

## THE DALAI LAMA INSPIRES IN DARWIN

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Crowds flocked to the Darwin Convention Centre yesterday to see His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and listen to his uplifting messages on happiness, human values, wisdom and inter-religious harmony.

Over 3,000 people attended the morning teaching session "The Four Noble Truths", one of the central teachings of Buddhism, followed by the public talk "Ethics in Our Shared World" in the afternoon. His Holiness urged finding a new approach to ethics that is beyond religion.

The events capped the Dalai Lama's 10-day visit to Australia which took him to Melbourne, Adelaide and for the first time, Darwin, the capital city of the Northern Territory.

"His Holiness is the iconic image of peace and wisdom. We are very honoured to host the Dalai Lama on the last leg of his Australian visit," says Darwin Convention Centre General Manager Malu Barrios. "The very warm welcome His Holiness received in Darwin just proves the universal appeal of his simple but very inspiring messages."

The deep interest that Australians have in the Dalai Lama's messages have seen His Holiness visit the country nine times, connecting with over 65,000 people during his last tour in 2011. His Holiness leaves Australia for more teachings and public talks in India, the USA and Mexico.

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