

The 9th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting

9 August 2006, New Delhi



From left to right : H.E. Mr. U. Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Myanmar, H.E. Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. M. Morshed Khan, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, H.E. Dr. Kantathi Suphamongkhon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, H.E. Dr. Ram Sharan Mahat, Finance Minister of Nepal and H.E. Mr. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka.

The 9th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting was held on 9 August 2006, preceded by the 11th Senior Official's Meeting on the 8 August 2006 in New Delhi, India.

In this occasion, the Meeting reiterated the importance of moving forward in the Tourism area as it will be a vehicle for economic growth. As part of the Plan of Action on Tourism, it was agreed to set up a BIMSTEC Tourism Information Centre and BIMSTEC Tourism Fund. Moreover, a concept of combined BIMSTEC destinations will be promoted both within and from outside the region.