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Royal Government of Bhutan

PRIME MINISTER

Message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Royal Government of Bhutan on the occasion of BIMSTEC Day 2021

On the occasion of the founding day of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I am pleased to convey the warm greetings of His Majesty The King, Her Majesty The Queen and the people of Bhutan to the peoples and Governments of the Member States of BIMSTEC.

BIMSTEC was founded in 1997 with the vision to foster and enhance mutually beneficial cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region. We have come a long way since its inception. Over the years, our engagements in mutually beneficial initiatives and activities have deepened and continue to grow. I am happy that the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting was successfully held earlier this year, and I look forward to participating in the BIMSTEC Summit.

The whole world, particularly our region, is living through unprecedented times. For the past one and half years, we have confronted the multiple challenges posed by COVID-19. I am pleased to share that under the visionary and compassionate leadership of His Majesty The King, we, in Bhutan, have been quite successful in dealing with the multiple impacts of the pandemic. Our efforts have been further reinforced by the solidarity and support extended by our friends in the region. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Member States for the solidarity and exemplary support extended during such difficult times. I am optimistic that this spirit of friendship and cooperation will continue during this challenging time and beyond.

On this special day, with prayers and best wishes from Bhutan to all BIMSTEC Members States, I would like to once again reaffirm the steadfast commitment of the Royal Government of Bhutan to BIMSTEC.

Tashi Delek and Stay safe!

(Dr Lotay Tshering)