

From the Desk of the Editor

- From the Esala BOSAT issue we shall be starting a new series that will be of great benefit to everyone irrespective of age, religion or nationality. The series will assist in cultivating and enhancing correct attitudes in one's personal development and when interacting with the outside world, whether in proximity or otherwise. All BOSAT readers are privileged to learn on the subject of **Right Attitudes** from an Emeritus Professor of Pali and Buddhist Studies of the University of Colombo.
- In the Poson BOSAT, the inspiring speech made at the UN Vesak Day in New York by Bhikkhu Paññākaro of 'Walk for Peace' fame, was published. In the Asian region, the UN Day of Vesak was celebrated at Wuxi City in Jiangsu Province China. A presentation made by Most Venerable Tirikunamale Ananda Mahanayaka Thera, the Abbot of Siri Vajiraramaya, on the theme '**Harnessing Buddhist Wisdom for People's Well-being**' is reproduced for your benefit.
- In Sri Lanka all are beneficiaries of free education from the kindergarten to the end of tertiary education in state institutions. The father of free education is **C.W.W. Kannangara**, himself a brilliant student and an all-rounder. There are many lessons to learn from his career as a teacher, lawyer, politician and a visionary. His contributions are recounted under builders of our nation
- There are many other feature articles for your reading pleasure. More specifically, is the interesting story of finding the place, which is being saluted by Buddhist

devotees even now. A little bit of our heritage is on *Divāguhāva*, the cave the Buddha rested with the accompanying 500 arahants after placing the impression of his left foot on the summit of Sri Pāda.

- Buddhists would have heard of the two merchants - Tapassu and Bhalluka. Their meeting the Buddha and offering of food is a very unpretentious action. But looking back at that event after 2615 years gives it a new dimension and this is what is captured in the article ‘**Foundational Milestones on the fiftieth day after attaining Buddhahood**’.
- Birth as a human is considered highly valuable because it is a rare occurrence in the cosmological world. The article in Sinhala written by an erudite scholar with much experience in the government Department of Educational Publications unravels the ‘**value of human life**’ – ‘මිනිසාගේ බවේ අගය’. It is a very timely contribution observing the callous way lives are lost in road accidents, carelessness and unrestrained behaviour.

Wars for hegemony without caring for precious lives lost seems to be the order of the day. League of Nations after World War I was replaced after World War II by the United Nations, with veto powers to five nations, who were called Allies when winning the war. Is the UN getting outdated to resolve the problems of the world today? Has humanity lost its way in pursuit of power and material gain?

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