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## Message

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings to the Governments and the peoples of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Member States on the happy occasion of BIMSTEC Day 2019. I extend my greetings to the Secretary General and the officials of the BIMSTEC Secretariat.

BIMSTEC process achieved some remarkable progress during the last 22 years of existence. However, there are much remains to be done to make the organization an outcome oriented and ready for serving the future. The Fourth BIMSTEC Summit was a turning point. I fondly recollect my joining the BIMSTEC leaders in reiterating our commitment to intensify our efforts in realizing the objectives and purposes of BIMSTEC through working collectively towards making it a stronger and more effective organization towards making a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable Bay of Bengal Region.

Bangladesh, as a founding Member of BIMSTEC, has been cooperating closely with the Member States on issues like facilitation of trade, enhancing economic development, strengthening energy cooperation, increasing connectivity and people-to-people contact, combating terrorism and extremism, dealing with the adverse effect of climate change, among others. Establishment of the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka in 2014, manifests the resolute commitment of my Government to the BIMSTEC Process and to regional cooperation for realizing the shared aspirations of our peoples.

On this very occasion, I wish BIMSTEC all success in its future endeavours. Let us renew our resolve to turn this regional process into a more dynamic, result oriented and mutually beneficial one.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Sheikh Hasina**