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BIMSTEC Day Message

On the significant occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to the Secretariat, all Member States, and our regional partners.

Over nearly three decades, BIMSTEC has evolved into a vital platform for fostering regional cooperation and integration among South Asian and Southeast Asian countries, promoting peace, prosperity, and sustainable development.

As a founding member, Sri Lanka is proud to have played an active role in this journey and remains dedicated to the collective vision and goals of BIMSTEC. As we progress towards the realization of the BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030, it is imperative that we remain dedicated in our commitment to promoting regional cooperation and achieving shared goals of prosperity, resilience, and openness.

While reflecting on our journey and achievements, let us intensify our efforts to harness the vast potential of the BIMSTEC for the mutual benefit of our peoples. Sri Lanka as the Lead country for Science, Technology and Innovation stands ready to work closely with the BIMSTEC Member States in facilitating close engagement in this sector. Together, we can overcome challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and chart a course towards a more prosperous future for all.

On this auspicious occasion, let us reaffirm our collective resolve to elevate the BIMSTEC to new heights of success and significance in the evolving global landscape. I extend my best wishes to all BIMSTEC Member States for continued peace, prosperity, and cooperation in the years ahead.

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