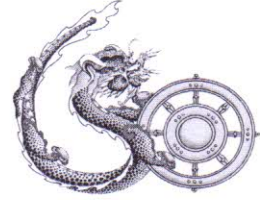




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Message

On behalf of the People and the Royal Government of Bhutan it gives me great pleasure to extend our warmest greetings and felicitations on this joyous occasion of the 19th BIMSTEC Day. The BIMSTEC day is officially being celebrated for the first time since its establishment and this sets the mood for the upcoming big event - BIMSTEC 20.

Ever since its establishment in 1997, our leaders have made remarkable strides towards laying down the strong foundations of an effective and robust regional organization. This has resulted in further deepening of regional integration and has fostered common understanding among the peoples of the region through increased intra-regional trade and people-to-people contact - among many others.

While appreciating and rejoicing our collective efforts and achievements made under different areas of cooperation under the BIMSTEC purview, we shall also look into a regional future with optimism and hope where our leaders continue to play a significant role in making this grouping a more activity-driven and result-oriented entity.

Lastly, on this important day, I wish to reaffirm the commitment and cooperation of the Royal Government of Bhutan to the BIMSTEC process and look forward to working closely with all other member states to fulfill the objectives of the organization and realize the shared dreams and aspirations of our peoples.

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