



Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral
Technical and Economic Cooperation

Press Release

The BIMSTEC Secretariat Organises, in partnership with University of Chittagong, Outreach to Students to Promote Youth Engagement under BIMSTEC

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The BIMSTEC Secretariat, in collaboration with Department of Law, University of Chittagong, organised an outreach Programme titled “From the Shores of the Bay of Bengal: Advancing Regional Cooperation through BIMSTEC” on 3 September 2026 at the University of Chittagong, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

The Programme was organised as a part of BIMSTEC’s continued efforts to enhance awareness about BIMSTEC and promote greater engagement with students, academics, and young scholars for advancing regional cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region. It brought together students, faculty members and academics to discuss BIMSTEC’s objectives, areas of cooperation, and the important role of youth and academic institutions in strengthening regional collaboration.

Delivering the keynote address, Ms. Sonam C. Namgyel, Director of Public Diplomacy and External Publicity, BIMSTEC Secretariat, highlighted the significance of regional cooperation in addressing shared challenges and creating opportunities for the peoples of the Bay of Bengal region. She further emphasised the role of young people, researchers and academic institutions in contributing to the future development of regional cooperation.

The Programme commenced with opening remarks by Professor Dr. Rakiba Nabi, Chairman, Department of Law, and was chaired by Professor Dr. Jafar Ullah Talukdar, Dean, Faculty of Law. It also featured remarks from distinguished faculty members on various aspects of regional cooperation. Professor Dr. Amirul Islam, Chairman, Department of Economics, shared perspectives on “Trade, Investment and Economic Connectivity among BIMSTEC Member States”, while Professor Dr. Mahfuz Parvez, Chairman, Department of Political Science, discussed “Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BIMSTEC Region.”

An interactive question-and-answer session also took place, providing students an opportunity to exchange views and engage in discussions on BIMSTEC’s objectives and areas of regional

cooperation. As part of the Programme, Young Scholars Certificates were awarded to the top three written submissions, made by students of the University of Chittagong, recognising their interest and engagement with issues related to BIMSTEC and regional cooperation.

About BIMSTEC

BIMSTEC comprises seven countries of the Bay of Bengal region: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. It pursues regional cooperation in the following areas: Agriculture & Food Security; Blue Economy; Connectivity; Culture; Disaster Management; Energy; Environment & Climate Change; Fiscal & Monetary Policy; Health; Human Resource Development; Fisheries & Livestock; Mountain Economy; People-to-People Relations; Poverty Alleviation; Security; Science, Technology & Innovation; Tourism; Trade & Investment; and Women Development.

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