of the host country shall automatically become Chairman and shall serve until a duly qualified successor has been elected as hereinafter provided.

7.3.2 Effective Date: The person so elected shall assume the office of Chairman immediately.

Chapter 8 – Honorary Chairman

8.1 Selection

8.1.1 The Founder Chairman shall be the Honorary Chairman of the IOC.

8.2 Duties

8.2.1 To act as the overall adviser to the current Chairman of the IOC.

8.2.2 To exercise authority as the executive Chairman of the IOC.

Chapter 9 – Deputy Chairman

9.1 Duties

9.1.1 The duties of a Deputy Chairman shall be to communicate with other IOC members.

9.1.2 Reporting to the members of the IOC.

9.1.3 Coordinating, supervision and chairing his assigned meetings.

9.2 Qualifications

9.2.1 Except for the host country, a Deputy Chairman shall have served for at least one (1) term as a member of the IOC.

Chapter 10 – Secretary General

10.1 Appointment

10.1.1 A Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General shall be appointed by the Chairman.

10.2 Duties

10.2.1 Administrator: The Secretary General shall be the chief administrative officer of the IOC. He shall report directly to the Chairman, and shall be responsible for the operation of the IOC and the implementation of policies according to the direction of the Chairman. The Secretary General shall chair the IS.

10.2.2 Finance: The Secretary General shall have authority to receive and disburse funds within the limits of the budget and as directed by the appropriate authority, and shall maintain complete records covering all operations of the IOC.

10.2.3 Other Duties: The Secretary General shall have other duties as follows:

10.2.3.1 Carry out duties assigned by the Chairman.

10.2.3.2 Make recommendations to the Chairman with respect to the assigned duties.

10.2.3.3 Attend all meetings of the IOC.

10.2.3.4 Promote the purpose of the IOC.

10.2.3.5 Conduct in a manner befitting the IOC.

Chapter 11 – Members

11.1 Selection

11.1.1 The selection of members of the IOC shall be predicated

on the experiential capacity.

11.1.1.1 The member shall be elected into the office of a national, regional or local Buddhist organization.

11.2 Nomination and Approval

11.2.1 Process to apply to selection of new members after determination of a new host country.

11.2.1.1 Names of prospective candidates shall be submitted to the new Chairman who will personally verify credentials and capacity for performance.

11.2.1.2 IOC members will review information and without objection, shall verify selections by majority vote.

11.3 Duties

11.3.1 Members shall assume responsibility to identify Key Buddhist organizations, educational institutions, their leaders, scholars and teachers within their areas.

11.3.2 Members shall serve as a conduit for information between the respective parties as to planning and functions, including travel, accommodations and other significant data relating to IOC programs.

11.4 Termination

11.4.1 Membership to the IOC shall cease in the following events:

11.4.1.1 Members who are unable to contribute to the IOC during his tenure and suitable replacement are found capable of performing the duties as in 11.3.

Chapter 12 – Working Committee of IS

12.1 Selection

12.1.1 The IOC shall appoint its members to the IS.

12.1.2 The appointed officers of the IS shall be:

12.1.2.1 Five (5) Committee Members.

12.1.3 The Secretary General shall be included into the list of four

committee members and to hold the IS Chair.

12.1.4 The other positions are assigned by the IS Chair to committee members.

12.2 Duties

12.2.1 The officers of the IS shall:

12.2.1.1 Carry out duties assigned by the Chair.

12.2.1.2 Make recommendations to the Chair with respect to their assigned duties.

12.2.1.3 Attend all meetings of the IOC and IS.

12.2.1.4 Promote the purposes of the IOC.

12.2.1.5 Conduct in a manner befitting officers of the IOC.

12.3 Preparation

12.3.1 The officers of the IS shall form the following portfolio, liaise and coordinate with the local planning body of the host for the UNDV Celebrations.

12.3.1.1 To create a benchmark of performance list for the celebrations to be completed successfully after making an initial survey within the first three months of the successful completion of the previous UNDV Celebrations.

