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**PRESS RELEASE**

Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Hon'ble Prime Minister will be visiting Thailand to deliver the keynote speech at the 15<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day for Celebration of Vesak from 24 – 26 May 2018. The 15<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day for Celebration of Vesak is being hosted by Thailand on the theme “Buddhist Contribution for Human Development.”

Vesak celebrates the three sacred occasions; birth, enlightenment and passing away of Buddha Gautama. Vesak celebration was first recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 and first of its celebration was held at the UN Headquarters in 2001. The United Nations observed the 2018 International Day of Vesak at the General Assembly Hall on 1 May, 2018. Bhutan is a member of the Organizing Committee led by the Permanent Missions of Sri Lanka and Thailand to the United Nations.

During the visit, Dasho Tshering Tobgay will call on Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand. Dasho Tshering Tobgay will return to Bhutan on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

  
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