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The Royal Grand Hall of Buddhism, Nenbutsushu Sampozan Muryojuji Head Temple, a sacred place for all Buddhists in the world

A peerless temple in harmony with Mother Nature

The crystallization of Buddhist cultures flourishes within the precincts.
Buddha images from 51 countries are enshrined in the Sakyamuni Hall.

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H.E. Antonio Guterres, U.N. Secretary-General (excerpt from goodwill message)


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MESSAGE TO THE NINTH BUDDHIST SUMMIT

Hyogo, 7-10 April 2026

I am deeply honoured to greet the Ninth Buddhist Summit.

In today's turbulent, divided and often violent world, the Buddha's timeless teachings of non-violence, compassion and service to others light a path to a peaceful and sustainable future.

In 2021, I had the great privilege of an audience with the Brother Ordinary in Kamakura, Japan. That visit underscored my conviction that the message and efforts of Buddhists around the world are more relevant than ever before.

Nenbutsushu has been active in the Buddhist movement for peace and the Buddha's path in work on race — in solidarity, compassion and wisdom.

I am hopeful that the Ninth Summit will make an important step in that direction, gathering

Goodwill Message



International Buddhist Day–April 8

Wishing for the propagation of Buddhism in the world in celebration of the advent of Lord Buddha


Commemorative photo session in front of the Sakyamuni Hall


Procession ceremony of children in traditional costumes


Expert to the U.N. Secretary-General performs the *kanbutsu* ritual


Children pouring water on a statue of the newborn Buddha


More than 140,000 visitors from Japan and abroad


An area of over 180 hectares at the foot of Mt. Mikusa


The Main Gate boasts elaborate roof structures


The Prince Shotoku Hall is a magnificent octagonal shrine


The Five-story Pagoda is decorated in Korean dancheong style


The Sutra Hall stores sutras from various countries


The precincts have more than 7,000 cherry trees

The Ninth Buddhist Summit

Held from April 7 to 10, 2026, with the 51 member countries to promote world peace through Buddhism


Doudou Diene, the chief guest of honor, delivers the message of the U.N. Secretary-General


Keynote speech on the essence of Buddhism


Commemorative photo session with Buddhist leaders and honorable guests


Supreme Buddhist leaders from Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions in one hall


Buddhist flag and national flags of the 51 member countries fluttering

Unity of Buddhists (From the Joint Communique of the Ninth Buddhist Summit)

Buddhist Summit member countries from around the world resolve to promote International Buddhist Day and propagate Buddhism for the realization of world peace.

Goodwill Messages

Received from H.E. Antonio Guterres, U.N. Secretary-General, H.M. King Charles III of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations, and other dignitaries and national leaders.

Director of UNFPA
Royal Family member of Thailand
H.E. the Prime Minister of Canada
Representative of UNHCR in Ethiopia
H.E. the Governor-General of Australia
H.E. the Prime Minister of Malaysia
H.E. the Vice-President of the European Parliament
H.E. the President of France
H.E. the Prime Minister of Nepal
H.M. the King of Busoga, Uganda
H.E. the President of Myanmar
H.E. the Prime Minister of Spain
H.R.H. the Princess of Bhutan
H.E. the President of Nepal
Royal Family members of Cambodia
H.E. the Prime Minister of Bhutan
(See the Buddhist Summit website)

International Buddhist Day Venue in Japan: The Royal Grand Hall of Buddhism, Nenbutsushu Sampozan Muryojuji Head Temple (Kato City, Hyogo Pref.) **Free admission (reservation required)**

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Upholding the noble ideals of Lord Buddha, let us unite the world and protect our beautiful planet.