Bismillahir Rahmani Rahim

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me to greet you all the iconic personalities of this planet working for the cause of humanity. The year 2021 is very distinct and auspicious for our nation. We are celebrating two historic events this year – the Golden Jubilee of our independence, and the birth centenary of our father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman concurrently. Receiving UN final recommendation for the graduation from the LDC to a developing country in the same year has added another historic milestone and made this year more momentous for us.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The COVID-19 pandemic posed a great concern worldwide and Bangladesh is of no exception. Covid has put negative impacts on employment, income, business, investment, international trade and almost all other aspects of life. The Government of Bangladesh, under the dynamic leadership of H.E. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, has rolled out 23 stimulus packages of US$ 14.6 billion which is 4.44% of GDP to overcome the negative impacts of pandemic. We adopted expansionary fiscal and monetary policies to ensure enough purchasing power, employment and credit facilities. A far-sighted balance between lives and livelihood has not only saved lives from pandemic but also returned jobs to millions. First wave of Covid-19 has been managed successfully in Bangladesh though the new wave has started now as elsewhere in the world. Having started vaccination on 7th February 2021 Bangladesh has administered more than 6 million doses till date.

For the extraordinary leadership during Covid-19 our Prime Minister H. E. Sheikh Hasina has been named by the Commonwealth among the top three inspirational women leaders.

Distinguished Delegates,

The upcoming LDC-5 conference should keep several points in the purview especially country and global level actions required for recovery from Covid-19; graduating LDCs and their aftermath challenges, implementation of the agenda 2030.

I wish that we will get back our development momentum and move forward with concerted efforts. Bangladesh always remains committed to take part and extend all out supports in all international and regional endeavors.

I thank you all for your attention.
Joy Bangla joy Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh live forever.