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Royal Government of Bhutan



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Message

Today, the Sixth of June 2017 is a historic day as it marks the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

On this joyous occasion I, on behalf of the Royal Government of Bhutan, extend our warmest greetings and felicitations to the peoples and the governments of the member states of BIMSTEC. Let me also appreciate the excellent work being done by the Secretary General and his team at the BIMSTEC Secretariat.

Let us rejoice in our accomplishments in the last two decades. BIMSTEC, since its establishment in 1997, has provided the seven member states a platform for deepening partnership, unlocking opportunities, and creating an enabling environment for building stronger ties and cooperation for the benefit and well-being of our peoples.

Our collective will and concerted effort under the framework of BIMSTEC has manifested in a number of landmark developments under the various areas of cooperation. Let us look into a regional future with optimism and focus on adding greater impetus and vitality to further strengthen the process. Let us continue to nurture the common bonds of friendship and understanding that bind us together as BIMSTEC.

In achieving our common aspirations and interests enshrined in the Bangkok Declaration and in enhancing the BIMSTEC process, I wish to reaffirm the commitment and cooperation of the Royal Government and the people of Bhutan and look forward to working closely with the member states.

(Dasho Tshering Tobgay)