

19th Anniversary of the establishment of BIMSTEC on 06th June 2016

Message from His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka

On behalf of the people and government of Sri Lanka, it gives me great pleasure to convey my best wishes on the occasion of the 19th Anniversary of the establishment of BIMSTEC

BIMSTEC has given an opportunity for over one-fifth of the world population to work together on our shared historical and cultural linkages to realize the economic potential of the regions. While focusing on the identified priority sectors of cooperation it is opportune that we invigorate our efforts to deepening integration related activities such as trade, transport, investment, energy and people to people contact in order to make BIMSTEC into a vibrant regional grouping.

On this occasion, I wish to reiterate Sri Lanka's support and commitment to the promotion of regional cooperation within BIMSTEC to achieve the broader goals of creating a more harmonious and prosperous society for the progress of the peoples of the BIMSTEC member States.

Maithripala Sirisena
President of Sri Lanka