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**December 02, 2024**

**Dawn News**

### **Adapting Marxism to the Chinese context**

Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for greater efforts to adapt Marxism to the Chinese context and the needs of the times.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the requirement in an instruction on the project of studying and developing Marxist theory in the new era.

A work meeting on the project of studying and developing Marxist theory was held in Beijing.

As the brief of the meeting points out, the project is of strategic importance to the Party's ideological and theoretical development. Over the past 20 years, researchers taking part in it have produced a large number of high-quality research results, playing an important role in promoting the Party's innovative theories and consolidating the guiding role of Marxism in the field of ideology.

In the new era, the participants in the project should continue to further intensify the systematic and academic research and interpretation of Marxism, enhance the pertinence and effectiveness of their learning and the application of their research findings, and promote the Party's innovative theories to become more pertinent to the practical needs of advancing the country's high-quality development and the national modernisation. In their research, they are expected to base their work on the needs of the Party and the nation, carry on Chinese cultural heritage, and build a solid academic foundation for the adaptation of Marxism to the Chinese context and the needs of the times. They need to conduct in-depth research on major issues in the process of advancing national modernisation, accelerate the construction of an independent knowledge system of Chinese philosophy and social sciences, cultivate high-quality theoretical talents, and make greater contributions to promoting the sinicisation and modernisation of Marxism. The instructions Xi has recently made on the project profoundly explain its status and role, clarify the task requirements of adhering to the right path and innovation to promote the study, research and publicity of the Party's innovative theories, and provide important guidance for the project's implementation in the new era. Since the 18th National Congress of the Party, the CPC Central Committee has attached great importance to strengthening the Party with effective ideological work and innovation of theories. And Xi has published a series of important expositions on strengthening the study and development of Marxist theory, profoundly answered the directional and fundamental issues of adhering to and developing Marxism, and systematically explained the direction, goals, basic principles, fundamental tasks and key tasks of the study and development of Marxist theory. The project, as required, should focus on improving the pertinence and effectiveness of studies and researches, deepening the systematic research and interpretation of Marxism and the actual conditions of China.

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## The News

### **Trump warns BRICS nations against replacing US dollar**

*Khalid Mustafa*

ISLAMABAD: Instead of threatening to impose 100 percent tariffs on member countries of BRICS backed by China and Russia for their bids to scale down reliance on the US dollar for international trade, President-elect of the USA Donald Trump needs to find out why countries are moving away from using the US dollar for trade.

The blatant use of economic sanctions in US dollars and increasing tariffs to punish the countries are the main reasons forcing the vital economies to assemble under the platform of BRICS and initiate trade in their own currencies keeping US dollars aside, Pakistan's eminent economist Dr Ashfaque H Khan responds to the statement of Donald Trump on BRICS.

“Imposing 100 percent tariff is not a child's play as such measures will further accelerate de-dollarization,” Dr Khan said.

Sakib Sherani, a seasoned economist of the country, says: “Since the Bretton Woods system was put in place after the Second World War, the US has sought to insert the dollar as the go-to currency for global trade. After the move away from the gold standard, the US has actively sought to protect the reserve currency status of the greenback and the exorbitant privilege that comes with it.”

Many commentators believe that some of the US conflicts in recent history, such as the military campaign to remove Col Muammar Gaddafi in Libya, were the result of moves by countries involved to shift away from selling oil in US dollar, for example, or becoming part of an alternate global payment system. The latest salvo fired against the BRICS nations is a continuation of the same. It is unlikely to stop the BRICS countries from exploring an alternate to the US dollar because the USA has weaponized its currency as well as the dollar-based global payments system. Threats by the US, combined with tariff measures and protectionism, will only encourage more countries towards finding an alternate system. This will accelerate the global geo-economic fragmentation already taking place. “Countries like Pakistan stand to lose from such developments because any move to reverse globalization will hurt developing countries the most,” Sherani opined. “The US has used its control over the dollar-based financial system to sanction countries like Russia (for its actions in Ukraine), Iran (over nuclear proliferation concerns) and North Korea (for its missile programs). As the US dollar is the dominant global currency for trade and finance, countries that rely on it can find their economies severely impacted by sanctions.” Dr Abid Qaiyum Sulehri, head of SDPI (Sustainable Development Policy Institute), said that 100 percent hike in tariff on imports from BRICS countries will also cause an increase in sufferings of American consumers. He said that to stabilize a multipolar world and to avoid consequences of unipolar economic system, the world needs alternatives of the US dollar for trade. Dr Sulehri argued that there are already more than one currencies in the IMF basket, so Trump's attempt to discourage BRICS currency would be an absurd initiative. The statement by Donald Trump says: “The idea that the BRICS countries are trying to move away from the dollar while we stand by and watch is over. We require a commitment from these countries that they will

neither create a new BRICS currency, nor back any other currency to replace the mighty US dollar or, they will face 100% tariffs and should expect to say goodbye to selling into the wonderful US Economy.”

BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) was established to promote economic cooperation and development among emerging economies. The group aims to provide an alternative to Western-dominated financial systems, including institutions like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, which have historically been seen as serving the interests of developed nations, particularly the United States and Europe. BRICS countries formed the group in 2006 (with South Africa joining in 2010), recognizing the growing influence and potential of emerging economies in the global economic landscape. The primary motivations behind its creation include: BRICS countries sought to create a platform for their economic growth and development by focusing on cooperation in trade, investment, and infrastructure development; the group aimed to challenge the dominance of the West in global institutions and advocate for reforms in global governance systems, particularly those centered around the United Nations, World Trade Organization (WTO), and international financial institutions; and BRICS also aimed to increase the political clout of its member nations in global decision-making processes, positioning themselves as a counterbalance to Western influence. China’s move to internationalize the yuan is partly a strategic response to US economic sanctions and the dominance of Western financial systems. The US has used its control over the global financial system, including the dollar-based SWIFT network, to impose sanctions on countries like Russia, Iran, and North Korea. By promoting the yuan, China seeks to protect itself and its trading partners from potential US sanctions, ensuring that it can continue to engage in global trade without interference. China has already taken significant steps to internationalize the yuan. In 2016, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) included the yuan in its Special Drawing Rights (SDR) basket, which consists of a basket of reserve currencies. This was a milestone in recognizing the yuan as an international reserve currency. To solidify its role in global finance, China is working to increase the yuan’s usage in trade, investment, and central bank reserves around the world. Trump’s threats against BRICS countries on the use of US dollar were likely a reaction to the perceived threat to US economic dominance, especially in global trade, finance and geopolitics. The US dollar plays a critical role in maintaining the US’s global influence — in terms of economic leverage, sanctions power and financial stability. Therefore, any efforts by countries like China, Russia, and India to move away from the dollar would have undermined US interests, prompting Trump’s response to prevent such shifts and preserve US economic power on the world stage. “We require a commitment from these countries that they will neither create a new BRICS currency, nor back any other currency to replace the mighty US dollar or, they will face 100% tariffs and should expect to say goodbye to selling into the wonderful US economy,” Trump wrote on his social media platform, Truth Social.

“They can go find another ‘sucker’. There is no chance that the BRICS will replace the US dollar in International Trade, and any country that tries should wave goodbye to America.”

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## Governance lessons from China

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China's rise was neither easy nor free of hardships. China had to fight a multidimensional war to pave the way for a sustainable future. It had to face harsh foreign attitudes, foreign-funded rioters, isolation from the West, and internal challenges of poverty, class differences, and a lack of resources. China rose after overcoming these challenges. China's rise offers many lessons for nations to learn, such as how to overcome challenges, how to govern, what democracy is, how to improve the welfare of people, and what attributes state and government officials must have. A few have been discussed below.

First, State and government officials must live in society, not float over it. This helps them understand the ground realities and create a bond with society. The Communist Party of China comprehended and observed this philosophy fully. CPC members and government employees lived/live like the common people, paying the same utility bills as other people.

Second, State and government officials must be selfless, have high integrity, be honest, and concentrate on people's and society's needs. In difficult times, they should lead by example. They should not ask for sacrifices from people; they should make sacrifices themselves for the betterment of society and the country.

Third, the rule of law is prime. Everyone has to submit to the rule of law, no matter who is who. The country must be run by the rule of law and integrated through the rule of law. The CPC focuses on the rule of law and its implementation with its true spirit. The CPC concluded that corruption must be eradicated and justice be ensured at all levels to ensure the rule of law and the well-being of people. After assuming leadership of the CPC and China, President Xi launched a comprehensive campaign to eradicate corruption at all levels, from center to local levels. He did not spare anyone who committed any type of corruption (monetary or obliging relatives or friends). China has arrested and punished many top-level army generals, politicians, CPC members, and bureaucrats. Most recently, the CPC expelled the agriculture minister, justice minister, defense minister, and chairman of the Bank of China, among others, from the party on corruption charges.

However, the most interesting part of the story is that China is equally focused on bribers and punishing them. In the past, someone caught offering a bribe would have to face a sentence of 5 years. China refined the law last year and started implementation on 1st March 2024. The punishment limit has been increased from 5 years to 10 years. If he continues to offer a bribe, he will be sentenced to life imprisonment and have his property confiscated. Moreover, President Xi has warned the CPC members, government officials, and armed forces to observe party discipline strictly and not engage in any type of corruption, including gifts, etc., and keep their relatives and family away from such practices. The campaign results are visible now: an atmosphere has been created where corruption is discouraged in the strongest terms.

Simultaneously, the CPC ensures that everybody has access to justice and that justice is provided on a war footing. Hence, the justice system in China works independently and provides justice without fear or discrimination. China has also launched a drive to modernize

the justice and law system and is making efforts to strengthen the judicial system to protect human rights and ensure fairness and justice. The goal is to make it more efficient, transparent, responsive to the times, and independent.

Fourth, the CPC devised an inclusive and people-centric governance system to ensure people's welfare and denounced the ruling mentality. Why? Because CPC considers the ruling to be monolithic, coercive, and monopolistic, while governance is pluralistic, democratic, and cooperative. Governance is an art that conducts day-to-day functions in an inclusive manner by applying the rule of law. In a nutshell, governance is about winning people's hearts by serving their needs, and ruling dictates the process according to an individual or group of individuals' interests or will.

