



***Deputy Prime Minister
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MESSAGE ON THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIMSTEC

On this auspicious occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the Governments and peoples of the BIMSTEC Member States.

Since its inception on 6 June 1997, BIMSTEC, as a bridge between South Asia and South East Asia, has made commendable progress in fostering regional cooperation and strengthening the BIMSTEC framework.

At the Sixth BIMSTEC Summit held in Bangkok on 4 April 2025, the BIMSTEC Leaders made important decisions to further strengthen regional cooperation, most notably the adoption of the Bangkok Vision 2030, which outlines clear directions for advancing BIMSTEC collaboration towards a more prosperous, resilient, and open BIMSTEC by 2030 and the signing of the Agreement on Maritime Transport Cooperation, which further enhances regional maritime connectivity and facilitates seamless cross-border trade amongst us.

On this 28th BIMSTEC Day, let us renew our dedication to transforming our Leaders' vision into tangible outcomes to bring about our shared goals of socio-economic development and prosperity of the peoples in the Bay of Bengal region.

I take this opportunity to reaffirm Myanmar's unwavering commitment to working closely with all BIMSTEC Member States for realization of our shared goals by upholding the purposes and principles enshrined in the BIMSTEC Charter.



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