12.3.1.2 To organize the Pre-conference planning portfolio from ninth to the sixth month before the celebrations:

12.3.1.2.1 Invitation Portfolio.

12.3.1.2.2 Media and Public Relations Portfolio.

12.3.1.2.3 Editorial Portfolio.

12.3.1.2.4 Logistic and Budgeting Portfolio.

12.3.1.2.5 Celebrations and Conference Planning Portfolio.

12.3.2 To establish the following sub-committees to manage the conference details from third month to the celebrations:

12.3.2.1 Volunteer Training and Management

12.3.2.2 Detail committee activities to manage the celebrations and conference (e.g. Transportation, Accommodations, Reception, Security, Publications, Performance, Secretariat, Destination Management, Editorial, News and Media, Technology, Crisis Response, etc.).

12.3.3 To establish the following committee to manage the post conference review and establish new standards and advisories for future UNDV Celebrations.

12.3.3.1 To set up a post-celebration review committee to evaluate the performance of the celebrations.

12.3.3.2 To establish surveys and questionnaires auditing and assessment of UNDV Celebratory performance.

12.3.3.3 To compile and publish the commemorative publication.

12.3.3.4 To follow up and hand over the duties of next host IS team, unless the individual is retained by the next host IS team.

12.4 Terms of Office

12.4.1 The term of office of each officer shall be for one (1) calendar year to commence on the day after the UNDV Celebrations following his election or appointment, and shall continue for the entire year for which he was appointed (or elected) until the completion of the next UNDV Celebrations.

12.4.2 Unless the next host country is still the same country, then the IOC shall meet only to endorse the existing officers and office they hold in 12.1.

12.4.3 Members are allowed to step down from office and new officers must be appointed.

12.4.4 Members who are not unable to performance, the Chair shall exercise the right to replace the committee member with request to the Chairman of the IOC to elect new members to join the IS.

12.5 Emergency

12.5.1 In the event of the cancellation of an annual UNDV

Celebrations, the officer may remain in office beyond the term set out in 12.4.

12.6 Remuneration

12.6.1 All officers shall serve without financial remuneration, except that when funds become available, the host organization shall provide financial remuneration for any officer working on the project by covering for the round trip airfare, food, accommodations and transportation.

Chapter 13 – IS Chair

13.1 Duties

13.1.1 The Secretary General of the IOC shall serve as Chair of the IS.

13.1.2 Planning: To organize the UNDV Celebrations in accordance with guidelines from the preparatory meeting.

13.1.3 Forecasting: Writing a performance plan and timeline of activities leading up to the celebrations.

13.1.4 Budgeting: Working out the budget for planning, meetings and celebrations.

13.1.5 Administrating: To delegate or assign portfolios to the members of the IS.

13.1.6 Reporting: To report on the progress of the UNDV Celebratory preparations.

13.2 Vacancy

13.2.1 Succession: Upon the death, disability, resignation or other disposition that shall prevent the IS Chair from serving, the assistant secretary from the host country shall automatically become IS Chair and shall serve until a duly qualified successor has been elected as hereinafter provided.

13.2.2 Effective Date: The person so elected shall assume the position of Chair immediately.

Chapter 14 – Amendments

- 14.1 Any proposals for amendment to these Rules and Regulations shall be presented in the IOC meeting and circulated to the members at least 15 days in advance.
- 14.2 Any amendment to these Rules and Regulations shall require two-thirds votes of members present at the meeting.
- 14.3 Amendments shall be effective when written notice of the adopted changes is sent to the IOC members. Such notice must be given within two weeks of the date the amendments have been adopted.



International Association of Buddhist Universities



Constitution

Preamble

1. The Institutions, whose names are set forth in the First Schedule below, are united in their aspiration to promote the Buddha-Dharma. Building on the great Buddhist heritage of higher education, they are determined to ensure that:

- ☛ The brightest and best of each new generation will gain a profound understanding of the Buddha-Dharma and will be motivated to apply that understanding fully in every area of their lives and work.
- ☛ The quality of scholarly work in Buddhist Studies will continue to rise, and its importance for other areas of scholarly endeavour will become ever more widely understood.
- ☛ The international Buddhist community, Sangha and lay, will make a vital contribution to meeting the challenges that face human society worldwide.

