



The Prime Minister of Nepal

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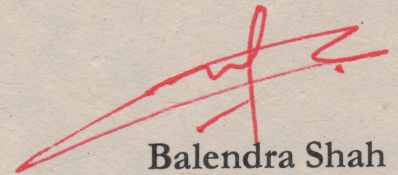
On the occasion of the Twenty-ninth Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I extend, on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal, warm greetings and best wishes to the Governments and peoples of all Member States.

As BIMSTEC approaches three decades of existence, it has emerged as a dynamic platform for regional cooperation, reflecting the region's diversity, vitality, and shared potential. Our proximity within the Bay of Bengal region offers not only significant opportunities but also a collective responsibility to ensure that cooperation translates into prosperity for our peoples.

For Nepal, BIMSTEC holds clear and practical relevance. As a landlocked country, strengthening regional connectivity across transport, trade, and digital networks remains central to our development priorities. Enhanced linkages will not only facilitate the seamless movement of goods and services but also foster deeper integration of our economies.

Equally, BIMSTEC's enduring strength lies in its people. We must prioritize initiatives that directly improve livelihoods whether through expanding regional tourism, promoting sustainable economic activities or creating opportunities for youth and entrepreneurs. Building resilient communities, particularly in the face of climate change and natural disasters, must also remain at the forefront of our cooperation.

On this occasion, I would like to reiterate Nepal's unwavering commitment to working closely with all Member States to further strengthen our regional partnership. By harnessing our complementarities and reinforcing our cooperation, we can build a connected, resilient, and prosperous BIMSTEC region.



Balendra Shah

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