



Press Release

The Right Honourable Prime Minister Mr. K P Sharma Oli and Honourable Foreign Minister Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba have conveyed separate Messages of warm felicitations and best wishes to the Governments and people of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Member States on the happy occasion marking the Twenty Eighth anniversary of the founding of this regional organization.

In his message, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister commended BIMSTEC's crucial role in harnessing synergies of South Asia and Southeast Asia for deeper integration, fostering regional solidarity, and enhancing growing collaboration among Member States for shared prosperity. While stressing strengthened regional cooperation to address common challenges including climate catastrophe, the Prime Minister underscored implementing the agreements more effectively and upholding the principles and objectives enshrined in BIMSTEC Charter to realize the Bangkok Vision, 2030 for a prosperous, resilient and open Bay of Bengal region.

The Prime Minister further reaffirmed Nepal's enduring commitments to carry forward BIMSTEC process through closer cooperation in priority areas including People-to-People Contact Sector, of which Nepal is a Lead Country.

In her separate message, the Hon. Foreign Minister highlighted that strong political commitments, increasing institution-building process, and deepening cooperation among Member States have unleashed newer opportunities for a more stable, integrated and prosperous BIMSTEC region. Furthermore, she emphasized the need to forge broader political understanding and cater the fruits of development and democracy to the grassroots people for transforming BIMSTEC into an effective and people-centric regional forum.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
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The Prime Minister of Nepal

Message

On this happy occasion in celebrating the Twenty Eighth anniversary of the founding of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I, on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal as well as on my own, wish to extend warm greetings and best wishes to the Governments and people of BIMSTEC Member States.

Since its inception, BIMSTEC has evolved into a dynamic regional forum in harnessing the shared resources, agile population, growing economies and diverse socio-cultural heritages between South Asia and Southeast Asia. Together, we have achieved progress in building institutions, fostering friendship, and enhancing collaboration across various areas of sustainable development for our mutual benefits. As we are facing common challenges such as climate catastrophe, natural disasters, geopolitical uncertainty, economic and digital inequalities, and transnational organized crimes, BIMSTEC's role in fostering robust regional diplomacy, deeper integration and meaningful partnerships among Member States has become even more pronounced.

While embarking on our paths to collective prosperity, we must focus on effective and expeditious implementation of agreements and understandings reached in the meetings of core BIMSTEC mechanisms including the recent Sixth BIMSTEC Summit. It is our shared obligation to uphold the objectives and principles of the BIMSTEC Charter to realize a prosperous, resilient and open Bay of Bengal region in line with the Bangkok Vision 2030.

As a committed Member leading People-to-People Contact Sector, Nepal remains firmly committed to making positive contributions to carry the BIMSTEC process forward.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere wishes to the esteemed leaders for their personal health and happiness, and for continued progress and prosperity of the people of BIMSTEC Member States in the days ahead.

K P Sharma Oli

Kathmandu, 06 June 2025



**Government of Nepal
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Message

As we observe the Twenty Eighth anniversary of the establishment of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) this year, on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal as well as myself, I would like to extend my warm felicitations and best wishes to the Governments and people of BIMSTEC Member States.

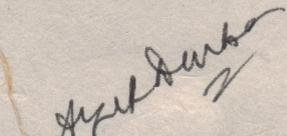
Over the years, the BIMSTEC has played a positive role in nurturing regional solidarity, building a bridge for synergetic collaboration, and promoting collective self-reliance to secure a sustainable future for our people. The strong political commitments, growing institution-building process, and deepening cooperation among Member States have opened up new frontiers of opportunities for a more stable, integrated and prosperous Bay of Bengal region. It is therefore our shared responsibility to enhance broader political understanding and pursue mutually beneficial partnerships to transform BIMSTEC into a dynamic and effective trans-regional organization.

Since joining BIMSTEC membership in 2004, Nepal has contributed constructively to strengthening and broadening regional cooperation initiatives in the spirit of amity, mutual consensus and mutual benefits. Nepal remains fully committed to the founding vision, objectives and principles enshrined in the BIMSTEC Charter to realize the Bangkok Vision 2030 for a peaceful, stable, resilient and prosperous Bay of Bengal.

We must remember that BIMSTEC's success as a regional forum hinges on our shared ability to ensure that our grassroots people truly enjoy fruits of development and democracy.

I join the esteemed BIMSTEC leaders to reaffirm our steadfast commitments to working together for our collective well-being and prosperity.

I wish every member of the BIMSTEC family well.


Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba

Kathmandu, 06 June 2025