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## Vesak Day Message from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism

On this Vesak Day, I extend my warmest greetings to all Sri Lankans and to the global Buddhist community. This sacred day, which commemorates the Birth, Enlightenment, and Passing Away of the Supreme Buddha, is a moment of deep reflection and renewal for millions across the world.

At a time when the world faces complex challenges, from conflict and economic disparity to environmental crisis, the Buddha's timeless teachings continue to offer wisdom and guidance. Lord Buddha's call for the conquest of greed, hatred, and delusion within ourselves reminds us that lasting peace begins with inner transformation. As a nation shaped by the Dhamma, Sri Lanka remains committed to promoting compassion, mindfulness, and justice in all spheres of governance and global cooperation.

As a nation with a rich Buddhist heritage, Sri Lanka continues to uphold the Dhamma as a guiding force in its national journey. Through initiatives such as the "Clean Sri Lanka" policy, we seek to align economic progress with environmental responsibility and social equity, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable and compassionate development.

Let the celebration of Vesak be a call for unity and moral courage. As we walk the noble path together, may we strive to build a world grounded in metta (loving-kindness), karuna (compassion), mudita (sympathetic joy), and upekkha (equanimity). I extend my sincere best wishes for a peaceful and spiritually uplifting Vesak to all.

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