Therefore, China conceived its own model of democracy, "Whole Process People's Democracy," to implement people-centric governance. It is based on nine pillars: 1) people's will, 2) people-centric, 3) quality governance, 4) equal participation and opportunities to grow and move on the ladder of leadership, 5) inclusiveness and continuity, 6) strong mechanism of accountability, 7) continuous interaction, 8) merit-based election and 9) socialist values. It does not discriminate based on religion, gender, or class. It ensures the delivery of services and livelihood opportunities to every citizen on an equal basis.

Due to people-centric governance and "Whole Process People's Democracy", China has become a poverty-free country. Now, President Xi is guiding the Party and State to achieve the goal of a prosperous China.

Fifth, the CPC governs the country using Indigenous wisdom. It always applies Indigenous wisdom to devise policies and policies. The CPC never hires consultants or IMF—or World Bank-backed expatriates to devise policies for China. However, the CPC never hesitates to learn from others for the country's benefit.

Sixth, the CPC concluded that the China Dream has no value or justification without ensuring a quality life and a prosperous society for the common people. Thus, people must have the capacity and skills to earn decent livelihoods, improve their lives, and make positive contributions to society. Hence, education and life-skill development were declared top priorities. China kept on investing generously and reforming its education and skill development system according to its development status and people's needs. For example, in the late 1980s, the education and skill-development systems were reformed to meet the new needs of the country. President Xi is modernizing the education and skill-development system to build a scientific knowledge creation base, which is a prerequisite to leading innovation and technological development.

From the above discussion, it can be deduced that China rose by applying people-centric policies, keeping people at the center, and solving issues with wisdom and reform, not rhetoric or blame games. Moreover, China applied indigenous wisdom, not borrowed wisdom. However, China always kept people at the center of policy-making and implementation and governed the country with empathy, dignity, integrity, and honesty.

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**December 03, 2024**

**Business Recorder**

**CM says Thar coal most affordable source of power generation**

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah stated that Thar Coal is the most affordable source of electricity generation in the country, however, due to transmission constraints, there are instances when the delivery of this inexpensive power is hindered, preventing the full potential of Thar Coal from being realised.

“Since 2019, 27,000 GWh of electricity has been generated from Thar Coal Block-II at a significantly lower fuel price of Rs 4.8 per kWh, compared to Rs 19.5 per kWh for imported coal, which has resulted in a foreign exchange saving of approximately \$1.3 billion.

He said this on Monday while presiding over a 28th Thar Coal Energy Board meeting at CM House. The meeting was attended by Minister Energy Nasir Shah, MNA Shazia Marri, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, PSCM Agha Wasif, and Secretary Energy Musadik Malik. MD Thar Coal Tariq Shah. From the Federal government (through video link) Federal Finance Minister Mohammad Aurangzeb, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Federal Secretary Energy Fakhre Alam, and others attended the meeting.

Shah said that Thar Coal represents the most economical source of electricity generation within the country, and it is also locally sourced. “Despite its cost-effectiveness, the evacuation of power from Thar faces challenges due to transmission limitations,” he pointed out and added that both federal and provincial governments are working in collaboration to improve the electricity evacuation infrastructure from Thar to mitigate overall electricity costs so that the nation can truly benefit from the local source..

The CM proudly said that Thar has successfully generated 2,640 MW of power, positioning it as the most affordable energy source in the country, thereby supplying electricity to over six million households.

Mr Shah stated that since 2019, 27000 GWh of electricity has been generated alone from Thar Coal Block-II at a significantly lower fuel price of Rs 4.8 per kWh, compared to Rs 19.5 per kWh for imported coal, which has resulted in a foreign exchange saving of approximately \$1.3 billion.

The CM said that this achievement was a realisation of the dream of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, made possible under the guidance of President Asif Zardari.

Federal Secretary (Power Division) Fakhre Alam, replying to a question from the chief minister, said that the Prime Minister has issued directives for the conversion of the Jamshoro, Sahiwal, Port Qasim and Hub power plants on Thar Coal for imported coal substitution. He further added that a study would be conducted before converting them on imported coal. At this, the CM said that once the railway line is laid, transportation of coal from Thar to upcountry would be easy and cheap.

Railway Line from Thar Coal: During the presentation on the railway line, the Chief Minister was informed that the contract to lay the rail track from the Thar Coalfield in Islamkot to



Chorr, a distance of 105 km, has been awarded to the Frontier Works Organization (FWO). Earthwork is currently in progress, and sleepers have been procured. Procurement of rails and fastening materials has also begun. Additionally, a 9 km rail track is being developed from Bin Qasim to the Lucky Power Plant and Coal Unloading Facility for M/s Lucky Electric Power Company at Port Qasim. The Chief Minister was told that a total of 756.10 acres of land has been identified for the project, of which 36 acres are private land that still needs to be acquired. At this, the Chief Minister directed Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah to instruct the Commissioner of Mirpurkhas Division to proceed with the land acquisition. In Tharparkar, 242.12 acres of private land are being acquired, for which Rs 60.8 million has been allocated to the Commissioner of Mirpurkhas, as stated by the Chief Secretary.

