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Message from the Chief Patron

I am extremely delighted to know that Bangladesh Institute of Maritime Research and Development (BIMRAD) is going to publish maiden publication 'BIMRAD Journal' on the occasion of its first founding anniversary. I sincerely acknowledge this arduous effort of BIMRAD in publishing such a unique maritime research journal on this magnificent occasion. I strongly believe that this newly introduced maritime research journal will provide a new platform of publishing maritime outcome based research on maritime affairs, security, exploration and conservation of sea resources, maritime science and technology, maritime tourism, maritime pollution, biodiversity, maritime ecology, coastal disaster, marine renewable energy and climate change impact and adaptation of food security.

On the eve of this noble initiative, I would like to humbly pay my deepest tribute to the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who envisaged and underscored the enormous potentials of sea resources and as a pioneer he enacted the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act 1974. Due to the depletion of land resources, recently sea borne activities are increasing immensely. Hence, numerous research activities are also being regularly conducted worldwide to uncover the mysteries of the sea and its enormous potentials. For Bangladesh, the peaceful maritime boundary delimitation with the neighboring countries under the prudent vision and dynamic leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has unfolded new opportunities for optimum exploration of its huge living and non-living resources.

Meanwhile, BIMRAD has passed an eventful year through various fruitful activities. I am confident that BIMRAD as the nation's first maritime think tank will be able to act as a hub of maritime scholars, intellectuals, researchers and institutions to express their views, publish their scholarly articles and policy recommendations on the basis of their research outcomes. I am looking forward to see BIMRAD Journal being published and circulated on regular basis.

I wish every success of BIMRAD in the days ahead.

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