Message

On behalf of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and on my personal behalf, I would like to convey my warm felicitations to the Governments and the peoples of the SAARC Member States on the auspicious occasion of the 35th SAARC Charter Day 2019. Let me extend my greetings to the SAARC Secretariat and all SAARC Specialized Bodies, SAARC Centres and other entities affiliated with SAARC on this occasion.

SAARC was the brain child of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who had dreamt of working in collaboration with neighbours in South Asia back in 1972 for the collective progress and prosperity of the peoples of this region. Regional cooperation has been an integral component of the foreign policy of Bangladesh since then. Bangabandhu’s able daughter H.E. Sheikh Hasina, the Hon’ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh continues to pursue a policy of integrated regional cooperation in South Asia. Under her dynamic leadership, we are committed to a meaningful, strong and productive integration in the region.

SAARC made an uphill journey of more than three decades making some economic growth, social development and cultural advancement. However, the overall achievement is still much below the levels of expectations and huge potentials remained unexploited. It is my firm conviction that SAARC can still achieve its desired goals and objectives if all members hold same degree of commitment and display mutual respects to maintain a congenial atmosphere of friendship and cooperation.

On this auspicious occasion, I reiterate the steadfast assurance of the Government of Bangladesh to strengthen SAARC in its efforts for promoting peace, stability and socio-economic progress in this region.

Joy Bangla!
Joy Bangabandhu!

(Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP)