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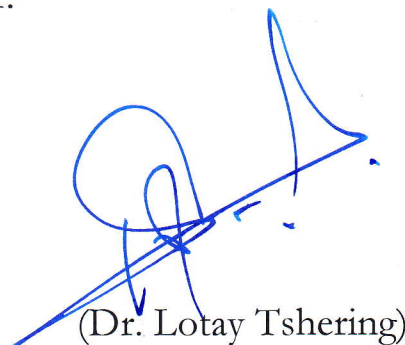
Message

On behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Bhutan, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and felicitations to the people of South Asia on the happy and auspicious occasion of the 34th Anniversary of the SAARC Charter Day.

As a founding member, Bhutan remains committed to the purposes and principles of the SAARC Charter. Since its establishment in 1985, it is a matter of great satisfaction to note that the SAARC progress has grown based on our shared values, beliefs and aspirations. The regional will to cooperate in many important areas under the framework of SAARC has manifested itself in many landmark developments. This has served to provide greater impetus and vitality to the SAARC process.

As we commemorate the thirty-fourth anniversary of our Association, it is fitting occasion to celebrate the significant achievements made by SAARC in economic, social and cultural fields. It is also a fitting occasion to pay tribute to the conviction and wisdom of the founding fathers of SAARC who established the association to promote regional cooperation in many important areas for the well-being of the people of South Asia.

I wish to take this opportunity to reaffirm the commitment of the Royal Government of Bhutan to the SAARC process and look forward to working closely with all other Members States to further achieve the goals and objectives enshrined in the SAARC Charter.



(Dr. Lotay Tshering)