

## A historic gathering that says “We Are One”

The gathering of this number is hard to come about: more than 100,000 monks have to voluntarily travel to come here to increment merit for themselves and to be fields of merit for lay people. An average person lives for 75 years. If we are to make merit to one temple a day, we need more than a lifetime to make merit to all 100,000 monks from 30,000 temples just in Thailand.

In addition, monks residing in deep rural areas of Thailand and from Korea, Burma, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Bangladesh, China, Taiwan and many other parts of the world will also come to join the two extraordinary merit-making events. Lay visitors will have opportunities to make merit with monks from other countries according to their wishes.

Even among Buddhist monks, such ceremonies and presence of fellow monks in record numbers are spectacular rarities. This unprecedented merit-making event will leave them with indelible memories that they were present in this historic gathering and that they were among those who made history in the strengthening of unity among Buddhist monks.

The strengthened unity of Buddhist monks will lead to the strengthened unity of Buddhist followers in Thailand, Asia and the rest of the world. This will ensure that Buddhism will remain with the world for at least a thousand years, continuing to bring peace and happiness to humankind. More people will discover their own Dhammakaya and feel inspired to spread love and good wishes to those around, triggering the start of the Global Cooling Effect.

## The resulting merit

The Lord Buddha praises the offering of essentials to monks as a group without choosing individual recipients as a way of making great merit. The larger the number of monks present means the bigger the merit, an energy that will attract good people, events and opportunities to whoever has it to the degree that they have it.

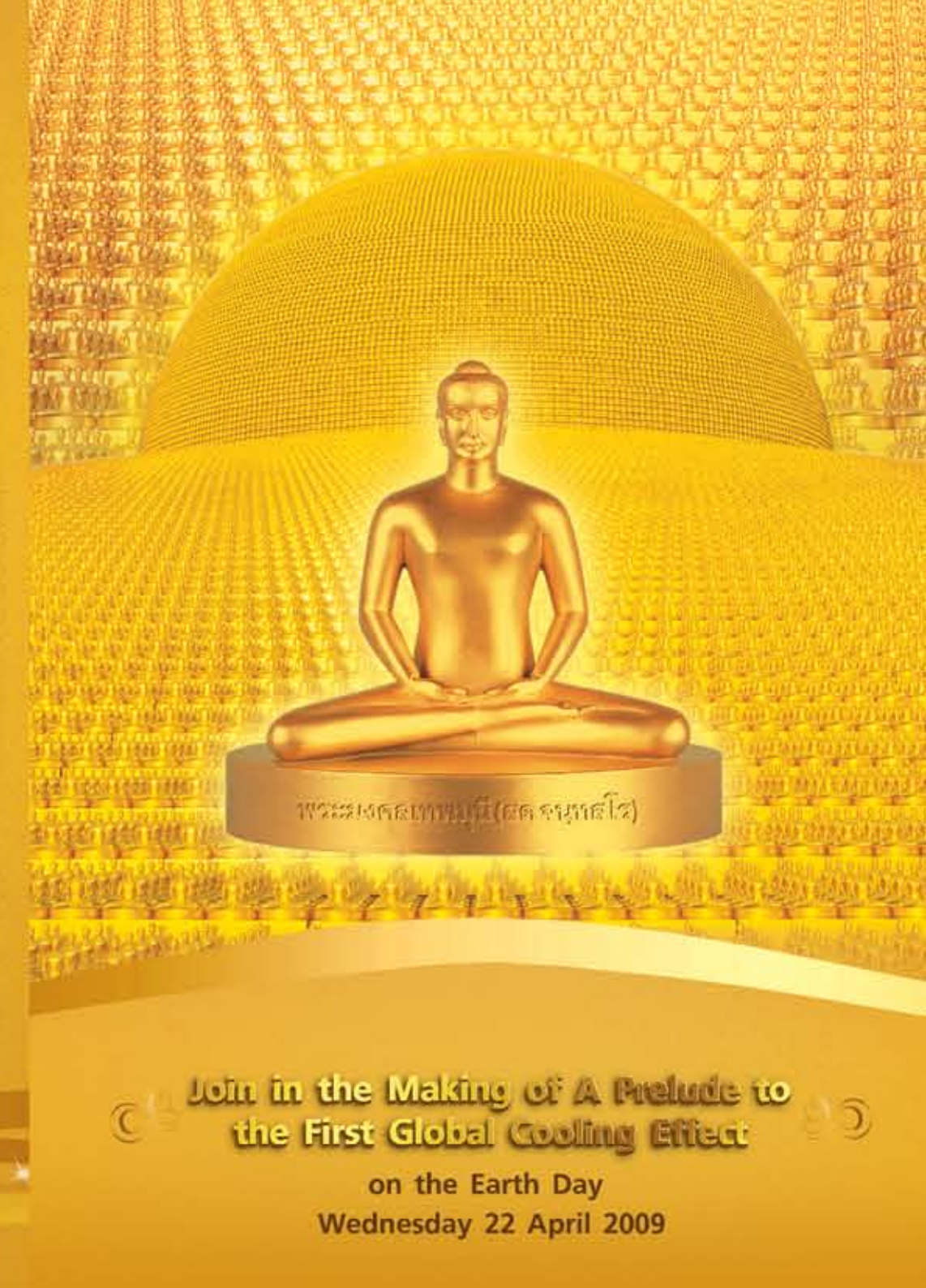
This merit continues to grow far beyond the end of the ceremony day. Donors will have a share in the merit of all the recipient monks who use these essentials to do the job of a good monk, studying Dhamma, meditating, imparting moral lessons, and serving as a moral inspiration to lay people. Each alms-offering set comprises two Dhamma books, a set of saffron robes, a box of medicine including a first aid kit, a cloth bag, a meal and non-alcoholic refreshment and a small amount of cash to cover transportation.

