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President of Sri Lanka

Message on the occasion of Commemoration of

38th SAARC Charter Day

It indeed is a great pleasure to extend warm greetings to our South Asian family, on the 38th Anniversary of the signing of the Charter that led to the birth of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

The SAARC Charter Day is an auspicious occasion for us members, to reminisce our contributions both regionally and globally, and re-dedicate to further the shared goals and objectives of this esteemed Organization.

As a founding member, Sri Lanka attaches great importance to the purpose and principles of the SAARC Charter and its collective mission for greater regional cooperation.

The Association reflects the determination of the Governments of South Asia to work together towards seeking collective solutions to common issues and challenges, in a spirit of amity and cooperation based on mutual respect and equity for their betterment.

I observe with satisfaction that since its inception in 1985, SAARC has moved forward steadily, into the core areas within the region including trade, economic cooperation, education, people to people contact, and poverty alleviation, which are critical for the development of the region.

With the strong commitment and constructive determination of all Member States as a family, it is my conviction that South Asia has all the strengths to transform itself into a more viable and credible regional platform that could serve as a catalyst to fulfill the aspirations of our peoples.

While reiterating Sri Lanka's strong commitment to working towards greater regional cooperation, I take this opportunity to thank the Secretary General for his unstinted cooperation in moving forward the SAARC agenda, and wish the future endeavors of the Association every success.

Ranil Wickremesinghe

President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Message on the occasion of Commemoration of 38th SAARC Charter Day

I wish to convey my best wishes on the occasion of the 38th Anniversary of the SAARC Charter Day which falls on 08 December 2022.

Sri Lanka as a founding member of SAARC, remains committed with a great determination to work together in realizing the aspirations of economic growth, social progress and cultural development that the leaders of this region envisioned.

I firmly believe that SAARC is endowed with all the wherewithal to emerge as an effective and result-oriented regional organization with a much-needed sense of fraternity and solidarity as we are inextricably linked through geographical proximity and many other shared legacies of economic, cultural, and social systems.

Let us resolve on this special day, to pursue meaningful measures to achieve regional prosperity, built upon our common historical & cultural heritage and economic potential of our nations.

I reaffirm on this occasion, the firm commitment of Sri Lanka to achieve the lofty goals of the SAARC.

Dinesh Gunawardena, M.P

Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Message on the occasion of Commemoration of 38th SAARC Charter Day

As we mark the milestone of 38th Anniversary of the founding of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), I am pleased to extend warm greetings and sincere wishes to the Member States.

As an embodiment of our common aspirations for peace, stability and prosperity, the SAARC Charter remains a blueprint for regional cooperation and partnership in South Asia.

We must be cognizant of the fact that the mere recognition of SAARC's immense potential, prospects and opportunities alone won't serve the purpose of the Association. The members must reflect on what has been holding the Association back from realizing its full potential and explore the ways and means to overcome the imbroglio in order for all the member states to realize sustainable socio economic development of the region.

I reaffirm the commitment of Sri Lanka to the SAARC process and look forward to working closely with all Member States in realizing the goals and objectives enshrined in the SAARC Charter.

M.U.M. Ali Sabry, PC, MP

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka