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Dignitaries from Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Excellencies ,

Friends from Business Community,

Representative from media,

Friends from Nepalese community,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening

As-Salaam-Alaikum and Namaskar,

1. It is indeed a great privilege and honour for us that you have joined here this evening to participate in the celebration of our national Day. Please accept our warmest greetings and profound thanks.
2. Distinguished guests, Today we are celebrating the 4th anniversary of the Promulgation of the Constitution by the Constitution Assembly on this very day of 20th September 2015. While celebrating this auspicious day as a National day of Nepal, we would like to pay tribute to the known and unknown martyrs for their greatest contribution to the nation and people. We always feel proud of them. On this occasion, while paying tribute to them, I would also like to congratulate our compatriot Nepalese people living home and abroad.
3. With the declaration of the Constitution, Nepal has become Federal, Democratic, Republic and Secular country in its history. According to the constitution we have three tiers of Government and bi-cameral federal parliament. Last year in December we had successfully completed all level of elections with overwhelming participation of the people. It brings to the end of long awaited political transition in Nepali history.

4. The progress towards the political stability has instilled the growing confidence at the people and business contributing to the positive economic achievement with a forecast of seven percent (7%) economic growth this year. Being encouraged with the positive changes in our socio-economic condition, the Government of Nepal is determined to accelerate the development initiatives and achieve a respectable economic growth which would help in alleviating the existing level of poverty and graduate from a least developed country to a developing country by 2022. Now the motto of our Government is "Prosperous Nepal and Happy Nepali".

Excellency's, Distinguished guests, ladies & gentleman,

5. Nepal & People's Republic of Bangladesh enjoy cordial & bilateral relations ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations on 08 April 1972. Nepal highly values its relations with Bangladesh. Both countries are very rich in ancient culture and civilization.
6. Nepal and Bangladesh are very close and friendly neighbors; we share not only our civilization values but also placed together by the Mother Nature. Nepal is having larger part of the Himalayan range in its northern part and Bangladesh hosts the Bay of Bengal in its south. These two gifts of the nature are the main source of livelihood in this part of the world. Now these two natural gifts are in en-danger, because of climate change and global warning. Our common concern is to preserve the nature by mitigating the effect of climate change. Challenges like impact of climate change can't be dealt with by any single country alone and requires mutual and global cooperation.
7. Nepal and Bangladesh are not only the main contributors to the world peace through the United Nations, both are also very active members of regional and sub-regional forums like SAARC, BIMSTEC and BBIN. Both countries share common challenges and opportunities in South Asia. Bangladesh and Nepal had played very important role to bringing the South Asian countries under the umbrella of regional and sub-regional associations. I am confident that both countries will continue the same to bring the region much closer for the betterment of the people of the region in coming years.
8. A peaceful, stable and prosperous South Asia is in our interest. As a common platform, SAARC and BIMSTEC, BBIN, SASEC and other regional and sub-regional organization can play a pivotal role in advancing prosperity in the region.

9. This year Nepal host the two days BIMSTEC Summit on 30-31 August in Kathmandu. In the summit, leaders of BIMSTEC member state agreed to transform the Bay of Bengal region peaceful and prosperous, by strengthening common bonds through collective efforts. The summit underlined the importance of multi-dimensional connectivity for economic integration and shared prosperity. The 4th BIMSTEC summit ended with the signing of the 18- points Kathmandu declaration importantly the countries signed the MoU on establishing a BIMSTEC Grid interconnection to enhance energy cooperation among the seven member states. This year Nepal and Bangladesh also signed a MoU on Energy cooperation in Kathmandu which has open a new avenue of cooperation between two countries.

10. While admiring the People's Republic of Bangladesh for its colossal economic growth, we acknowledge the fact that it was possible because of its people's struggle and hardship and the dedicated leadership. Bangladesh's rapid industrialization and its prosperity has become a role model for least developed and developing countries for imitation, which Nepal is keenly observing it. This year Bangladesh graduated from LDC to developing country fulfilling all the three criteria for graduation. In this moment, I would like to take an opportunity to congratulate Government and People of the Bangladesh for their achievement.

11. Finally, I would like to thank Hon'ble Minister of Commerce Mr. Tofail Ahmed for your gracious presence and making this ceremony a memorable event in our diplomatic history. I also take this opportunity to thank Head of the Missions, members of diplomatic corps, Government officials, business persons, media personalities, and personalities from academic social institutions and friends of Nepal for joining us in celebrating this event with a great joy and happiness.

Long live Nepal, Long live Bangladesh.