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Message

I am happy to know that BIMSTEC Day is being observed on 6 June 2018. I convey my warm felicitations to the governments and the peoples of the BIMSTEC member states, the BIMSTEC Secretariat and other supporting mechanisms of BIMSTEC process.

Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was created to improve the lives and livelihoods of the peoples in the Bay of Bengal region through regional cooperation. As a bridge between the South Asian and South-East Asian countries, BIMSTEC, has been a mechanism for member states to promote increased cooperation and harness the huge untapped potentials of these two regions.

Bangladesh attaches high importance to regional cooperation. Bangladesh is one of the founding members of the BIMSTEC. We have been deeply committed to the BIMSTEC process ever since its inception in 1997. Establishment of the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka in 2014 manifests the resolute commitment of my government to the BIMSTEC process and to regional cooperation.

I would take opportunity to extend my sincere wishes for BIMSTEC all success in its future endeavours. I would reaffirm the steadfast assurance of my Government to strengthen the BIMSTEC process for realizing the shared aspirations of our peoples. It is my firm conviction that the strong political determination and vibrant initiatives of the BIMSTEC Member States will make this regional process more effective and will pave the way for a better future for the peoples of this region.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.

May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina