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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

PRIME MINISTER

Esteemed Leaders and Partners,

I bring to you the warm greetings and heartfelt felicitations of His Majesty The King, Her Majesty The Queen, and the government and people of Bhutan on the joyous occasion of the founding day of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

This year's celebration carries special significance as we commemorate 29 years since the establishment of BIMSTEC and formally begin a year-long observance leading to our historic 30th Anniversary milestone. Over the past three decades, the BIMSTEC region has steadily evolved into an important platform for collective action, united by our shared geography, history, and cultural ties.

As we look toward the future, Bhutan remains steadfast in its commitment to our shared vision of a prosperous, peaceful, and open BIMSTEC region. Bhutan firmly believes that the true measure of progress lies in the wellbeing of our people, the resilience of our communities, and the responsibility we uphold toward future generations. Our region's development must therefore be sustainable, inclusive, and environmentally conscious.

In an era marked by global uncertainty, regional solidarity and mutual trust are more important than ever. As we enter this landmark 30th year, let us renew our collective resolve to strengthen our friendship and ensure that our cooperation continues to advance the aspirations of our peoples.

With my best wishes for the continued success of our esteemed organization.

Tashi Delek.

(Tshering Tobgay)