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Venerable Thich Quang Ba
The Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Australia - New Zealand
National Executive Council
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Dear Venerable Ba

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 2011 to the Prime Minister requesting a message and photograph for the Fourth Synod of the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Australia - New Zealand to be held on 18 March 2011.

The Prime Minister is pleased to provide the enclosed message and photograph and sends you her best wishes.

Please note that the Prime Minister's message should not be used for any other purpose, translated or altered in any way without her approval.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nicola Fookes', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Nicola Fookes
Departmental Liaison Officer



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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD

**FOURTH SYNOD OF THE UNIFIED VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST
CONGREGATION OF AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND, 18 MARCH 2011**

My warmest regards to those participating in the Fourth Synod of the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Australia - New Zealand.

As a multicultural nation, Australia is enriched by the contribution of all who make Australia home, including the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist community.

Our shared values of tolerance, peaceful co-existence and harmonious collaboration reflect greatly on our way of life. It is through your efforts, and those of all Australians, that our nation is strengthened.

Together we will continue to gain invaluable insights into our different cultural backgrounds and will increase our understanding of what it means to be Australian.

To all attending the Fourth Synod I trust that you will be inspired to continue the good work your community makes to Australia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

The Honourable Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister of Australia