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INVITATION
to

THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS

MANKIND is faced today with the greatest problem that it has ever been confronted with. With the invention of nuclear weapons the problem of maintaining Peace has become a concern of all peoples, and the people all the world over are crying for Peace; but the yearning for Peace, born of fear, can never be a lasting one, and Hatred, Greed and Delusion, the cause of all human ills and wars will not cease of themselves. People have now begun to realise that the material well-being and scientific advancement alone will not bring Peace and Happiness to Mankind. The need for spiritual and moral well-being is even greater. At this critical juncture of our history we turn towards the sublime teachings of the Buddha which alone, in the words of the Preamble to the Constitution of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, can save the world "by inspiring and influencing the peoples of the earth and their Governments to lead the Buddhist way of life, which is for all ages and times, so that there be Peace and Harmony amongst men and happiness for all beings".

With this end in view H. M. the King of Nepal, Mahendra Vira Vikrama Shah Deva, His Majesty's Government and the people of Nepal, respectfully obeying the holy will of the late King, the beloved and much lamented Tribhuvana Vira Vikrama Shah Deva, have decided to call the Fourth Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, under the auspices of the Dharmodaya Sabha, in Kathmandu, Nepal, the land of the Buddha's birth and of ancient Buddhist culture.

The Dharmodaya Sabha thankfully recalls with what pleasure the proposal to hold the Fourth Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists in Nepal was accepted when it was announced during the Third Conference at Rangoon; and, the Dharmodaya Sabha has now the honour, on behalf of the World Fellowship of Buddhists (Nepal Centre), to extend invitation to TWO delegates to attend the Fourth Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists to be held on November 7, 1956 at Kathmandu. It is sincerely believed that with your delegations' participation and cooperation the Conference will not only be a success but that we will be able to take a step towards the high ideals of universal Peace and Buddhist unity.

May we have the pleasure of hearing from you soon ?

Yours in Dhamma,

Amritananda
(Bhikkhu Amritananda Sthavir)
President,
Dharmodaya Sabha.

Mr. George N. Roerich,
P.O. Kalimpong,
Darjiling,
INDIA.

FORM TO BE FILLED UP BY A DELEGATE OR AN OBSERVER
to
the 4th World Buddhist Conference, November 7, 1956 Kathmandu, Nepal.

- 1 Are you a delegate or an observer or special invitee?
- 2 Name in full (in block letters)
- 3 Permanent Address in full (in block letters)
- 4 Nationality at birth and at present... ..
- 5 Occupation
- 6 Age male or female married or unmarried
- 7 If member of any Society or Organization, the name and address of the same
... ..
- 8 Qualification, if any... ..
- 9 Date of your arrival in Kathmandu
- 10 Duration of your stay in Kathmandu
- 11 Do you intend to stay in Nepal after the Conference, if so, how long will you stay?
- 12 What for do you want to stay?
- 13 Where will you stay or with whom will you stay?
... ..
- 14 Have you ever been to Nepal before?
- 15 Do you know anybody in Nepal? if so, give the name and address
... ..
- 16 Do you intend to get contact with any Merchant, Scholar, Political Leader, Social Leader, or any
Government Official during your stay in Kathmandu?
- 17 What do you like to see specially during your stay in Nepal?
- 18 Who will arrange for your return journey?
- 19 Are you vegetarian or non-vegetarian?
- 20 Can you take any kind of food that we get in Nepal or do you require any special food?
... ..
- 21 Are you carrying with you sufficient winter clothes such as Blanket, Sweater etc.?
- 22 Do you intend to go to Delhi direct from Nepal or you intend to go on pilgrimage in India
after the Conference?

Signature

This form after being filled up should be sent soon to Dharmodaya Sabha, Kathmandu, Nepal
so that necessary arrangements for Visas and other things can be made in time.



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6. Booklets and leaflets for distribution to the delegates who number about 300 may please be brought.
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2. Each delegate, special invitee and observer should have at least 6 passport size photographs required to obtain Visas.
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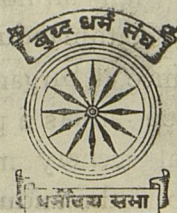
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To

Mr. George N. Roerich,
Kalimpong,
Kerjeeling,
India.

Sir,

It is a pleasure to remind you that in the 4th World Buddhist Conference to be held in Kathmandu in the 7th of the coming November, the topic to be discussed is "Buddhism in the modern World".

So may we request you to be prepared for the conference and also request you to take note of the subjects given below as sent by the Hd. quarter of W.F.B. Will you please be kind enough to inform us in due time as to in which subject your delegation is to deal. We hope that you will help us in managing all these things by replying us in due time.

The subjects are:-

- (1) Buddhism and Individualism.
- (2) Buddhism and the State.
- (3) Buddhism and Capitalism.
- (4) Buddhism and Socialism.
- (5) Buddhism and Communism.
- (6) Buddhism and the role of the Monk.
- (7) Buddhism and the welfare State.
- (8) Buddhism and Dharmadutta work.

Any other suggestions regarding the Conference will be highly appreciated.

Hoping for an early response,

I remain to be
Your's in Dhamma

Asha Ram Skya
(Asha Ram Skya)
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NEPAL 2500
17th. August 1956

Dear Sir,

I am to inform you that the 7th. of November 1956, previously fixed as the date of commencement of the 4th. World Buddhist Conference to be held in Kathmandu has now been changed. This has been required by the 2500th. Buddha Jayanti Celebrations in India having been scheduled to commence from the 24th. of Nov. 1956, and the symposium on "The achievements of Buddhism" to be held under the auspices of UNESCO to take place on the 26th. 1956. As most of the invitees of the 4th. World Buddhist Conference might have been invited to take part in the Jayanti Celebrations and the Symposium in India a gap of seven days will be obviously inconvenient. So the 15th. of November has been fixed and the Conference will last up to 21st. November, so that they may be able to go to India after attending the concluding session of the Conference in Lumbini here.

Please inform us definitely before the 15th. of September 1956 of your attending or inability to attend the Conference so as to enable us to make adjustments of seats for these who are asking for the same.

Yours in the Dhamma.

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