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MESSAGE ON THE 27th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIMSTEC

On the auspicious occasion of the 27th Anniversary of the founding of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), it is my honour to extend, on behalf of the Peoples and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, my warm wishes to the Peoples and Governments of BIMSTEC Member States as well as to the BIMSTEC Secretariat.

Over the past 27 years, BIMSTEC has made remarkable progress in fostering socio-economic development of the region, and strengthening its institutional mechanisms through close collaboration based on the principles enshrined in the 1997 Bangkok Declaration.

I am pleased to praise that, BIMSTEC provides not only a platform for cooperation of regional countries but also promotes traditional friendship, mutual understanding, mutual respect and enhanced people-to-people contact among Member States. Moreover, BIMSTEC Charter manifests our resolute commitments of regional economic growth and social progress in a way of mutual assistance while maintaining regional peace and stability.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate to all Member States for the collective efforts exerted under the BIMSTEC framework in addressing various challenges. I believe that our solidarity and systematic cooperation, guided by the BIMSTEC Charter, will continue to be the strategic elements to overcome the future challenges.

On this special occasion of the 27th Anniversary of BIMSTEC, I would like to reaffirm Myanmar's commitment of active cooperation with fellow Member States in line with the principles enshrined in the BIMSTEC Charter. I wish BIMSTEC to be a stronger and effective organization and to have every success in future endeavours of promoting socioeconomic livelihoods of the peoples in the Bay of Bengal Region.



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