The board was informed that a railway line is expected to be completed by December 2025, with the establishment of a special purpose vehicle (SPV). Furthermore, site clearance work is already in full swing. The board also approved the recommendations for the Indexed/Adjusted Tariff Order concerning the motions for determining the indexations/adjustments of the tariff for the period from October 2022 to March 2024, submitted by the Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC) for Phase II of the mine at Block II in the Thar Coalfield. Additionally, the Thar Coal Board approved the extension of the Thar Coal Tariff Determination Committee members, Board directors Dr Fahad Irfan Siddiqui and Ammar Habib Khan, until August 2025. The CEO of SECMC reported to the meeting that Chinese lenders are willing to support the expansion of the Block-2 mine, increasing its capacity from the current 7.6 million tons per annum (mtpa) to 11.2 mtpa. He stated that a financial close is expected to be achieved by the first quarter of 2025. The expansion will be financed locally, and a term sheet has already been signed with Meezan Bank to arrange the necessary funding. The Federal Finance Minister, the Chief Minister of Sindh, and the State Bank of Pakistan have all played crucial roles in this process.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/12/03/12-page/1018370-news.html>

### Daily Times

#### **Pakistani agricultural by-products showcased at China International Fair**

Pakistani Agricultural By-Products were showcased at the 21st China International Agricultural Trade Fair (CATF). The fair took place at China Import and Export Fair Complex (Canton Fair Complex) in the recent week.

Pakistani agricultural by-products emerged as a highlight of the event, capturing the attention of visitors and buyers alike.

Pakistani products ranging from biscuits and pastries to Himalayan pink salt, dried mangoes, and almond oil are making a strong impression at the fair.

“We are thrilled to see the enthusiastic response to these Pakistani agricultural by-products,” said Cindy Chen, Director of the Pakistani market service platform “Zhitong Batie” for the China region, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

“Our platform has always been committed to showcasing the best of Pakistani products to a global audience, and this year’s trade fair has been no exception.” Chen highlighted the

unique advantages of Pakistani agricultural products, adding their authenticity, freshness and Pakistan's efforts to promote and develop the agricultural sector. Pakistan's merchandise exports for the fiscal year 2023-2024 have reached \$30.64 billion, representing a 10.54 percent increase over the previous year, according to figures released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. Notably, agricultural exports showed remarkable performance, reaching a record high of \$8 billion, up 37 percent year-on-year. Radio Pakistan reported that the country's agricultural sector is on track to achieve an export target of \$10 billion for this fiscal year. Pakistani agricultural exporters have been actively promoting their quality products through various Chinese exhibition platforms, such as the China International Import Expo, the China-South Asia Expo, the China-ASEAN Expo, etc. "We are also here at the CATF to promote the inaugural FoodAg Manufacturing Expo, which will be held in Lahore in 2025, focusing on food ingredients, processing, packaging, supply chain, and food innovations."

The 21st CATF with the theme of "Accelerating the Development of Modern Agriculture and Advancing Comprehensive Rural Revitalization", provides an exhibition area of over 100,000 square meters. Nearly 3,000 enterprises showcased more than 20,000 products, attracting an estimated number of over 50,000 professional buyers and industry experts.

"The event provides an excellent opportunity for Pakistani agricultural by-products to reach a wider audience in the region," Chen concluded.

"With China's growing demand for high-quality agricultural products and Pakistan's abundant resources and production capabilities, the future of bilateral trade in agricultural goods looks promising."

[https://dailytimes.com.pk/1244609/pakistani-agricultural-by-products-showcased-at-china-international-fair/#google\\_vignette](https://dailytimes.com.pk/1244609/pakistani-agricultural-by-products-showcased-at-china-international-fair/#google_vignette)

### **Pak-China border port in Xinjiang to operate year-round**

The Khunjerab Pass, a land port on the China-Pakistan border in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, will operate year-round starting Sunday.

Located approximately 5,000 meters above sea level, the Khunjerab Pass is a major trade station between China and Pakistan, and an important gateway to South Asia and Europe.

Due to high altitude and harsh weather conditions, the Khunjerab Pass was previously open only from April to November, closing from December to March. Extending its operational period is expected to further enhance economic and trade cooperation, as well as people-to-people exchanges, between China and Pakistan, according to Chinese state media here on Monday. Since the resumption of passenger customs clearance on April 1 this year, the Khunjerab Pass has recorded over 50,000 inbound and outbound passengers so far. By the end of October, the number of inbound and outbound vehicles at the Khunjerab Pass exceeded 11,000, and the import and export cargo volume reached 40,900 tonnes, up 42.6 percent and 72.7 percent year on year respectively, according to the Khunjerab Customs.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1244601/pak-china-border-port-in-xinjiang-to-operate-year-round/>

### **Govt to file review petition against ban on import of Chinese salt**

The Federal Cabinet on Monday authorized the government to file review petition against the Supreme Court's decision of ban on import of Monosodium glutamate (Ajinomoto) commonly known as Chinese salt.

The decision was taken on the recommendation of commerce ministry and in line with the report of the experts' special committee that was formed to monitor the impacts of Monosodium glutamate on human health.

The report had termed the Monosodium glutamate safe for human health. The committee was comprised of representatives from Pakistan Scientific and Industrial Research, National Agriculture Research Center, National University of Sciences and Technology, Institute of Food and Nutritional Sciences, Federal Ministry of National Food Safety and Research, Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority and Board of Investment.

The meeting of the federal cabinet was held here under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. The cabinet on the recommendation of the Interior Ministry, approved the National Prevention of Violent Extremism Policy 2024.

In addition, the cabinet also approved in principle the proposal of the interior ministry with respect to the establishment of Islamabad Central Business District Development Authority.

The cabinet, on the proposal of ministry of education and professional training also gave a go ahead to the renewal of the Memoranda of Understands with respect to University of Cambridge, Saint Antony's College University of Oxford, University of Jordan, Pecking University China, University of Hydal Berg, and Pakistan Chairs in Germany.

Furthermore, the cabinet, on the recommendation of ministry of education and professional training approved nomination of Dr Habib ur Rehman and Dr Kamran Ansari as subject experts in the Board of Governors of University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore and the nomination of Dr Mumtaz Muhammad Shah and Dr Muhammad Ahmed Farooqui as subject experts in Board of Governors of Center of Excellence in Mineralogy, University of Balochistan Quetta.

The federal cabinet, on the proposal of ministry of law and justice and in line with Sindh High Court orders approved the amendment in the jurisdiction of special courts.

On the recommendation of ministry of law and justice and in line with Balochistan High Court orders, the cabinet also approved amendments in the jurisdiction of special courts (customs, taxation and anti smuggling) Quetta and Khuzdar.

Similarly, on proposals of ministry of law and justice and in line with orders of Peshawar High Court, Lahore High Court, Islamabad High Court, Sindh High Court, and Balochistan High Court, the cabinet authorized the additional session judges and other relevant courts to hear the cases under lawyers welfare and protection act 2023.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1244558/govt-to-file-review-petition-against-ban-on-import-of-chinese-salt/>

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<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1244540/transmission-challenges-hindering-low-cost-power-generation-from-thar-coal/>

**December 04, 2024**

**Business Recorder**

### **Bilawal, Chinese envoy discuss bilateral relations**

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari discussed bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest. Ambassador Zaidong called on Bilawal at Zardari House, Islamabad, on Tuesday afternoon. Bilawal and Ambassador Zaidong discussed promotion of bilateral relations, social and cultural cooperation and also discussed matters of mutual interests. The former minister for foreign affairs, Hina Rabbani Khar, was also present. The meeting comes more than a month after the Chinese ambassador urged Islamabad to crack down on terrorist groups targeting Chinese nationals in the country. "Top priority should be the security of the Chinese personnel in Pakistan because they come to Pakistan to participate in Pakistan's development," Zaidong had told journalists at a press conference at his residence at the Chinese Embassy. "They [Chinese] are innocent and they don't deserve this kind of sacrifice and their families do not deserve this kind of tragedy," the envoy had said.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/12/04/3-page/1018432-news.html>



### **China-Pak trade cooperation flourishes with 9 deals worth RMB 1.91bn**

Nine cooperation agreements were signed between Chinese and Pakistani enterprises, with a total value of RMB 1.918 billion (approximately \$263.8 million) during a Strategic Cooperation Summit on E-Commerce with theme “Unleashing the Digital Potential of CPEC” held in Chenggong, Kunming, Yunnan.

The agreements span a variety of sectors, including overseas investment, import and export, mineral and ore trading, agricultural products, and the digital economy. Prominent companies involved in the partnerships include Yunnan Yunshangyun Big Data Industry Development Co., Ltd, Jinhu International Trade (Kunming) Co., Ltd, Northern Frontier Mines Pakistan, China Economic Net reported on Tuesday.

According to Raja Nasir Ali Khan, Minister for Planning and Development of Gilgit-Baltistan, the signed agreements are expected to boost trade and investment flows between the two countries, particularly in emerging sectors like digital technologies and e-commerce.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1244784/china-pak-trade-cooperation-flourishes-with-9-deals-worth-rmb-1-91bn/>

### **Pakistan’s first electric SUV launched to echo new ambitious policy**

Regal Automobiles Industries Ltd, a trailblazer in Pakistan’s automotive sector, has made history with the unveiling of the country’s first locally assembled electric SUV, the Seres 3.

Adeel Usman, Managing Director of RAIL, highlighted that the Seres 3 would redefine the local automotive landscape, positioning the nation as an emerging hub for electric mobility innovation, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday

Not long ago, Privatization Minister Abdul Aleem Khan announced that 30% of vehicles in Pakistan would be converted to electric by 2030, as the South Asian country takes step to combat air pollution and other climate change effects.

The minister was echoing the government’s New Energy Vehicle (NEV) policy. Hybrid EV sales in Pakistan have more than doubled in the past year.

BYD Pakistan, a partnership between China’s giant BYD and Pakistani auto group Mega Motors, said in this September up to 50% of all vehicles bought in Pakistan by 2030 will be electrified in some form.

