



*The Prime Minister of Nepal*

### Message

On this happy occasion in celebrating the Twenty Eighth anniversary of the founding of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I, on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal as well as on my own, wish to extend warm greetings and best wishes to the Governments and people of BIMSTEC Member States.

Since its inception, BIMSTEC has evolved into a dynamic regional forum in harnessing the shared resources, agile population, growing economies and diverse socio-cultural heritages between South Asia and Southeast Asia. Together, we have achieved progress in building institutions, fostering friendship, and enhancing collaboration across various areas of sustainable development for our mutual benefits. As we are facing common challenges such as climate catastrophe, natural disasters, geopolitical uncertainty, economic and digital inequalities, and transnational organized crimes, BIMSTEC's role in fostering robust regional diplomacy, deeper integration and meaningful partnerships among Member States has become even more pronounced.

While embarking on our paths to collective prosperity, we must focus on effective and expeditious implementation of agreements and understandings reached in the meetings of core BIMSTEC mechanisms including the recent Sixth BIMSTEC Summit. It is our shared obligation to uphold the objectives and principles of the BIMSTEC Charter to realize a prosperous, resilient and open Bay of Bengal region in line with the Bangkok Vision 2030.

As a committed Member leading People-to-People Contact Sector, Nepal remains firmly committed to making positive contributions to carry the BIMSTEC process forward.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere wishes to the esteemed leaders for their personal health and happiness, and for continued progress and prosperity of the people of BIMSTEC Member States in the days ahead.

K P Sharma Oli

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