

Concept paper on BIMST-EC Business Convention

The Business Convention will be held on Monday 1 December 2003 at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo commencing 8.30 hrs.

The formal opening ceremony will be very simple and short with a few opening introductory comments by the Chairman Business Forum and the Chief Guest (to be decided) delivering the key note address.

The theme for the Convention would be "Mechanisms to promote greater level of trade and investment within BIMST-EC Region". Each country is expected to read a paper for which a 20 minute time slot is made available. A discussion would follow after which the recommendation paper would be prepared to be submitted to the next SOM. The topics to be covered in each of the country papers should include constraints encountered in the under-mentioned sectors and suggested remedial action.

- Issue of Visas
- Non-Tariff barriers
- Air and Road linkage
- Recognition of Standards
- Common communication rates
- Convertible currency
- Any other issues