



# International Tipitaka Chanting Council

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **SIXTH INTERNATIONAL TIPITAKA CHANTING CEREMONY**

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The International Tipitaka Chanting Council (ITCC) announces today that the Sixth International Tipitaka Chanting ceremony will be held in Bodhgaya from December 2-12<sup>th</sup> 2010. Senior monks and their followers from ten countries will come together to chant from the Pali Tipitaka at the ancient Mahabodhi Mahavihara temple in Bodhgaya, Bihar, India.

In 2010 the Sanghas of Laos and Bangladesh will organize the event, bringing together an estimated 2000 monks from the countries of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. The Sangharajas of India, Cambodia and Bangladesh will also grace the ceremony. An opening procession in the presence of VIP's will be held on the first day, and each evening Dharma talks will be offered under the Bodhi tree by senior monks from all over the Theravada world.

Commenting on the importance of the event, the Most Venerable U Nyaninda, President of the International Tipitaka Chanting Council said: *"this great ceremony has re-established the tradition of chanting the Buddha word under the Bodhi tree by the great sangha of the Theravada school. It is inspiring to see so many monks and their followers from so many countries gathering in the ancient heartland of the Buddhadharma in this manner."*

His Holiness Venerable Dr. Dharmasen Mahathero, Supreme Patriarch of the Buddhist of Bangladesh stated: *"I believe that in this world of unrest, nuclear threats, environmental degradation, delusion, hatred and greed this Tripitaka Chanting Ceremony will be able to usher a new era for peace and happiness for all sentient beings in the days to come."*

His Holiness Venerable S. Dharmapal Mahathera, Sanghanayaka of Bangladesh Bouddha Bhikkhu Mahasabha stated: *"The International Tripitaka Chanting Council is continuing with noble endeavors of arranging Chanting Ceremony for the last few years. This noble effort has created remarkable impetus and enthusiasm to the Mahasangha members and also to the lay devotees of the world."*

Most Venerable Phra Achan Maha Phong Samaleuk, the Acting President of Lao Buddhist Fellowship Organization stated: *"On this occasion, I would like to request all the Buddhist Sangha and Buddhist devotees around the world to participate in the Chanting Ceremony of the Tipitaka directly connected with the Lord Buddha, which is the best opportunity for Buddhists all over the world to commemorate and express their gratitude to the Lord Buddha at the Holy-Land by observing wholesome deeds in accordance with the teachings of the Lord Buddha: observing Sila (morality), Bhavana (meditation) and Dana (offerings) according to the traditions."*

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