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President of Sri Lanka

**BIMSTEC Day Message from H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka, the President of Sri Lanka**

On the auspicious occasion of the 29th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I extend warm greetings and sincere congratulations to the Governments and people of the BIMSTEC Member States.

During the past three decades, BIMSTEC has emerged as a vital bridge between South and Southeast Asia, promoting regional cooperation, connectivity, and shared prosperity across the Bay of Bengal region. It stands today as a dynamic platform that reflects the Member States' aspiration for peace, resilience, and sustainable development.

As Lead Country for Science, Technology and Innovation, as well as for key subsectors including Technology, Health, and Human Resource Development, Sri Lanka remains dedicated to advancing the overall BIMSTEC agenda and has actively contributed to strengthening regional collaboration. In the past year, Sri Lanka has had the privilege of hosting and organizing several important BIMSTEC engagements and multiple Expert Group Meetings across various sectors such as Science, Technology and Innovation, Human Resource Development, Cultural Cooperation, Poverty Alleviation, and Traditional Medicine. These Initiatives reflect Sri Lanka's continued dedication to promoting practical cooperation and delivering tangible outcomes through BIMSTEC. We look forward to the operationalization of the BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility in Colombo, which will serve as a foundation for innovation-driven growth and knowledge sharing across our region.

AS BIMSTEC approaches its 30th anniversary, it is imperative that we consolidate our efforts to enhance Institutional capacity, accelerate project implementation, and deepen regional Integration. Sri Lanka stands ready to work closely with all Member States to realize a more connected, Innovative, and resilient BIMSTEC community.

I take this opportunity to reiterate Sri Lanka's commitment to BIMSTEC and extend my best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of our partnership.

  
Anura Kumara Disanayaka  
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
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