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President of Sri Lanka

Message on the occasion of the Commemoration of the 40th SAARC Charter Day,
08 December 2024

I extend warm felicitations on the landmark occasion of the 40th SAARC Charter Day celebrated on the 8th of December.

The adoption of the SAARC Charter on this day stands as a powerful commitment to regional solidarity, mutual respect and the pursuit of shared prosperity. It is both a reminder of our unity and a call to continue building upon our vision for peace, stability and development across South Asia while identifying the untapped potential in the region.

Our region is blessed with tremendous human resources, diverse ecosystems and a rich cultural heritage. Simultaneously we are also faced with challenges like poverty, inequality, climate change and environmental degradation that require collective action. In this context, SAARC provides a unique platform to work collaboratively and paves the way for a brighter future while enhancing the well-being of the people across the region.

This year's Charter Day reminds us, more than ever, that it is necessary to strengthen our resolve to achieve poverty alleviation, sustainable development, economic integration and social progress. Let us harness the strength of our regional bond to create resilient economies and societies while also reaffirming our commitment to welfare of the people through regional cooperation, enhancing connectivity, facilitating trade and building partnerships that benefit all in our region.

As a founding member, Sri Lanka recognizes the potential opportunities and prospects within SAARC which can be continuously realized positively through collective effort.

On this momentous occasion, let us resolve to strive towards transforming South Asia into a thriving region by collaborating to achieve the objectives outlined in the SAARC Charter.


Anura Kumhara Disanayake
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

November 26, 2024



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Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

**Message on the occasion of the Commemoration of the 40th SAARC Charter Day,
08 December 2024**

I am pleased to convey my warmest best wishes on the occasion of the 40th SAARC Charter Day, celebrated on 8th December 2024. This significant milestone marks four decades of cooperation and collective effort within the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

On this occasion, I recall that SAARC was established on the foundational pillars of friendship, trust, and mutual understanding. These principles have guided our collective efforts in promoting the welfare of our people, with a shared vision of achieving sustained economic growth, social progress, and cultural development across the region.

Sri Lanka believes that through reinvigorated regional cooperation we can overcome future challenges with a shared commitment to advancing prosperity for our people.

On this important day, Sri Lanka, while acknowledging SAARC's achievements, expresses its desire for further strengthening cooperation among Member States to advance towards the realization of the Charter's objectives.

Dr. Harini Amarasuriya

Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

21 November 2024



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Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Message on the occasion of the Commemoration of the 40th SAARC Charter Day,
08 December 2024**

I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to all Member States, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

In the context of the global pandemic, SAARC faced significant challenges during the past few years. Nevertheless, it is encouraging to note that despite these difficulties, the Association is steadily regaining momentum, with the resumption of policy and technical-level meetings since last year.

Sri Lanka, as a founding member of SAARC, cherishes its partnership within the organization and remains committed to actively contributing to collective efforts that promote peace and prosperity in the region.

I would also wish to avail myself of this opportunity to extend my warm greetings and best wishes to my counter parts in the SAARC communing of nations, whose leadership will successfully guide the SAARC process forward.

H.M Vijitha Herath

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka