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Message

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, I would like to convey my warm felicitations to the Governments and the Peoples of the Member States of the SAARC on the occasion of the 34th SAARC Charter Day 2018. I would also extend my warm wishes to the SAARC Secretariat, the Regional Centres, the Specialized Bodies, the Apex Bodies and the SAARC Recognized Bodies on this happy occasion.

Bangladesh as one of the founding members of SAARC always attaches high priorities in achieving the goals and objectives of the regional forum. Bangladesh takes much pride in the fact that the very idea of SAARC was conceived in Bangladesh. It was the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who back in 1972 for the first time dreamt of working together with the neighbours in the South Asian region for collective economic and social progress. SAARC regional forum emerged as an epitome of the dream of the Founding Father of Bangladesh. Regional cooperation hence remained an inherent part of the foreign policy initiatives of the Government of Bangladesh led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the able daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

SAARC region offers huge potentials for cooperation and collaboration in multiple sectors many of which are yet unexploited. SAARC Member States are inextricably linked with each other through geographical, political, cultural and social proximity and marked by many other commonalities. It is my firm conviction that SAARC can emerge as the leading regional organization given a deeper and stronger sense of fraternity and solidarity entrenched among the SAARC Member States.

While reiterating our deep commitment to the SAARC Process, I express my sincere believe that this special day would be an impetus for all stake holders of SAARC to move ahead with a lot of optimism to resolve the existing and forthcoming challenges that may fall on our venture ahead.

Long live SAARC.

Joy Bangla!

Joy Bangabandhu!

(Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, MP)