



**Message**  
**From**  
**Her Excellency Ms. Paetongtarn Shinawatra**  
**Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand**

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On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and the Thai people, I would like to extend my heartiest felicitations to the peoples of the BIMSTEC Member States on the auspicious occasion of the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the BIMSTEC.

I am pleased to acknowledge the progress we have made in strengthening BIMSTEC over the years since the signing of the Bangkok Declaration in 1997. A key milestone in our journey was the successful convening of the 6<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Summit held on 4 April 2025 in Bangkok. This Summit marked a pivotal moment in our collective efforts, where our BIMSTEC Leaders adopted the BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030, the first-ever BIMSTEC vision, marking a new chapter in our regional cooperation. I am fully confident that the steadfast commitment of all BIMSTEC Member States will vigorously translate our shared aspirations into tangible outcomes to advance this region's prosperity.

As BIMSTEC embarks on this promising new chapter, I am filled with optimism about our continued growth, unity, and achievements. Together, we are well-positioned to consolidate our efforts and address the complex global challenges, ranging from climate change and emerging health crises to regional security and the shifting geo-economic landscape. Recognising the increasing relevance of BIMSTEC on the global stage, Thailand remains absolute in its commitment to advancing our shared goals for the mutual benefit of all, ensuring the well-being of our peoples. We reaffirm our dedication to strengthening solidarity and deepening the bonds of friendship among Member States.

On this significant occasion for the Bay of Bengal region, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the Government of Bangladesh on assuming the Chairmanship of BIMSTEC. We are confident that Bangladesh's capable leadership will guide our shared agenda forward. Thailand reaffirms its readiness to support the current Chair and wishes Bangladesh every success during its Chairmanship.

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As we look ahead, I offer my sincere best wishes to all Member States for continued success and collaboration towards a Prosperous, Resilient, and Open BIMSTEC.

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(Paetongtarn Shinawatra)  
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand