

# How Lumbini could bring harmony to the world

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Dear President, representatives of all nation, brothers and sisters,

It is an honour to be part of this world peace event and I would like to thank you all for giving me an opportunity to express a few lines on the promotion of World Peace City Lumbini, Nepal.

The word “peace” is a very very big word. If we look in the human history, there were many conflicts and wars in which millions of people have died. what is the root cause of all this wars? However it is presented as it is to us, if we look from a deeper level, it is not difficult to see, sometime it is because of hatred, greed, jealousy, pride and misunderstanding.

It has harmed many people as well as ourselves. So if we want the world to be a better place, then we have to begin to plant a seed of goodness within oneself and share with others. Then there will be peace and harmony in our lives, our children’s lives and their children’s lives. One of the basic principles of Buddhism is interdependence, the idea that all things are interconnected. *“When you help other, it helps you, when you harm other, it harms you.”*

Collaboration and sharing has a lot of impact in our life. If you create a favourable condition for our basic human nature, it is natural that our basic human qualities will flourish. Like Jesus, the violence ceased suddenly when he said “he who has not sinned cast the first stone.”

Lumbini, a birth place of Buddha is the source of favourable conditions for millions of people simply because Buddha was born there. People come there,

sit down calm, close their eyes and enjoy the silence and love, the sound of birds and wind and the presence of Buddha. It has an impact. May be not big but imagine, a dew drop, may seem too small to say but somewhere a flower , desperately await its fall. Some people come there for healing purpose suffering from physical difficulties and mental difficulties like fear, guilt, stress, depression, anxiety, loneliness etc...

When medically solutions becomes limited, some then turn to this kind of place hoping for some spiritual solution. Then we offer them some mindfulness meditation on how to be ok. How to letting go off. Therefore people benefit from it. Again for some people it could be encouraging and inspiring, if an ordinary man like Buddha can become extraordinary, simply knowing the fact that ordinary people like us, no matter how delusional we are, there is a possibility to do something great. It give us hope.

We all have love but the problem is that our love is very limited; we make a barrier, we make a superficial barrier, we love only those which we like. Why can't we extend our love to everybody because we all, without exception, want to be happy and want to avoid suffering.

Basically in this regard we all are the same. Therefore developing love, compassion, tolerance and non-violence and getting rid of anger, hatred could gradually bring joy and happiness in the world. Therefore I would like to thank all the people who are working so hard to keep this holy place alive and I thank you all the sponsors for your financial contribution to this project and please be the protectors of world peace.

Thank you!