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BIMSTEC Day Message

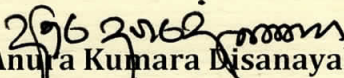
On behalf of the Government and the people of Sri Lanka, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Governments and people of the Member States of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), as we mark the 28th anniversary of its establishment.

This milestone is a testimony to the shared vision and enduring commitment of the BIMSTEC Member States to promote regional cooperation, economic integration, and sustainable development across the Bay of Bengal region. Over nearly three decades, BIMSTEC has evolved into a vibrant and forward-looking organization, promoting partnership across a broad spectrum of sectors including trade, connectivity, energy, climate change, technology, and cultural exchange. In an era marked by both unprecedented challenges and promising opportunities, the spirit of solidarity and partnership that BIMSTEC embodies is more vital than ever.

Over the past twenty-eight years, BIMSTEC has served as a dynamic bridge connecting South Asia and Southeast Asia, promoting cooperation across a diverse range of sectors and strengthening the bonds of friendship, mutual respect, and shared purpose.

Sri Lanka remains proud to be a founding member of BIMSTEC and is dedicated to advancing its principles and objectives. Sri Lanka has taken an active role as a lead country in promoting cooperation within the pillar of Science, Technology, and Innovation and sub-sectors of Technology, Health and Human Resource Development. Sri Lanka anticipates the operationalization of the BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility in Colombo and recognizes the importance of the newly finalized Plan of Action on Human Resource Development, aimed at equipping citizens with critical skills for future challenges.

I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the work of the BIMSTEC Secretariat and the continued efforts of all Member States in directing BIMSTEC towards greater relevance and impact. May BIMSTEC continue to serve as an inspiration of regional unity, progress, and prosperity.


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