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Dear Mr. Yasuhara,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your letter of 3 December 2007, inviting him as a keynote speaker on the issue of the realization of world peace and equality at the 24th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, to be held from 14 to 17 November 2008 in Tokyo.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, however, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to attend, owing to the multiple demands already on his schedule for that period of the year. I am nevertheless pleased to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

With thanks for your kind understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Yeocheol Yoon

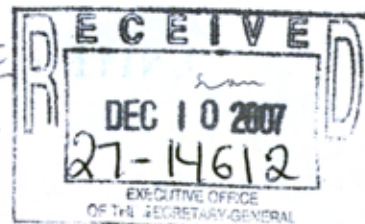
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3, December B.E2550 (2007)

His Excellency

Mr. Ban Ki - Moon

Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Excellency

We hope our letter finds you in good health and spirits. We apologize to take just a bit of your attention concerning an important event for next year, 2008.

The World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) holds a general conference every two years to which we invite Buddhist priests, scholars, and lay people from all over the world. Japan Buddhist Federation (JBF), which is the representative organization of WFB in Japan, will host the next 24th general conference from November 14th to 17th, 2008. The purpose of this conference is to hold symposia on various critical issues including peace and conflict, the environmental crisis, alienation and youth problems, spiritual preparation for death, alternative development and gross national happiness, and gender. Through these symposia, we wish to consider the critical situation of the world and to suggest solutions based on a Buddhist way of thinking and practice.

It is for that reason that we would like to request your attendance as keynote speaker for the afternoon session on November 15th on the issue of the realization of world of peace and equality. Not only we at WFB and JBF, but also the Korean-Japan Buddhist associations, would be highly

appreciative of your participation as a keynote speaker.

The World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) was established as an organization in the 1950s to spread Buddhist teaching and to form mutual relationships with other Buddhist communities internationally. WFB is composed of 147 regional centers in 39 countries, with the headquarters located in Bangkok, Thailand. WFB also has formal consultative relations as an NGO within UNESCO. The host of the conference, the Japan Buddhist Federation,, has 102 traditional Buddhist institutions within Japan.

We would be very honored to have you in attendance at the conference, and we think that you would also gain benefit from meeting the many interesting participants who will attend the conference. We would be grateful if you could respond to our invitation by the end of this year, 2007.

Yours in the Dharma,



Ko Yasuhara

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22, August B.E2550 (2007)

A Proposal for the WFB Executive Council Meeting

The 24th General Conference of the WFB.

The 15th General Conference of the WFBY.

The 7th Meeting of the WBU.

Theme 「Buddhist' s contribution to resolving social problems」

-- Tackling alienation, inequality, discrimination, violence, and environmental,
degradation --

<Tentative Schedule >

Date: 14-17 (Executive council Meeting on 13) November BE2551(2008)

Location: Asakusa View Hotel and Senso-ji Temple (Player for World Peace)

12, Wednesday	Arrival of WFB Office Bears / Executive Council Members
13, Thursday	WFB Executive Council Meeting Arrival of all participants WFBY.WBU Meeting
14, Friday	General Council Meeting Plenary Session Opening Ceremony Welcoming Dinner Cultural Program WFBY.WBU Meeting
15, Saturday	Keynote address Symposium 1 Problems of suicide and mental illness 2 Problems covering children and the youth 3 Gender issues 4 Terminal care issues

- 5 Peace issues
- 6 Issues on development,
- 7 Environment issues

Standing Committee Meeting of WFB

Draft Committee (Summarizing the issues raised in the symposium)

WFBY.WBU Meeting

16, Sunday	Plenary Session (discussion on the issues presented by the Draft Committee) Prayer for World Peace (at Sensoji-Temple) Press Conference Closing Ceremony
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17, Monday	Check out and Departure
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We are planning to invite professionals and specialists to join in the symposium and workshops with the WFB participants.