“The new vehicle policy is timely, addressing critical issues like the high oil import bill, underutilized power plants incurring capacity payments, and transportation-related smog and greenhouse gas emissions,” told Dr. Naveed Arshad, associate professor and co-director of the LUMS Energy Institute.

“Unlike the earlier policy a few years ago, the updated version is more robust, offering clear targets, tax breaks and government funding for EV projects.”

Dr Arshad added that traditional automakers must adapt to the changing electric vehicle landscape. The current business model relies heavily on after-sales services such as engine maintenance, which is incompatible with EVs due to their extremely low maintenance requirements.

He suggested that automakers should turn to charging infrastructure, software R&D and other areas of innovation.

In order to fully promote the energy transformation in the transportation sector, new policy emphasizes the establishment of extensive charging infrastructure across Pakistan. Charging stations will be installed in public areas and along major highways, and oil marketing companies are required to set up level 3 charging stations at 10% of their locations. Private charging service providers will receive incentives such as tax exemptions, reduced land costs, and simplified licensing procedures to facilitate installation and power supply.

In addition, an important aspect of the NEV policy is the focus on environmental protection. It introduces safety and recycling standards for batteries and components, while financial incentives will encourage companies to invest in the recycling field and recycling centers will be established across the country.

When asked about the potential dominance of Chinese NEVs in the market, Dr Arshad emphasized that “the policy aims to leverage China’s strengths in EV technology to benefit Pakistan. While Chinese brands may dominate initially, the policy emphasizes localized production, especially for smaller vehicles such as two- and three-wheelers. Such a targeted approach will increase exports while reducing reliance on imports.”

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### **Dawn News**

#### **China becomes Pakistan’s largest creditor with \$29bn loans**

ISLAMABAD: With almost \$29 billion in loans, China has become Pakistan’s largest creditor.

The nation, home to 240 million people, also ranks among the top three loan recipients from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) this year, according to a World Bank report.

The World Bank’s International Debt Report released on Tuesday notes that Pakistan’s high debt-to-export and debt-to-revenue ratios indicate a weakening fiscal position.

The World Bank put Pakistan’s total external debt (including IMF) at \$130.85bn in 2023, accounting for 352 per cent of its total exports and 39pc of gross national income (GNI). Pakistan’s total external debt servicing amounted to 43pc of total exports and 5pc of GNI.

According to the report, China had the single largest share of debt to Pakistan with 22pc share (about \$28.786bn), followed by World Bank’s 18pc share (\$23.55bn) and Asian Development Bank’s 15pc share (\$19.63bn).

Saudi Arabia stood out as the second largest bilateral lender to Pakistan with 7pc of total debt or about \$9.16bn.

Of the total external debt stock, about 45pc debt (\$58.88bn) belonged to the bilateral lenders and 46pc (about \$60.2bn) to multilaterals, while remaining 9pc debt belonged to private lenders led by bondholders with 8pc chunk.

The report noted that of the total \$130.85bn, long-term external debt stocks stood at \$110.44bn, \$11.53bn IMF credit and allocations and \$8.878bn in short-term external debt. Total disbursements to Pakistan amounted to \$12.945bn in 2023, while total repayments touched \$14bn, including interest payments of \$4.33bn.

According to the report, developing countries spent a record \$1.4 trillion to service their foreign debt as their interest costs climbed to a 20-year high in 2023. Interest payments surged by nearly a third to \$406bn, squeezing the budgets of many countries in critical areas such as health, education, and environment.

The financial strain was fiercest for the poorest and most vulnerable countries — those eligible to borrow from the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA), the data showed. These countries paid a record \$96.2bn to service their debt in 2023.

Although repayments of principal decreased by nearly 8pc to \$61.6 billion, interest costs surged to an all-time high of \$34.6bn in 2023, four times the amount a decade ago. On average, interest payments of IDA countries now amount to nearly 6pc of the export earnings of IDA-eligible countries — a level that hasn't been seen since 1999. For some countries, the payments run as high as 38pc of export earnings — Pakistan even surpassed this landmark as its interest payments stood at 43pc of exports.

The report noted that South Asia saw the biggest yearly increase in interest payments on public and publicly guaranteed (PPG) debt in 2023, rising 62pc to \$12.5bn. The increase was most noticeable in Bangladesh and India, whose interest payments increased by more than 90pc in 2023. Pakistan made the second-largest interest payments in the region.

According to the report, low & middle-income countries' (LMICs) tightened fiscal space and high interest rates have put many countries in weak fiscal positions because of elevated payments.

Interest payments as a share of export earnings — a measure of the repayment capacity of a country — significantly increased by 1.6 percentage points in 2023 to 5.8pc, equivalent to an increase last recorded in 2005. Mozambique (38.3pc), Senegal (25.9pc), Pakistan (13.6pc), Kenya (12.8pc) and Dominica (10.3pc) had the highest ratios of interest payments on total debt to export earnings, a situation that has weakened their fiscal positions, the report observed.

The World Bank said IMF repurchases for LMICs, excluding Argentina, more than doubled in 2023 to \$12.2bn, with the top repurchases registered from Egypt, Ukraine and Pakistan. In terms of volume, the top five LMIC recipients of personal remittances in 2023 were India at \$119.5bn, followed by Mexico (\$66.2bn), the Philippines (\$39.1bn), China (\$29.1bn) and Pakistan (\$26.6bn).

