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The Secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka presents its compliments to the Ministries of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs of the BIMSTEC Member States and with reference to the former's Note Number BIMSTEC/SEC/17/04 dated 27 February 2019, concerning nominations of Nodal Agency and the Country Specific Nodal Group for protection of Traditional Medicine Knowledge (TMK) & Genetic Resources (GR).

In this regard, the Secretariat is pleased to forward herewith the *compiled list of Nodal Agencies and Country Specific Nodal Groups for protection of TMK and GR*, received from the Member States for kind information and ready reference of the esteemed Ministries.

The Secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs of the BIMSTEC Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.



Dhaka, 6 May 2019

Ministries of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs of the BIMSTEC Member States,
(Kind attention: National Focal Points of the BIMSTEC)

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(As on 6 May 2019)

Nodal Agency & Country Specific Nodal Group for TMK & GR

Sl. No.	Member State	Nodal Agency for TMK & GR	Country Specific Nodal Group for TMK & GR
1.	Bangladesh	Director (Homeo & Traditional Medicine) Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka- 1212 Tele: +8858812134 Email: amc@ld.dghs.gov.bd/info@dghs.gov.bd	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Secretary (Medical Education), Health Education and Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. 2. Representative of Health Service Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. 3. Representative of Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. 4. Representative of Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. 5. Representative of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. 6. Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sagun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000. 7. Director (Homeo and Traditional Medicine), Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. 8. Principal, Government Homeopathic College, Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1212. 9. Principal, Government of Unani and Ayurvedic College, Mirpur-13, Dhaka-1212.
2.	Bhutan	Department of Traditional Medicine Services, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan, Post Box – 297, Thimphu EPABX:+975 2 338834 Fax: +975 2 338837	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director General, Department of Traditional Medicine Services, Ministry of Health (MoH), 2. Director General, Department of Forest and Park Services (DoFPS), Ministry of Agriculture and Forest (MoAF) 3. Director General, Department of Culture, Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs(MoHCA) 4. Director General, National Library and Archive of Bhutan, MoHCA 5. Program Director, National Biodiversity Centre, MoAF

			<p>6. CEO, Menjongsorig, Pharmaceuticals Corporation Limited, Thimphu</p> <p>7. Chief Program Officer, MZD, LH&SHD and THCD oTMS, MoH</p> <p>8. Program Officer, MZD, Department of Traditional Medicine Services, MoH</p>
3.	India	Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India	<p>1. Shri Subendu Kundu, Deputy Controller of Patents and Designs, Patent Office, Kolkata – Indian Patent Office</p> <p>2. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Sr. Development Officer DIPP-DIPP</p> <p>3. Mrs. Rekha V, Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, O/o Controller General of Patent, Design – DIPP</p> <p>4. Dr. Anupam Shrivastava, Director, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, New Delhi</p>
	Myanmar	Department of Traditional Medicine Ministry of Health and Sports Myanmar	<p>1. Department of Traditional Medicine, Ministry of Health and Sports</p> <p>2. Department of Medical Research, Ministry of Health and Sports</p> <p>3. Department of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Education</p> <p>4. International Organization and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>5. Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation</p> <p>6. Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation</p> <p>7. Department of Agriculture Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation</p> <p>8. Traditional Medicine Council</p> <p>9. Traditional Medicine Advisory Council</p>
5.	Nepal	Dr. Sobhari Sah Director General Ayurved and Alternative Medicine Department Ministry of Health and Population Activities Tele: +977-9844052919 Email: sahsabpink2@gmail.com	<p>1. Co-ordinator-Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population</p> <p>2. Member – Director General, Ayurved and Alternative Medicine Department, Ministry of Health and Population</p> <p>3. Member – Director General, Department of Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Population</p> <p>4. Member – Director General, Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Population</p> <p>5. Member – Executive Chairman, Nepal Health Research Council</p> <p>6. Member – Executive Chairman, National Ayurved Research and Training Center, Ministry of Health and Population Activities</p> <p>7. Member – Executive Chairman, Singha Darbar Baidhya Khana</p>

			<p>Development Committee, Ministry of Health and Population Activities</p> <p>8. Member – Director General, Department of Plant Resources</p> <p>9. Member – Representative from Ministry of Forest and Environment</p>
6.	Sri Lanka	<p>Indigenous Medicine Sector of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Tele: 011 2676376 Fax: 011 2676385 E-mail: ministryofindigenousmedicine@gmail.com</p>	<p>1. Additional Secretary (Development) Indigenous Medicine Sector of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.</p> <p>2. Director General, Department of Agriculture</p> <p>3. Director General, Department of National Botanical Gardens</p> <p>4. Conservator General of Forests, Department of Forest Conservation</p> <p>5. Director General, National Library & Documentation Services Board</p> <p>6. Director General, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka</p> <p>7. Commissioner of Ayurveda, Department of Ayurveda</p> <p>8. Deputy Director (Technical Medical), Indigenous Medicine Sector of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine</p> <p>9. Director, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya</p> <p>10. Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo</p> <p>11. Additional Director, Plant Genetic Resources Centre, Peradeniya</p> <p>12. Director, Bandaranaike Memorial Ayurvedic Research Institute, Nawinna</p>
7.	Thailand	<p>Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (DTAM) Ministry of Public Health Tiwanont Road, Mueang, Nonthaburi Thailand 11000 Tele: +662 149 5608 Fax: + 662 591 1095 E-mail: krittatach.dtam@gmail.com Contact point: Dr. Nunthasak Chotichanadechawong, Director of Division of Protection and Promotion of Thai Traditional and Indigenous Medicine, DTAM</p>	<p>1. Director of Division of Protection and Promotion of Thai Traditional and Indigenous Medicine, DTAM, Ministry of Public Health</p> <p>2. Chief of Measure Analysis Section, Bureau of the National Environment Board, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</p> <p>3. Director of Plant Variety Protection Office, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives</p> <p>4. Assistant Prof. Dr. Pawarit Lerdtamteew, Faculty of Law, Ramkhamheang University (Expert in Internal Law and Intellectual Property)</p> <p>5. Prof. Dr. Chayan Picheansoonthon, Fellow of the Royal Society of Thailand and Professor at College of Alternative Medicine, Rajabhat Chandrakasem University (Expert in Biological Diversity and Access and Benefit Sharing)</p>