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Message

On the occasion of the 36th SAARC Charter Day 2020, I am delighted to convey my heartiest felicitations to the Governments and the peoples of the SAARC Member States. I would also like to extend my greetings to the SAARC Secretary General and members of the SAARC Secretariat and SAARC Specialized Bodies, SAARC Regional Centers and other entities affiliated with SAARC on this special occasion.

As a founding member of the SAARC movement, Bangladesh recognizes SAARC's immense potential, prospects and opportunities for the sustainable socio economic development of South Asian region. Born in Bangladesh as a legacy of the vision of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for regional cooperation, the SAARC has emerged as a full-bloomed regional organization having the considerable number of effective Specialized Bodies, Regional Centers, Apex and Recognized Bodies. As we celebrate this year the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation and the Architect of Bangladesh's Independence, we further reaffirm our strong commitment to strengthen the SAARC Forum as a common platform in South Asia for meaningful regional cooperation. We expect SAARC to deliver wider benefits for the peoples of South Asian region by overcoming the challenges it is faced with.

I firmly believe that during this unprecedented hour of global COVID-19 pandemic, platforms like SAARC have huge prospect to reunite the Member States to address collectively the challenges emanating from COVID-19 pandemic. We must leverage available trade and investment, public health and security mechanisms and tools of SAARC to reap multifaceted benefits from this forum. We remain strongly committed to working closely with all the friendly countries of the SAARC maintaining congenial atmosphere of friendship and cooperation.

On this auspicious occasion, I would reiterate my sincere wishes for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the peoples of the SAARC Member States.

Long live SAARC.

Joy Bangla!
Joy Bangabandhu!

(Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP)