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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 2020*

Today, as we observe the founding day of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) amidst the ongoing global battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, I wish to take this opportunity to convey Bhutan's sincere prayers and well wishes to the Governments and more than 1.5 billion citizens of the BIMSTEC Region.

I am pleased to congratulate the Governments of BIMSTEC Member States for their success in dealing with the current public health crisis in their respective countries. As a region, we have shown our support and commitment to the health and welfare of our peoples, and we must continue to strive together until we have overcome this crisis.

On 6th June 1997, BIMSTEC was founded with a vision to foster and enhance mutually beneficial cooperation in the BIMSTEC region. BIMSTEC has come a long way since its inception and today we can confidently look ahead to further improve cooperation under the various sectors of BIMSTEC cooperation.

In conclusion, on this special day for BIMSTEC, I would like to reaffirm the commitment of the Royal Government of Bhutan to BIMSTEC.

Tashi Delek and Stay safe!

(Dr. Lotay Tshering)