Accordingly, they are agreed to give concrete form to their unity by constituting the Association of Buddhist Universities.

Definitions

2. In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

‘University’	shall mean	any institute of Higher Education, whether a University, College, Academy or whatever, or a substantially autonomous component thereof;
‘the Association’	shall mean	the Association of Buddhist Universities;
‘the Council’	shall mean	the Council of the Association;
‘Members’	shall mean	‘Universities’ which are Members of the Association;
‘Associate Members’	Shall mean	‘Universities’ which are Associate Members of the Association;
‘Additional Members’	Shall mean	‘Universities’ which are Additional Members of the Association;
‘Member Countries’	Shall mean	countries in which Members are located;
‘Representatives’	shall mean	individuals nominated by Members or Associate or Additional Members to represent them in the Association;
‘the Statutes’	Shall mean	the Statutes of the Association for the time being in force;

Words in the singular number shall be understood as including the equivalent words in the plural number and vice versa; words importing the masculine gender only shall be understood as including the equivalent words in the feminine gender; and words importing persons shall be understood as including Corporations.

Objects

3 The object of the Association is:

- ☛ to support the Members and facilitate collaboration and cross-fertilisation between them, so that all humanity can benefit from the richness and variety of the multinational Buddhist tradition; and, to that end,
- ☛ to provide a framework within which the Members can:
- ☛ better understand each other's policies and activities and be better understood regionally and internationally;
- ☛ collaborate in administration, teaching, research and outreach;
- ☛ recognise each other's qualifications. Accordingly, the Association will facilitate exchanges between Members. In order to do so, it will develop its administrative capacity. Specifically, the Association will:

Exchanges

- i. facilitate the interchange of students and teachers between Members;
- ii. arrange conferences and congresses and otherwise facilitate communication and the exchange of information among the Members, and between them and other Universities, public bodies (including international organizations) and all sorts of learned institutions and societies;
- iii. print, publish and circulate journals, handbooks, circulars, leaflets and other publications with a view to disseminating information about and encouraging interest in the Buddha-Dharma, in Buddhist studies and in the objects, work and activities of the Association;
- iv. collect and distribute information from time to time on matters of interest to Members;
- v. co-operate with other associations having similar objects with a view to promoting the objects of the Association;

Administration

- vi. establish and maintain a central office in Bangkok to serve as a secretariat for the Association;
- vii. invite and collect subscriptions and donations to the funds of the Association by any lawful means;
- viii. undertake, execute and perform any trusts or conditions affecting any property of any description acquired by the Association and act as trustee

of any such property held for purposes connected with the objects of the Association;

- ix. invest the moneys of the Association not immediately required for the purposes of the Association in such manner as the Council may from time to time think expedient;
- x. do all such other things as may be thought calculated to promote the interests and well-being of Members.

Membership requirements

4. Any University is eligible for Membership of the Association which:

- ☛ has the power to award degrees either in its own right or via a higher-level institution; and
- ☛ either: has a specific mission to educate students to understand and practise the Buddha-Dharma;
- ☛ or: operates according to Buddhist values, helping individuals work to improve and transform the quality of experience;
- ☛ promotes Buddhist principles, in favour of peace within and without; and
- ☛ has a significant commitment to academic Buddhist Studies

Members

5. The Members shall be:

- i. the Universities named in the First Schedule below; and
- ii. such other Universities as may from time to time be admitted to Membership by the Council in accordance with such regulations as may from time to time be made by the Council for this purpose.

