

## **2019 NINH BINH DECLARATION**

Adopted on the Occasion of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace Executive Council Meeting, 12-16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

We, Buddhist monastic members and laymen representatives of ABCP national centres gathered together at Bai Dinh Pagoda in Ninh Binh, Vietnam for the ABCP Executive Council meeting to review the plans and actions by Standing Commissions. This event was a follow-up from the Eleventh ABCP General Assembly held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in June 2019. We also took time to reconfirm our strong commitments to achieve all goals that have been set and align with the mission, objectives and charter of ABCP.

The focus was on ensuring actions to continue that strongly promote peace, tackle the challenges of sustainable development and preserve Buddhist culture and values.

It has provided the ample opportunity to develop a number of specific actions for implementation and further uphold our commitment to global peace, harmony, unity, equality and environmental consciousness.

At the outset, the Executive Council expresses deep appreciation and gratitude to the Mongolian National Preparatory Committee headed by His Eminence Khamba Lama, Gabju Choijamts Demberel, President of ABCP for successfully hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ABCP in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in June 2019.

The Executive Council also acknowledges and appreciates National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and ABCP Vietnam National Centres for their warm hospitality and successful hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting.

To achieve its objectives, the delegation received update reports from the national centres on their activities and Standing Commissions which summarized the actions being taken in the following Articles:

1. Prevent conflict, extremism, terrorism and encourage religious co-existence and establish dialogues and cooperations among religions and communities for world peace.

2. Preserve mother earth for the interdependence of nature and welfare of all beings. Educate and encourage people to plant more trees, conserve nature, preserve bio-diversity and survival of all species and implement better recycle management. Focus on global development in collaboration with the UN and other international bodies to implement the planned goals for sustainable development & environment conservation.

3. Promote harmonious unity among different Buddhist schools by ABCP regional national centres.

4. Strive to educate people to refrain from brutal acts and violence.

5. Enhance gender equality and women empowerment to enable women to pursue their career of choice. Encourage women and girls to actively take part in education, training, science and technology activities and to have better employment opportunities.

6. Foster Buddhist traditions and culture to build global Buddhist community and partnership. Utilize new technology to record documents and preserve Buddhist cultural heritage online.

7. Encourage Buddhist organizations to involve more in disaster relief and socially engaged activities.

8. A three year ABCP Development Plan prepared by ABCP secretariat was unanimously adopted for implementation at all national centres.

9. A plan for activities by each ABCP national centre and Standing Commissions of ABCP was adopted for promoting its activities in member countries.

10. ABCP Executive Council approves and supports the proposal of Indian national centre to host the 12<sup>th</sup> general assembly of ABCP in India, 2021.

11. ABCP Executive Council recommends the proposal of Vietnam national centre to host the 13<sup>th</sup> general assembly.



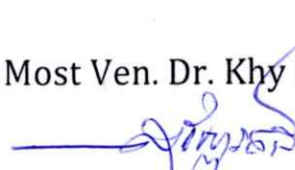

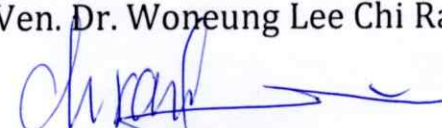
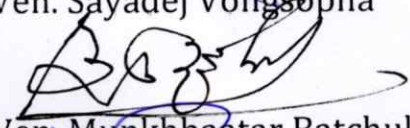
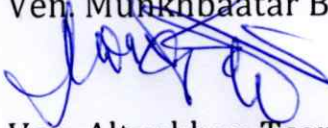
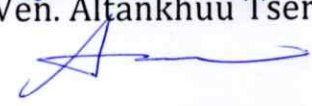
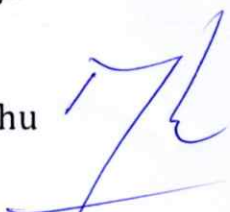
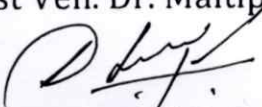
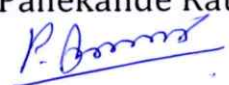


12. To propagate ABCP activities, all ABCP national centres may have their own edition of "Dharmaduta" in their languages. The Executive Council held in Vietnam has approved the following to be members of Editorial Board of Dharmaduta: Most Ven. Dr. Thich Nhat Tu - Standing Vice Rector of Vietnam Buddhist University(Vietnam), Most Ven. Dr. Khy Sovanratana –Acting Rector of Sihanoukraj Buddhist University (Cambodia), Most Ven. Dr. Woneung Lee Chi Ran - Rector of Dong Bang Buddhist University (Korea), Most. Ven. Dr. Maitipe Wimalasara, President of Sri Lanka National Centre (Wipulasara Chapter), Most Ven. Maitri Bhikkhu –President of ABCP Nepal National Centre and Mr. Sonam Wangchuk – Secretary of ABCP Indian National Centre.

13. Encourage each national centre to have its own website and social media in their respective languages for the propagation of ABCP mission and activities.

14. Each national centre should send its report in English of their activities to ABCP Secretariat twice a year for inclusion in Dharmaduta Journal.

15. ABCP approves an annual membership fee from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 of \$1000 USD per national centre. ABCP appreciates the contribution of National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha donating \$10,000 USD to a corporate fund donation.

At the conclusion this successful executive meeting, we the assembled delegates, unanimously adopted this declaration on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at Bai Dinh Pagoda, Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam by the ABCP Executive Council.

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Ninh Binh, Vietnam, 13-15 December, 2019