





## Message

I am pleased to convey my felicitations to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) on the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of its establishment.

Sri Lanka recognizes the significant role and the valued contributions of BIMSTEC towards its membership, since 1997 and is proud to have been a founding member of the organization.

Whilst appreciating the endeavours of BIMSTEC, I reassure the support of the Government of Sri Lanka towards realizing the objectives of the organization in shaping the global agenda through regional economic integration.

Sri Lanka resolves to fully engage in the activities of the Bay of Bengal Region seeking innovative measures towards achieving the shared prosperity of our people.

As BIMSTEC steps into its third decade, I am confident that BIMSTEC will assume its rightful place in the region.

Maithripala&irisena

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