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To: Most Venerable Sangha, Venerable Monks and Nuns
Buddhists and distinguish guests.

Invitation to Festivities at Pagode Vien Giac From 27.06.2019 to 30.06.2019

Namo Shakya Muni Buddha
Most Venerable Sangha,
Dear Buddhists and guests.

Last year (2018) the Pagoda Vien Giac has already celebrated its 40th anniversary of the founding of the Vien Giac Pagoda (1978-2018) and the Association of the Buddhist Vietnamese Refugees in Germany. Next year (2019) we will be celebrating further festivities such as 40th anniversary of the founding of the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation, Chapter in Germany (1979-2019) and the Vien Giac magazine (1979-2019).

According to the decision of the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation in Europe to organize every three years an Ordination Ceremony to give Buddhist ordained members living in Europe the opportunity to obtain the ordination, the Pagoda Vien Giac is going to organize the 'Quan Thong' Ordination Ceremony next year (2019) to pay gratitude to the Triple Gem and the patriarchs to maintain and spreading the Buddhist traditions to the younger generations. Also I will be 70 years of age next year, having 55 years living as a buddhist monk.

The pagoda Vien Giac would not be like today, without the spiritual and material support of the monks and nuns as well as Buddhists in Germany and many other countries. The forthcoming celebrations in 2019 also offer ordained members and lay disciples the opportunity to express their gratitude and great veneration towards the patriarchs and predecessors of the tradition. We would like to invite you, most Venerable Sangha and dear Buddhists and guests, to come to the Pagoda Vien Giac and to attend the festivities. It would be a great honor and pleasure for us to welcome you.

We wish you, Venerable Sangha, much health and success in spreading the Buddhist teachings to help sentient beings. Dear Buddhists and guests, we wish you firm faith in the Triple Gem and much joy in life.

Yours sincerely,

Thich Nhu Dien

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Chief Organizer of the 'Quan Thong' Ordination Ceremony