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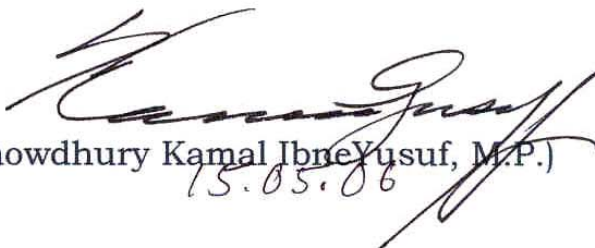
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Message

I am extremely delighted to learn that the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartfelt felicitation to all the members of ADPC who have worked tirelessly in the field of disaster risk management across Asia and the Pacific during the past twenty years to realize the vision of safer communities and sustainable development through disaster risk reduction. Today, I recall with great satisfaction the invaluable services being rendered by ADPC all these years to reduce the impact of disasters on communities in our region by raising awareness and enhancing knowledge and skills, strengthening sustainable institutional mechanism and facilitating exchange of information, experience and expertise.

I should also like to take this opportunity to mention that a number of successful initiatives were undertaken by ADPC in Bangladesh to promote the cause of disaster risk reduction. I hope that my country will continue to receive such support from ADPC in the days to come in managing the various types of natural hazards to which the country is very much prone.

I wish the 20th Anniversary celebration of ADPC a grand success.


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