



## MBB World Mediation News

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### South-Eastern Asia

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### Meditation:

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."

Barack Obama

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## There’s Still Time to Register:

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MBB Congress  
New Orleans  
March 6-8, 2009  
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