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Message

On the occasion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> SAARC Charter Day, I am delighted to convey my warm felicitations to the Governments and the peoples of the SAARC Member States on behalf of the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh. I also congratulate the SAARC Secretariat and all the SAARC bodies on this occasion.

Bangladesh is deeply committed to the SAARC process, the idea which was first mooted by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1972 in his vision for working together with the peoples of South Asian region. Our continued commitment towards a stronger regional cooperation is reflected in the foreign policy initiatives of Bangladesh Government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

SAARC has witnessed considerable progress in fostering mutual cooperation in a wide range of areas, economic, political, social, and cultural. It is my firm conviction that SAARC process could still be used as a common platform in South Asia to realize full potentials of this region by resolving the challenges it is facing today through enhanced level of mutual cooperation and understanding among the member states.

On this auspicious occasion, I wish to reiterate the commitment of the Government of Bangladesh to strengthen the SAARC process in its endeavour to promote regional cooperation for mutual progress of the peoples of the South Asian region.

Long live SAARC.

Joy Bangla.

Joy Bangabandhu.

(Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, M.P.)