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## Royal Government of Bhutan

PRIME MINISTER

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### SAARC Charter Day Message of the Prime Minister of Bhutan

On the occasion of the Thirty-third Anniversary of the signing of the SAARC Charter, it gives me great pleasure to extend, on behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Bhutan, our warmest greetings and felicitations to all the citizens of the Member States of SAARC.

In more than three decades now, SAARC has provided a meaningful forum for regular interaction and exchange in many prioritized areas of cooperation. The continuing engagements under the various socio-economic sectors promote understanding, friendship and cooperation amongst the relevant officials and stakeholders of the Member States.

It is essential for all the Member States to enhance the role of SAARC in addressing the challenges facing our people and the region. Let us work together in realizing the shared vision and aspiration of the founding leaders to build a peaceful and prosperous region.

On this auspicious Charter Day today, I wish to reaffirm the commitment of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the ideals and principles of the SAARC Charter, and to continue working closely with associated Member States to realize the common noble goals and the full potential of our region.



( *Dasbo Tshering Tobgay* )