Associate and Additional Members

6. Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, the Council may admit to such privileges and benefits of the Association as may be determined by the Council, excepting always the right to vote at general meetings of Members:

i. Universities, which do research in Buddhist Studies and award degrees either in Buddhist Studies or to students whose work has been exclusively in Buddhist Studies.	as Associate Members; and
ii. other Universities which teach and do research in Buddhist Studies.	as Additional Members

Loss of qualification

7. Any Member, Associate Member or Additional Member, which shall cease to have the appropriate academic status, or to be incorporated, shall forthwith and without notice cease to be a Member, Associate Member or Additional Member as the case may be.

General Meetings

8. There shall be held a General Meeting of the Association once in each calendar year (hereinafter called ‘the Annual General Meeting’) and Special General Meetings at such times as may be necessary or desirable, in every case in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.

Council

9. There shall be a Council of the Association composed of persons elected among the Members. The Council shall come together twice yearly to review progress and formulate policy. Council members shall be Representatives of Members or of Associate Members; they shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association or at a meeting specially called for the purpose; once elected, they shall serve as members of Council in a personal capacity rather than on behalf of their respective institutions.

The Council shall comprise:

- ☛ a Chairman, who shall undertake to give at least 2 days a week to this task;
- ☛ a Vice-Chairman, who shall undertake to assume the duties of the Chairman as and when this may be necessary;
- ☛ a Treasurer, who shall undertake to give up to 2 days a month to this task;

- a further six Council members. The first Council of the Association shall comprise the persons whose names appear in the Second Schedule below.

Income and property

10. The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association set forth in this Constitution.

11. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of the Statutes, the Council shall have the management and control of the Association and the administration of all its property and income, with power to delegate all or any of their powers to committees or sub-committees from amongst their own number or otherwise appointed for the purpose, provided that no resolution passed at a meeting of a committee or subcommittee shall take effect unless a majority of the persons present at such meeting are Council members or the resolution is confirmed by the Council.

Statutes

12. The Statutes set forth in the Third Schedule below shall be the Statutes of the Association until the same shall be amended as provided below.

Amendment of Statutes

13. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Council shall have full power to propose to a General Meeting of the Association, convened by notice specifying clearly the subject of such proposal, Statutes or amendments to Statutes relating to the government, administration and management of the Association; and these Statutes or amended Statutes shall come into force once approved by a resolution to that effect passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting at a General Meeting of the Association.

Audit of accounts

14. True accounts shall be kept of the income and expenditure of the Association. There shall be an audit of the accounts of the Association made every year by one or more duly qualified Auditors to be appointed by the Association in General Meeting. The Auditors shall make a report, a copy of which shall be circulated to Members

together with a copy of the audited accounts, not less than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting at which they are to be approved.

Dissolution

15. If two consecutive Special General Meetings resolve to wind up the affairs of the Association, the Council shall be empowered to do so as directed by such Special General Meetings (or, in default of such directions, as the Council shall think it expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the Association for the time being). If, upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid or transferred to a Buddhist educational charity.

Amendment of Constitution

16. The Council may amend or add to this Constitution by a resolution to that effect which is:

- passed at any Council meeting by
- a majority, of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting, which also constitutes
- an absolute majority of all members of the Council; and is
- confirmed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Representatives of the Members present and voting at a Special General Meeting held not less than one month nor more than four months afterwards.

Schedules

1. Member Universities as at May 2007

Republic of Cambodia

University of

Union of Myanmar

University of

Et cetera.

University of

2. Members of Council

Chairman

The Most Venerable Professor Phra Dharmakosajarn Rector,
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand

Vice Chairmen

1. Venerable Xue Chen, Vice President, Buddhist Association of China & Buddhist Academy of China
2. Prof. Dr. Chisho M. Namai, Former President & Director of the Research Institute of Esoteric Buddhist Culture, Koyasan University, Japan
3. Prof. Dr. Le Mahn That, Acting Rector, Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Executive Secretary

Venerable Dr. Khammai Dhammasami, Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Oxford, UK

Assistant Secretaries

1. Venerable Dr. Kim Misan, Joong-Ang Sangha University, Korea
2. Dr. Tamas Agocs, Foreign Relations Manager & Director of Research Institute of East and West, Budapest Buddhist University, Hungary

