



Lunar New Year Greeting - The Year of the Dragon 2024

Namo Shaykyamuni Buddha

Dear Fellow Buddhists,

Time by time Spring is coming back to every corner throughout our beloved country. It happens the same here when the Spring is greeting thousands of blooming flowers after each footstep of an expatriate in connecting with life rhythm of all things in the Universe. All Vietnamese people, in general and all Vietnamese Buddhists, in particular, together welcome a new spring, a Maitreya spring – full of loving kindness and tolerance, respect and joyfulness from Maitreya Bodhisattva .

The first day of Lunar New Year or Vietnam traditional Tet is also the celebration one of Maitreya Bodhisattva. Therefore, our Vietnamese people usually go to temples to pay homage to the Buddha at the beginning of Lunar New Year in order to pray for their families' peacefulness, joyfulness and happiness as Maitreya Bodhisattva's vow - cultivating his bodhisattva mind: offer joys in the morning and save all sentient beings from sufferings in the evening.

“ Đại đố năng dung, dung thế giới nan dung chi sự
Hàm nhan vi tiếu, tiếu thế gian nan tiếu chi nhân”
(Translation: “ The big belly can contain , embracing matters difficult to withstand in this world
The smile is always there, laughing at ridiculous people in this world ”)

That is the core of Buddhism and the very message that Maitreya Buddha would like to convey for us :
“ Let your mind be peaceful and gentle to welcome new year full of joys . Let's share kind and loving smiles of Maitreya Buddha with our beloved ones, friends and colleagues ...

Let's smile every chance meeting each other
Life passes as swiftly as flowing water or drifting flowers
Fame and fortune just as clouds up and down all the time
Only love is left with life!

May all fellow Buddhists , families , relatives and friends a peaceful new year and joyful spring at our wishes !

Welcoming Spring with joyfulness, equanimity and increasing effect. Celebrating Tet with more loving, kindness + compassion and less stress.

Namo Amitabha Buddha



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