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The Prime Minister

Message

On the occasion of the thirty-eighth SAARC Charter Day, I would like to extend my warmest greetings and felicitations to the peoples and governments of SAARC Member States.

The SAARC Charter is a blueprint of regional cooperation and partnership in South Asia. It is a framework to translate the regional potentials for faster economic and social development. Given the need to work further to realize our regional aspirations for peace and sustainable development, it is as relevant today as it was in 1985.

South Asia is a region with rich natural, human, and cultural resources. Equally daunting are our challenges such as poverty, unemployment, climate crisis, and COVID-19 pandemic, among others. Our sincere efforts to address these challenges and tap on the vast potentials of the region can bring about significant positive changes in the lives of our people.

In this context, we must reinforce the values of understanding, solidarity, and cooperation as enshrined in the SAARC Charter. We must recommit to intensify our collective endeavours for the sake of our peoples and societies and work together to revive the SAARC process.

As the Chair of SAARC, Nepal is fully committed to doing its part to revive the SAARC process and make it more vibrant, effective, and result-oriented.

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Kathmandu, 8 December 2022



Government of Nepal

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the peoples and governments of the SAARC Member States on the occasion of the thirty-eighth SAARC Charter Day.

SAARC is an embodiment of a regional spirit, a sense of belongingness, and a desire to grow together to achieve sustainable peace, progress, and prosperity in South Asia. Conscious of the ever-increasing interdependence of the countries in this region, our leaders adopted the SAARC Charter in 1985 as a framework of cooperation and collaboration to realize our shared goals and aspirations.

Today, our region is facing both traditional and emerging challenges. Threats like climate change, COVID-19 pandemic, and energy crisis are decelerating the pace of development and deferring the attainment of sustainable development goals. Our efforts to reduce poverty and inequality, promote economic linkages, and enhance people-to-people contacts are yet to deliver the desired results.

As we commemorate the Charter Day we must renew our commitment and make concerted efforts to address the common challenges and realize the vast potentials of the region. We need to build on the progress made thus far and promote regional cooperation so that our peoples can thrive in peace, dignity, and equality. For this, we need to forge greater understanding and cooperation to revive the stalled SAARC process.

Nepal remains committed to the objectives and principles of the SAARC Charter. We believe that it is only through building trust and confidence among the Member States that our organization can rekindle hope and optimism among the peoples in South Asia.

Dr. Narayan Khadka

Kathmandu, 8 December 2022