

BIMSTEC Day Message

It is my honour and privilege to extend warm wishes on the happy occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Bay Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), which is commemorated on the 6th June 2022.

Sri Lanka as a founding member of the BIMSTEC remains committed to the objectives and principles of the organisation. Since its establishment in 1997, BIMSTEC has grown to be one of the important regional bodies synchronising great economies of the South Asia and South East Asia.

Sri Lanka is certain that our collective effort will lead to greater cooperation among countries in our region for economic prosperity and in building a resilient region. I am confident that under the able guidance of the Secretary General of BIMSTEC and the work programme that was adopted in the recently concluded 5th BIMSTEC Summit in Colombo in March this year, the BIMSTEC, will become more robust and relevant to the peoples of the region.

While celebrating this momentous occasion, I extend my very best wishes for the achievement of all objectives and goals of the BIMSTEC.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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