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BIMSTEC Event

BIMSTEC Transport & Infrastructure and Logistics Study

The Asian Development Bank has submitted the Final Report of the BIMSTEC Transport & Infrastructure and Logistics Study (BTILS) to the BIMSTEC Working Group (BWG) and the members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Draft Terms of Reference for Expert Groups have also been submitted by the ADB. The 8th Ministerial Meeting held in Dhaka in December 2005 had requested the ADB to undertake the technical study for BTILS. A series of meetings were held subsequently to finalise the Report, the last being the 2nd TAC meeting held in Bangkok on November 29-30 2007.

A high level delegation of ADB, led by Mr. Kunio Senga, Director-general of South Asia Department also interacted with BWG members during the latter's 75th meeting held in Bangkok on 19 December 2007. The BTILS and possible future areas of cooperation were among the issues discussed.

3rd International Conference on Building a New BIMSTEC–Japan Comprehensive Economic Cooperation

The Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD) in association with Asia Forum Japan (AFJ) organized the 3rd international conference on '*Building a New BIMSTEC–Japan Comprehensive Cooperation*' in Tokyo on 3 December 2007.

The conference was held in collaboration with prominent Think Tanks of BIMSTEC countries, and supported by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) Tokyo. Director, BIMSTEC Centre attended the conference as an observer, as decided by the BIMSTEC Working Group (BWG) in their 74th meeting on 14 November 2007.



Above : Dr. B S Malik (third from the left of front row), President of CSIRD, Ms. Dalad Kaewbaidhoon (far left of front row), Director of BIMSTEC Centre, attended as an observer



3/DEC/2007

Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar



The Embassy of Union of Myanmar in Bangkok hosted a reception on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar on 7th January 2008 at the Conrad Bangkok Hotel.

Myanmar regained her independence from colonialists on 4th January 1948.

On the Left : H.E. U Ye Win, Ambassador of Myanmar to Thailand took a group photo with respective guests.

Republic Day of India

The Embassy of India in Bangkok hosted a reception on the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India on 24th January 2008 at the Conrad Hotel.

The constitution of independent India was adopted on 26th January 1950.

On the Right : H.E. Ms. Latha Reddy, Ambassador of India to Thailand with some distinguished guests.



BIMSTEC upcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Venue
20-24 February 2008	16 th Meeting of the BIMSTEC Trade Negotiating Committee	New Delhi
March 2008	2 nd Expert Group Meeting on Agricultural Cooperation	New Delhi
1 st Week of May 2008	Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Alleviation	Dhaka

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