



DECLARATION OF WORLD PEACE
ABCP Executive Council
Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City,
October 7-8, 2023.

On this auspicious day of October 7, 2023, we, representatives of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace, assembled at Vietnam Buddhist University in Ho Chi Minh City to discuss the challenges of global peace. As adherents of Lord Buddha's teachings, which place a strong emphasis on non-violence, compassion and peace, we hereby affirm our unshakeable dedication to advancing peace and justice as follows:

1. Recognizing the Inter-connectedness of All Beings:

Buddhism teaches that all beings are interconnected and that the suffering of one has an impact on the well-being of all. We realize the severe suffering and pain brought on by the armed conflicts in different parts of the world, and we sincerely stand in solidarity with the people who have experienced extreme adversity.

2. Embracing Non-Violence

The principle of non-violence is at the heart of Buddhist thought, and we condemn all acts of aggression and violence. Instead of turning to military solution, we implore all sides to seek amicable alternatives via understanding, and give priority to peaceful talks and negotiations.

3. Cultivating Compassion and Empathy

Buddhism teaches us to develop compassion and empathy for all beings, regardless of their origin, race or religious affiliation. We implore people, groups and governments to confront this catastrophe with great empathy, acknowledging the intrinsic worth and common humanity of everyone concerned.

4. Raising Awareness and Educating People

ABCP is committed to spreading the fundamental values of non-violence, compassion and peace taught by Lord Buddha. Through debate and education, we strive to create a society where differences are settled and the values of compassion, loving-kindness, and understanding are cherished.

As representatives of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace, gathered at Vietnam Buddhist University, we stand united in our commitment to world peace and call for the resolution of conflicts through non-violence, compassion, and understanding.

May the Triple Gem bless us all!

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