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Bhutan reaffirms Commitment to Regional Cooperation at South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) 2025 Meetings

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The Ministry of Finance, led by the Director General of the Department of Macro-Fiscal and Development Finance, participated in the SASEC 2025 Senior Officials Meeting held on 8-9 December 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The meeting followed a series of SASEC Working Group Meetings on Energy, Transport, and Trade Facilitation, along with the Tourism and Food System Knowledge Workshops conducted from 24 November to 03 December 2025.

The meetings endorsed the SASEC 2035 Strategies, individually for operational priorities namely transport, energy, and trade facilitation besides discussing the progresses under draft SASEC 2035 Strategy for economic corridor development. These strategies aim to promote economic prosperity and enhance trade facilitation through strengthened regional cooperation and integration.

Discussions also centered on key building blocks of Economic Corridor Development, including highly facilitated trade corridors, digitalization, tourism, and food systems. These initiatives are intended to advance regional connectivity, improve trade facilitation, and promote technological innovation within the SASEC partner countries.

The SASEC Program is a regional partnership among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, supported by the Asian Development Bank. With 24 years in operation, SASEC strengthens economic integration through improved transport connectivity, enhanced energy cooperation, and streamlined trade facilitation among the member countries.