

## Md. Touhid Hossain Adviser for Foreign Affairs

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Dhaka

06 June 2025

## Message

On the auspicious occasion of the 28<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Day, I convey my sincere felicitations to the Governments and the peoples of the BIMSTEC Member States. I take this opportunity to convey my deep appreciation to the Secretary General and the BIMSTEC Secretariat for their unwavering commitment and valuable support in advancing our collective BIMSTEC vision.

The successful holding of the 6<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Summit has infused renewed momentum to this year's BIMSTEC Day, as we stand united in our commitment to promote regional harmony, cooperation, and shared prosperity. Bangladesh, as the current Chair of BIMSTEC, is committed to playing a proactive and dynamic role in advancing the goals of the organization.

As the lead country for Trade, Investment and Development, Bangladesh envisions a future where deeper economic integration, enhanced connectivity, and strengthened cooperation would drive sustainable growth across the region. In line with this vision, Bangladesh remains committed to exert continued efforts in shaping a resilient, inclusive, and forward-looking BIMSTEC and actively promote initiatives that facilitate intra-regional trade, investment and connectivity. We firmly believe that the BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030 provides a strategic roadmap that will guide the Member States towards a more prosperous, peaceful and secure Bay of Bengal region.

As we move forward together, it is imperative that we remain united in addressing the region's most important challenges like food, energy and human security as well as impact of climate change. Bangladesh remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing a shared vision rooted in human dignity, mutual respect, and inclusive development.

Today, as we reflect on our collective achievements, let us renew our resolve to building a stronger and more cohesive BIMSTEC community. With shared commitment and a spirit of cooperation, we have the power to transform BIMSTEC into a beacon of regional solidarity and progress.

May this significant occasion serve as a renewed call to action—motivating us to strengthen our bonds and work tirelessly toward our common objectives and shared aspirations.

(Md. Touhid Hossain)