3. Associate Prof. Dr. Phramaha Somjin Sammapanyo, Pro-Rector for Academic Affairs, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand

Members

1. Venerable Bhikkhuni Dr. Yifa, Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of the West, L.A, USA
2. The Most Venerable Dr. Ashin Nyanissara, Chancellor, Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, Myanmar
3. The Most Venerable Ching Hsing, Ching Cheuh Buddhist Sangha University, Chinese-Taipei
4. Venerable Prof. Geshe Gnawang Samten, Director/Rector, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, India
5. Venerable Prof. Tepsattha Sovanratana, Vice Rector, Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University, Cambodia
6. Prof. Sumanapala Galmangoda, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
7. Dr. Eko Legowo, Principal, Kertarajasa Buddhist College, Jawa, Indonesia
8. Dr. Rabindra Panth, Director/Rector, Nalanda University (Nalanda Mahavihar), India
9. Prof. Philip Stanley, Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Naropa University, Colorado, USA

3. Statutes

Members

1. (1) Any University desirous of becoming a Member of the Association shall apply under seal to the Secretary (see below) with such evidence as may be required to satisfy the Council that the University's principal mission is to educate students to understand and practise the Buddha-Dharma. The Council may make such regulations governing applications and admission to Membership as may be required from time to time.
(2) Every Member shall appoint a person to act as its Representative in the manner provided by the Bye-Laws. The Representative of

a Member may nominate a deputy from time to time by notice in writing to the Secretary, and in these Statutes 'Representative of a Member' includes a deputy so nominated.

(3) Any Member may withdraw from the Association upon giving notice under seal to the Secretary in the manner indicated in the Bye-Laws.

(4) Any Member, which ceases to be a University, or to be incorporated, shall forthwith cease to be a Member.

(5) The rights of a Member shall be suspended upon failure to pay the annual subscription within twelve months of its becoming due and unless the Council otherwise determines shall be restored only upon payment of all arrears of subscription.

(6) In these Statutes the word 'Member' or 'Members' used alone shall not include an Associate Member or Associate Members nor an Additional Member or Additional Members.

Associate Members and Additional Members

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of Article 6 of this Constitution, the Council may admit such Universities as Associate or Additional Members as it may from time to time decide and the Council may for this purpose make such regulations as it deems necessary.
- (2) Paragraphs (2) to (5) inclusive of Statute 1 relating to Members shall apply with such modifications as may be necessary and appropriate to an Associate or an Additional Member.
- (3) At no time shall an Associate Member or Additional Member have any right to vote, but it shall have such other privileges and benefits as may be allowed to it by the Council.

Subscriptions

3. Every Member, Associate Member or Additional Member shall pay such minimum annual subscription respectively as may be fixed from time to time by the Association in General Meeting.

Notices

4. A General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary who shall issue notices of such Meeting by post or otherwise not less than twenty-eight days before the Meeting. The accidental omission to give such notice or the non-receipt of such notice by a Member, Associate Member or Additional Member shall not invalidate the proceedings of any Meeting.

Meetings of Members

The Annual General Meeting

5. (1) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held once in every year, at which the business to be transacted shall include the consideration of the accounts, the reports of the Council and of the Auditors, and the election of members of the Council as requisite. Any Representative of a Member desiring to bring any matter or proposal before the Annual General Meeting shall give 14 days prior written notice thereof to the Secretary.

Special General Meetings

- (2) The Council may whenever it thinks fit — and shall upon a request made in writing and signed by Representatives of not less than one-tenth of the Members having at the date of the request a right to vote at General Meetings — convene a Special General Meeting. The Secretary shall at any time, when required by the Chairman (or, in his absence, by the Vice-Chairman) summon a Special General Meeting. If upon request the Council shall fail to convene or the Secretary to summon a Special General Meeting within 21 days of receipt of the request, then a Special General Meeting to be held within 3 months may be convened by not less than half of those making the request.