The merit resulting from joining in the casting of Buddha Dhammakaya images will facilitate the discovery of the Body of Enlightenment in the present lifetime and ensure pleasing physical attributes in future lifetimes. This merit will also attract success, good reputation, respect and pleasant opportunities to the donor.

The donor’s merit grows every time one or more persons come to pay respect to the pagoda and Buddha images or feel inspired to meditate or do other virtuous deeds. In fact, it will continue to grow beyond their lifetimes. The fact that the holy structure is built with donations from many peace lovers and virtuous people from all over the world means that we will have good karmic ties with many good people.

Donations can be made at the Dhammakaya Temple in Pathum Thani province, Thailand or at any overseas Dhammakaya meditation centers between now and 22 April 2009.

For more information,  
please visit [www.dmc.tv/en](http://www.dmc.tv/en) or [www.dhammakaya.or.th](http://www.dhammakaya.or.th)  
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Join in the Making of A Prelude to  
the First Global Cooling Effect  
on the Earth Day  
Wednesday 22 April 2009





### **Be among the pioneers who start the world’s first Global Cooling Effect**

The world is not getting hotter by itself, but by unwholesome acts of human beings. Likewise, it is not going to become cooler by itself, but by virtuous acts of its occupants--starting with ourselves.

Giving makes the world go around, generating happiness both for the giver and the recipient like falling rain on a hot, arid soil. The sight of tens of thousands of Lord Buddha’s Body of Enlightenment (Dhammakaya) images will lift the mind of the beholder, inspiring virtuous thoughts that lead to virtuous actions.

Each Buddha Dhammakaya image on the outside and inside the Dhammakaya Cetiya is cast according to the 32 unique physical features that are exclusively available only to a Lord Buddha as a direct result of his constant accumulation of extraordinary merit for eons after eons.

### **The grand merit-making event of unprecedented scale since the dawn of the Buddhist era**

For the first time since the passing of the Lord Buddha 2552 years ago, two extraordinary merit-making phenomena will take place in a single day on the Earth Day of 22 April 2009:

- \* The casting of about 300,000 remaining Buddha images for enshrinement inside the Dhammakaya Cetiya, the world’s largest pagoda in modern history that was built entirely with public donations.
- \* The gathering of more than 100,000 Buddhist monks from more than 30,000 temples from every region of Thailand, including the 266 temples in the restive south.

### **One million Buddha Dhammakaya images with individual donors’names inscribed**

The golden pagoda Dhammakaya Cetiya has been made even more sacred with the adornment of 300,000 Buddha Dhammakaya images on the outside and 700,000 more on the inside, representing the Bodies of Enlightenment of one million Buddha’s. The Body of Enlightenment is every human being’s natural, innate source of complete happiness that is independent of personal circumstances and external factors.

The pagoda itself is built with materials of highest quality and equipped with state-of-the-art technologies for multi-level protection against thunder, acid rain and floods. Results of scientific tests point to the possibility of 1,000-year durability. Repeated laboratory tests in Japan confirmed that the unique blend of metals used in the casting of Buddha Dhammakaya images could last at least a thousand years.

From the inception of the project to construct the Dhammakaya Cetiya in 1995 till now, about 700,000 Buddha Dhammakaya images have been cast and enshrined at the golden pagoda. Each solid gold-coated image bears the name of the donor or his/her loved one at the base.

As such, each Buddha Dhammakaya image is an “individual Dhammakaya image,” reminding individual owners that regardless of nationality, race and faith, they are born with a Body of Enlightenment and the self-discovery of which will bring them unparallel happiness. Their inner discovery of the Body of Enlightenment or Dhammakaya will inspire them to spread their inner peace from meditation to the outside world and to share happiness with others around them. The start of the first Global Cooling Effect is within reach.

### **Final opportunity to be part of history in the making of the Dhammakaya Cetiya**

The project is scheduled to come to a close on 22 April 2009—hence, the final opportunity to have full individual names inscribed on the bases of some of the remaining 300,000 Buddha Dhammakaya images. These inscriptions will serve as merit-making evidences of individual donors, leaving behind an imprinted legacy of virtue for their future generations.



### **Alms-offering to more than 100,000 monks from all over Thailand**

On 22 April, Buddhists and other peace lovers as well as monks of all sects from 30,000 temples all over Thailand will gather here. Besides the ceremony to cast Buddha Dhammakaya images, the day will see the gathering of more than 100,000 monks taking place for the second time in the nation’s history.

The presence of this large number of monks in the meditating position is one of the rarest and most mind-lifting sights worthy of beholding at least once in a lifetime. When the alms presentation ceremony is over, lay participants will hear the sounds of the monks giving blessings echoing from all the four sides of the 4 kilometer-long Grand Meditation Stadium for World Peace