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## Pakistan Observer

### **CPEC's Second Phase: A Catalyst for economic growth in Pakistan: Muzzammil**

Advisor to the Chief Minister of Finance, Muzzammil Aslam, emphasized that the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will usher in a transformative era of industrial and economic development in Pakistan. Speaking at a seminar organized by the Chinese Cultural Center, China Window, and hosted by City University, Peshawar, he highlighted the immense potential of this phase to reshape the country's financial and industrial landscape.

The seminar, attended by a diverse audience, including students, academics, and professionals, featured notable speakers such as educationist Dr. Khalid Khan, Professor Dr. Gulzar Jalal, President of the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rabia Basri, and China Window Administrator Amjad Aziz Malik. The speakers shed light on CPEC's strategic importance and the opportunities it brings to uplift the nation's economy.

In his address, Muzzammil Aslam stressed the importance of leveraging the expertise of Chinese investors and industrialists to expedite Pakistan's journey toward sustainable development.

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### **Pakistan Embassy, Consulate Hold B2B meeting to boost Sino-Pak Textile Trade**

ISLAMABAD – Embassy of Pakistan in Beijing and Consulate-General in Shanghai, in collaboration with the Board of Investment (BOI), successfully organized fourth sector-specific B2B matchmaking event in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province.

The event took place in one of China's leading textile hubs, with focus on fostering joint ventures, trade, and investment opportunities between Pakistan's top textile and apparel companies and major Chinese enterprises.

The matchmaking event featured an opening session, individual B2B meetings, and a closing session, providing ample networking opportunities for participants. Eleven prominent Pakistani companies, including Crescent Bahuman Ltd., Fazal Cloth Mills Ltd., Kohinoor Mills Ltd., and Nishat, engaged with 37 leading Chinese textile firms such as SUMEC Textile Co. Ltd., JD United, and Anhui Huamao Textile Co. Ltd. These interactions were aimed at discussing concrete proposals and exploring potential collaboration avenues.

Ambassador Khalil Hashmi highlighted the strategic advantages of investing in Pakistan's textile sector, citing the country's global market access, long-standing expertise, and vertically integrated supply chain. He also emphasized the preferential market access Pakistan enjoys through agreements like the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA), the EU's GSP+ scheme, and the UK's Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS). He

encouraged businesses to seize the opportunities for partnerships in Pakistan's growing textile industry.

Secretary of the Board of Investment, Rahim Hayat Qureshi, presented Pakistan's robust investment policies and incentives tailored for the textile sector. He highlighted the country's streamlined regulatory processes, tax benefits, and infrastructure support within Special Economic Zones (SEZs), making Pakistan an ideal destination for investment and innovation in textiles.

The event also showcased a success story from Mr. Omer Saeed of Servis Long March, who shared the achievements of his joint venture with a Chinese partner. Their partnership underscored the economic benefits of Pakistan-China collaborations, inspiring other participants to explore similar opportunities.

This event is part of a series of sector-specific initiatives led by Prime Minister to strengthen Pakistan's industrial base and enhance economic relations with China, furthering the Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership. Participants agreed to continue communication and plan follow-up visits to build on the opportunities identified during the event

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### **China Eximbank backs BRI cooperation**

Belt and Road cooperation has progressed from "sketching the outline" to "filling in the details", delivering tangible and fruitful outcomes in the 11 years since the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative. To promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, the Export-Import Bank of China, as a financial institution dedicated to supporting China's foreign trade and investment, and international economic cooperation, has taken all necessary measures. The bank has financed more than 4,000 kilometres of railways, 23,000 km of roads, 40 airports, and 30 ports in Belt and Road partner countries.

The China Eximbank has synergized with development plans of Belt and Road partner countries, so as to provide them with financial support according to their actual needs and resource endowments. It has rolled out reasonable financing plans to cater to both long-term interests and short-term benefits of the host countries. In this way, the bank has provided essential development funding, while avoiding increasing the debt burden of recipient countries, to facilitate sustainable growth.

The bank ensures that its funds are used where they are needed most. Backed by country-specific plans, it has supported key areas related to national development and people's livelihoods, and managed to channel more financing toward sectors of productivity, including transportation, electricity and manufacturing, so as to help partner countries clear the development bottlenecks and build up growth momentum.

The China-Laos Railway, funded by China Eximbank, has helped Laos to open up to the outside world. With the bank's support, Laos' dream of becoming a land-linked country has come true. More than 40 million passenger trips have been made in the railway since



operations started in December 2021. The railway has also facilitated import and export of more than 10 million tons of goods. In 2023, the trade volume between China and Laos reached \$7.1 billion, up by more than 60 percent from 2021, showing the huge transportation potential unleashed by the railway.

We (at China Eximbank) remain committed to the principle of planning together, building together and benefiting together, and have deepened exchanges with financial peers at home and abroad. While looking up to advanced international standards and being drawn to useful experiences, we have forged synergy with Belt and Road partner countries in terms of concepts, policies, rules and standards. In particular, in our pursuit of green and sustainable growth, we have strictly followed green credit standards and helped enterprises develop, build and operate projects in line with international ecological and environmental protection principles and the regulations of host countries.