Chairman of General Meetings

- (3) The Chairman of the Association shall be the chairman of all General Meetings and Council Meetings; in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside but, if neither be present, then the Representatives of Members present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman of such Meeting.

Quorum

- (4) At every General Meeting, ten Representatives of Members present in person at the commencement of business and entitled to vote shall be a quorum. If, within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the Meeting, a quorum is not present, then:
 - if the Meeting has been convened at the request of Representatives of Members, it shall be dissolved;
 - in any other case, it shall be adjourned to a place and a date not earlier than two weeks nor later than one month from the date of the original Meeting as may be fixed by the chairman of

such Meeting. If at such an adjourned Meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the Meeting, then the Representatives of Members present, entitled to vote and being five or more, shall be a quorum.

Adjourned Meetings

(5) The chairman of any Meeting may, upon the resolution of that Meeting, adjourn it from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place.

Voting

(6) At any General Meeting unless a ballot is demanded by two or more Representatives of Members, a declaration by the chairman of the Meeting that a resolution has been carried or has been carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority shall be deemed to have been so carried, lost or not carried as the case may be.

No ballot in certain cases

(7) No ballot shall be demanded on the appointment of a chairman or on a question of adjournment of any Meeting.

Chairman's discretion

(8) If a ballot is demanded by two or more Representatives of Members, it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman of any Meeting may direct and he shall have power to take the ballot at once at the meeting or to adjourn the meeting for a reasonable time for the purpose of taking a postal ballot, and the result of such ballot shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Association in General Meeting.

Minutes as evidence

(9) Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at General Meetings signed by the chairman of the Meeting at which such Minutes were signed as correctly recorded shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated.

Chairman's casting vote

(10) A Representative of a Member or Associate Member present shall have one vote at every meeting and the Representative of every Member or Associate Member shall have one vote on

a postal ballot. The chairman of any Meeting, in the case of an equality of votes, shall have a second or casting vote at that meeting and on a postal ballot.

The Council

6. (1) The members of the Council shall be nine in number chosen from among the Representatives of Members in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bye-Laws. Membership of the Council will reflect the spread of Member Countries. No more than two members of the Council shall come from a single Member Country; at least five Member Countries shall be represented on the Council.

Deputies

Any ordinary member of the Council may appoint a deputy to act on his behalf at a meeting of the Council, and in these Statutes ‘a member of the Council’ includes the deputy of such member when present at a meeting.

Election

(2) Representatives of Members shall be elected at a General Meeting to be members of the Council until the next General Meeting, when they shall be eligible for re-nomination and re-appointment, with the proviso that:

- no person shall serve for more than five consecutive annual terms as an ordinary member of the Council;
- no person shall serve more than five consecutive annual terms as a Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer; and
- no person shall serve more than ten consecutive annual terms as a member of the Council. If there shall be less than the statutory number of nominations, then the General Meeting shall have power to elect without prior nomination sufficient Representatives of Members to be members of the Council to complete that number.

Vacancies

(3) The office of a member of the Council shall ipso facto be vacated if his appointment as a Representative of a Member is withdrawn by that Member; or if the University or University College appointing him ceases to be a Member or an Associate Member as the case may be, or if he has already served 5 consecutive years as a member of the Council.

(4) Casual vacancies shall be filled by the Council from amongst the Representatives of Members.

(5) No act or resolution of the Council shall be invalidated by reason of the existence of any vacancy or vacancies among members of the Council, but if the number of members (including officers) of the Council shall be reduced below six, the continuing members may act for the purpose only of filling vacancies or summoning a General Meeting for that purpose.

Powers and duties of the Council

General

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and these Statutes the Council may exercise any of the powers of the Association. Any decision of the Council may be overruled by a resolution of the Association in General Meeting but any such resolution shall not affect the validity of anything done in accordance with that decision before the date of the General Meeting.

To appoint Committees

(2) The Council may, in consultation with appropriate groups of Universities, appoint special Committees to study and report on questions of interest to the Universities and may provide the necessary secretarial assistance for such Committees.

