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Most Venerable Bhikkhu Saṅgha and friends in Dhamma,

We have all assembled here this morning to discuss ways and means to unite all the devotees of the Buddha in this country and the world—to strengthen ourselves in the benevolent teachings of the Enlightened One and to help the entire humanity to benefit by practising the universal and non-sectarian teaching of the Buddha. These united efforts will help to bring real peace, real harmony and real happiness in this world suffering from sectarian conflicts, communal disharmony and intolerance.

On my return from a three-month long Dhamma journey to East Asian countries, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the Government of India was hosting the present International Celebration. With great happiness, I accepted the kind invitation to deliver the keynote address in this conference.

Indeed, this is a very appropriate time for India to host such a conference. I found during my various Dhamma tours around the