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Message

I am pleased to know that the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is observing the BIMSTEC Day on 6 June 2016. I extend my heartiest felicitation to the peoples of the BIMSTEC member states on this joyous occasion.

Since its inception in 1997, BIMSTEC has been striving on its potential to become a bridge between two prospering regions - South Asia and South-east Asia. I believe that peace, stability and prosperity through regional cooperation like BIMSTEC, are crucial pivots for ensuring all round development in the region.

Bangladesh, a founding member of BIMSTEC, has been contributing towards BIMSTEC with continuous and ever-increasing engagements. Establishment of the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka in 2014 has been a testament to the unwavering commitment of my Government to the BIMSTEC process.

On this auspicious day, I would like to renew and reiterate the resolute pledge and steadfast commitment of Bangladesh to BIMSTEC and the initiatives under its aegis. I am confident that the BIMSTEC Secretariat and other supporting mechanisms would not only continue to serve their purposes but also make greater strides to fulfill their roles in adding value to the efforts of the peoples of the BIMSTEC member states through more meaningful and action-oriented engagements.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the BIMSTEC member states, the BIMSTEC Secretariat and other supporting mechanisms of BIMSTEC. I wish all success in their endeavour.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina