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Message

I am pleased to learn of the initiative taken by India and France to launch jointly the International Solar Alliance (ISA). I would like to commend our good friends – President Mr. François Hollande and Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi - for conceiving establishment of such a forum for promoting sustainable development through accelerated use of solar energy.

Renewable energy is increasingly vital in meeting our energy needs. Not only is solar energy clean, competitive and reduces carbon emission, it is also a most effective way to keep our environment free from further damage.

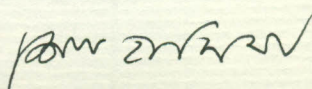
Considering Bangladesh's future energy security and low-carbon development strategy, the Government has already undertaken a number of programs and initiatives to promote extensively the use of solar energy. We have the fastest growing Solar Home System (SHS) in the world, with close to five million Systems already installed across Bangladesh. The SHSs have particularly changed lives and livelihoods for around fifteen million poor people in remote or off-grid areas of the country.

It is in such a context that we regard global cooperation vital to acquire advanced technologies in solar energy. It is our expectation that ISA would promote solar applications, utilities, training, and overall science – technology – innovation related to solar energy. Focus on gap analyses, and undertaking tangible projects, addressing on-the-ground challenges in ISA member countries following mapping of the existing initiatives in the member states should go a long way to develop and secure green and sustainable energy.

Bangladesh is thus keen on the initiative. We look forward to its robust advancement.

I wish the Alliance all success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.


Sheikh Hasina