(3) The Council may, either by means of special Committees or otherwise, study and report on any question referred to them by any Conference or Congress of Universities.

(4) The Meetings and proceedings of every Committee and Sub-Committee shall be governed by the provisions of these Statutes for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Council so far as they are applicable thereto or the Council shall not otherwise direct.

To appoint a Secretary and other officers

(5) The Council may from time to time appoint a Secretary of the Association and any other officers or servants who may be required for the performance of its business. The Council may from time to time appoint a temporary substitute for the Secretary.

Bye-Laws and Regulations

Bye-Laws

I: Appointment of Representatives

1. The appointment of its Representative by a Member, Associate Member or Additional Member must be made in writing, deposited with the Secretary.
2. A Member, Associate Member or Additional Member may from time to time in writing revoke the nomination of the Representative and appoint in accordance with this Bye-Law another Representative in his/her place.
3. Any Member or Associate Member, which has an officer such as Principal, President or Vice-Chancellor whom it recognises as its executive head shall appoint that officer to be its Representative. If a Representative so appointed by virtue of being the executive head of a Member or Associate Member ceases to hold the office by virtue of which he/she was appointed he/she shall cease to be the Representative and his/her successor in that office shall subject to these Bye-Laws be the Representative of the Member or Associate Member.
4. Three months before an Annual General Meeting, the Secretary will compile a list of Representatives and Representatives' Deputies. If any Member, Associate Member or Additional Member has not by then notified the Secretary of its Representative, and where relevant Deputy, he will ask them to do so within at most one month's time. Two months before the Annual General meeting, he will circulate to all Members, Associate members and Additional Members a complete list of Representatives and Deputies.

II: Election of members and officers of Council

1. At the last meeting of the Council to be held three months or more before any Annual General Meeting,
 - the Chairman shall ask all members of the Council who under the terms of Statute 6 (2) above are eligible for re-election to the Council whether they wish their names to be submitted for re-election to membership of the Council for the following year;
 - in the case that one or more of the Chairman, Treasurer or Vice-Chairman either has come to the end of his allowable term under the terms of Statute 6 (2) above or has indicated that he does not wish to be considered for reelection to membership of the Council,

- the Chairman shall
 - call for nominations to any office that is consequently falling vacant and
 - confirm that those nominated would be willing to serve in such office; and then
- the Council shall if possible proceed to elect a member to each vacant office, subject to endorsement by the Annual General Meeting.

2. Three months before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall write to all Representatives:

- to inform them of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Council;
- to ask that they inform him within one month:
 - whether they wish to nominate any other Representative from their Member Country for election to the Council;
 - whether, if nominated, they would be willing to serve as members of the Council and, if so,
 - whether they would be willing in principle, if nominated and chosen, to discharge the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer.

3. If more than one Representative from a Member Country has been nominated and has indicated his willingness to serve as a member of the Council, then two months before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall conduct a postal ballot of the Representatives from that Member Country in order to determine which candidacy has the greatest support among those Representatives, and which has the second greatest support.

4. One month before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall write to all Representatives to inform them

- which Representatives are candidates for membership of Council;
- which Representatives who are candidates would be willing in principle, if nominated and chosen, to discharge the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer; and
- in the case that two Representatives from a Member Country are candidates, which is the first candidate from that Member Country.

5. At the Annual General Meeting, the election of Council Members for the following year, and of officers from among those members, shall proceed as follows:

