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Message

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

Since its establishment in 1997, BIMSTEC has made steady progress in developing an institutional and cooperative framework that connects South Asia and Southeast Asia. The entry into force of the BIMSTEC Charter marked important milestones in strengthening the organization's foundation and enhancing its effectiveness. Sustained political commitment and deepening collaboration among Member States have further advanced the process of regional integration.

As BIMSTEC moves forward, it is important to focus on consolidating its gains while exploring new avenues of cooperation. Strengthening partnerships, enhancing resource mobilization, and fostering greater synergy among sectors will further elevate the organization's role and relevance in the region.

Nepal attaches high importance to BIMSTEC as a vital platform for regional cooperation. We remain committed to actively engaging in its priority areas and stand ready to contribute to strengthening institutional mechanisms, improving coordination, and enhancing implementation efficiency.

As the lead country of People-to-People Contact sector, Nepal stands ready to play a proactive role in promoting tourism and culture, while further deepening people-level contacts and social linkages among our Member States.

On this anniversary, I reaffirm Nepal's firm commitment to the objectives and principles of BIMSTEC. I am confident that, through collective efforts and shared resolve, BIMSTEC will continue to grow as an effective and vibrant regional organization.

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