



*The Prime Minister of Nepal*

### Message

As we celebrate the Fortieth anniversary of the SAARC Charter Day this year, I would like to extend my warm greetings and cordial felicitations to the Governments and people of SAARC Member States.

In commemorating this important milestone in our regional collaboration and partnerships, I reaffirm Nepal's unwavering commitments to objectives, principles enshrined in SAARC Charter for a more peaceful, prosperous and integrated South Asia.

The SAARC Charter truly reflects ideals and aspirations of our people for peace, stability, quality of life, and resilience against economic hardships, social inequalities and environmental vulnerabilities within the region. When we have acted as a united region, we have made substantial progress in forging meaningful cooperation in diverse areas of mutual interests including trade, tourism, connectivity and people-to-people linkages. This historic Day therefore inspires all of us to work together fostering mutual trust, understanding and friendship in realizing the vision of the Charter.

In view of dynamic shifts in global geopolitics, complexities of inter-state relations and technological innovation including AI, SAARC can and must serve as a vital regional forum to enable the Member States to effectively navigate these developments in the region and beyond. To this end, we should embrace robust cooperative frameworks; address regional integration challenges posed by climate change, poverty and transnational organized crimes; and activate SAARC mechanisms including through holding 19<sup>th</sup> Summit on consensual basis.

Today, SAARC stands at a critical juncture of its evolution, yet holds tremendous potential to evolve into a vibrant regional organization.

As a founding Member and current Chair, Nepal remains committed to collaborating with other SAARC Member States to revitalize SAARC process for advancing common interests of our people.

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**Kathmandu, 08 December 2024**





## Government of Nepal

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I have the profound pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the Governments and people of the Member States of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on the auspicious occasion of the Fortieth SAARC Charter Day.

On this joyous occasion, I would like to acknowledge prominent roles of our founding leaders whose vision for shared peace, stability and prosperity in South Asia culminated in the creation of SAARC in 1985. This forum was conceived with objectives of enhancing socio-economic development; improving lives and livelihoods of people; and fostering mutual understanding, good neighbourliness and meaningful cooperation among Member States. Over four decades of its journey, SAARC has come a long way in building institutions, setting norms and launching initiatives to realize this noble cause.

The SAARC Charter provides a framework to promote collective self-reliance, create a distinct regional identity and foster regional solidarity to address a multitude of persisting challenges including climate change, natural disasters, food and energy insecurity, and disruption in supply chains.

As current Chair of SAARC, Nepal stands steadfast to collaborate with other Member States in the spirit of amity, friendship and mutual consensus enshrined in the Charter.

Together, we can achieve Sustainable Development Goals and bring about tangible public goods to over a quarter of humanity in the SAARC region.

Together, we must revive SAARC to build a South Asian region that is economically prosperous, physically integrated, and socially harmonious.

**Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba**

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