- ☛ The Chairman shall first put to the Meeting a motion to re-elect all those members of the council eligible and available for re-election. If that motion fails, the Chairman shall put to the Meeting separate motions to re-elect each individual member of the council eligible and available for re-election.
- ☛ If there remain vacancies on the Council, the Chairman shall then put to the Meeting a series of motions to fill those vacancies by electing to membership of the Council candidates whose names have been advised to Representatives as per Clause 4 above of this Bye-Law. The Chairman shall choose among those candidates in such a way as always:
 - ☛ to conform with the terms of Statute 6(1) above; and
 - ☛ if he chooses two candidates from a Member Country, to choose first the first candidate whose name has been advised to Representatives as per Clause 4 above
 1. If there remain vacancies on the Council, the Chairman shall then put to the Meeting motions to fill those vacancies by electing to membership of the Council Representatives whom he shall nominate at his own discretion, subject only to the need to conform with the terms of Statute 6(1) above
 2. The Chairman shall then put to the Meeting a motion to endorse the officeholders elected by the Council as per Clause 1 above of this Bye-Law.
 3. If any offices on the Council remain vacant, the Chairman shall then put to the Meeting motions to fill each vacancy in turn by electing members of the Council whom he shall nominate at his own discretion.

Regulations

I: Admission to Membership

1. The Secretary shall provide any university which intimates to him/her its wish to become a Member with a form of application for execution by it under seal. The form will require the university to enter into an undertaking to be bound by the provisions for the time being in force, or at any time thereafter to be duly brought into force, of the Constitution and of the Statutes, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Association and to name the person to be appointed its Representative in the event of its admission as a member.
2. The application shall be accompanied by:
 - i. a copy of the constitution of the university
 - ii. a copy of the instrument incorporating it under the law of the country in which it is situated. This should normally comprise either a Government decree or an attestation from a regulatory body itself established in law for the purposes of overseeing the development of higher education. It shall be clear from the aforesaid documents that the applicant university is empowered to award its own degrees
 - iii. a copy of the most recent audited Income & Expenditure/Profit & Loss Account, and Balance Sheet.
3. The applicant university must also tender to the Secretary at the same time a remittance for a sum equal to the annual subscription to the Association: if the university is admitted to membership this sum will be treated as its subscription for the financial year of the Association in which it is so admitted.
4. If it appears to the Secretary that the foregoing requirements have been complied with, he/she shall make a report to this effect to the next meeting of the Council or of the appropriate committee thereof and shall submit the application for its consideration.
5. The Council or appropriate committee may direct such further enquiries as it thinks necessary or appropriate.
6. If the Council decides to admit the university as a Member, its admission shall be effective from such date as the Council specifies. The Secretary shall notify the new Member.
7. A list shall be submitted to each Annual General Meeting of the Association of the new Members admitted by the Council since the previous Annual General Meeting.

8. Until otherwise provided by regulation, the foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall mutatis mutandis govern the procedure for applications for the admission by the Council of Associate Members or Additional Members.

II: Admission to Associate/Additional Membership

Without prejudice to the generality of Regulation I, an applicant for Associate or Additional Membership, must, to be admitted:

1. offer degree courses for which at least half the work that is required of a student and is tested in the relevant examination and/or dissertation/thesis is in the field either of Buddhism or of Pali language;
2. have a significant number of postgraduate students registered up to doctoral level;
3. be involved in some significant research activity.



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Ven. Dr. Shih Ming Yi (<i>Vice Chairperson</i>)	Singapore
Ven. Dr. Phra Wisutthiphattharathada (<i>Vice Chairperson</i>)	Thailand
Most Ven. Phramahakanacharyacheendharmasamedhivatra (<i>Member</i>)	Thailand
Most Ven. Phramahakananamdhammapanyathiwat (<i>Member</i>)	Thailand
Most Ven. Phra Theppariyattivimol (<i>Member</i>)	Thailand
Most Ven. Thich Thien Tam (<i>Member</i>)	Vietnam
Ven. Prof. Dr. Le Manh That (<i>Member</i>)	Vietnam
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Dr. Yon Ten (<i>Member</i>)	Bhutan
Ven. Hiek Sopheap, Preah Tepmoly (<i>Member</i>)	Cambodia
Ven. Noeuth Ven (Siladharo) (<i>Member</i>)	Cambodia
Ven. Thich Thien Tam (<i>Member</i>)	Canada
Ven. Thich Nhu Dien (<i>Member</i>)	Germany
Ven. Dr. Satyapala (<i>Member</i>)	India
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