For instance, to reduce the environmental impact of the China Eximbank-supported Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway, we worked closely with the contractor and environmental experts to come up with a series of targeted measures. After research on the habitats and migration paths of wild animals, a total of 14 large wildlife crossings or corridors and 79 bridges were built, including corridors as high as 6.5 meters below the tracks for large animals such as elephants and giraffes.

According to a United Nations report, the global development funding gap is now estimated to be \$4.2 trillion a year, and only a massive increase in financing will make it possible for developing countries to realize the Sustainable Development Goals. Scaling up financing requires cooperation among all parties. Hence, developed countries should honor their commitment of allocating 0.7 percent of their gross national income (GNI) to official development assistance, with international organizations, development-oriented and policy-backed financial institutions playing a leading and exemplary role. And more commercial funds and social capital should be mobilized to bridge the financing gap.

Over the years, China Eximbank has channelled more inclusive and accessible funds to promote Belt and Road cooperation through various means including syndication, on-lending, a combination of equity investment and loans, and third-party market cooperation. Take the large-scale FLNG (floating liquefied natural gas) project in Mozambique as an example. While the project has been jointly developed and operated by enterprises from China, Italy, the United States and Mozambique, China Eximbank and financial institutions from the Republic of Korea, Italy, France and other countries formed a syndicate to finance it. With such support, Mozambique has successfully transformed itself into an LNG exporter, with additional annual fiscal revenue estimated to be more than \$400 million.

China Eximbank will host the 29th Asian Exim Banks Forum annual meeting in Shanghai from Tuesday to Thursday which will be attended by export credit agencies from Japan, the ROK, Thailand, Indonesia and other countries, as well as multilateral financial institutions such as the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the New Development Bank. In so doing, we will provide a platform for in-depth exchanges on regional cooperation and global economic integration with the aim of forging consensus, and sharing opportunities.

Other than being funding sources, financial institutions can also act as intermediaries to share knowledge. In implementing projects, we should provide more knowledge support, apart from financial support, for host countries. By transferring advanced technologies and sharing know-how, we can help developing countries strengthen their production capacity and strengthen themselves from within.

In recent years, China Eximbank has held five senior executive training programs for its major partners apart from organizing other thematic training programs. In this way, we are sharing with our partners' development concepts and experiences, allowing them to not only get the whole picture of China's reform and opening-up, but also provide them with useful references to explore their own mode of development. (Courtesy: China Daily)

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### **BRI, threats, tariffs and Trump**

*Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan*

Most recently, while addressing a symposium on BRI development, the Chinese President Xi Jinping, stressed comprehensively advancing high-quality cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Xi rightly termed development of a qualitative BRI as imperative to strengthen strategic confidence, maintain strategic focus and act courageously with a sense of responsibility to create a brighter future.

Xi's suggestions to properly handle the relationship between strengthening participating countries' sense of fulfilment and ensuring the benefits for China is commendable and would be beneficial to counter the expected threats and tariffs of the US President-elect Donald Trump. It seems that economic globalization is going to be changed because of frequent threats and tariffs of Trump, especially after January 20, 2024 due to which even the Chinese BRI would also be passing through difficult times.

President-elect Donald Trump's flurry of threats of new tariffs have actually started an ending trade war in which no one will be the winner but all losers disturbing the international trade system, global supply chains, moving towards surgical strikes on the Global South and the developing & under-developed countries. Thus there is an urgent need to revisit policies of the BRI making it immune to imminent new trade war in the days to come.

In the most recent past, the threats of imposing 100 percent tariffs on the BRICS vividly reflect his business oriented intuitions compelling the global community and countries to take some extraordinary measures to mitigate the spillover socio-economic, geopolitical and geostrategic ramifications of Trump's trade and tariffs crusades. So it is indeed a wake-up call for the BRICS to take all appropriate measures to safeguard their vested interests.

The three biggest exporters/trading partners of the US, mainly China, Canada and Mexico, have been specifically targeted by the warning of US President-elect Trump's pledge to impose sweeping tariffs. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum termed it a big risk to common businesses.

Trump's vow to impose 25 percent tariffs on goods from Mexico and Canada, along with an additional 10 percent on goods from China, has sparked a heated debate in international media, calling for a truce and more sensible trade management to strengthen the global trading system in the future

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spoke to Trump in the hours after the announcement and planned to hold a meeting with Canada's provincial leaders to discuss a response. Trudeau said his country was prepared to work with the US in "constructive ways".

Additionally, a spokesman for China's embassy in Washington DC told the BBC that "no-one will win a trade war or a tariff war" and termed China-US economic and trade cooperation mutually beneficial in nature. He denied that China allows chemicals used in the manufacture of illegal drugs – including fentanyl – to be smuggled to the US.

While meeting with the incumbent US President Joe Biden the Chinese President Xi conveyed his willingness to work with Trump showing his strong commitment to work for economic globalization and international cooperation.

Lately, the US trade officials announced a preliminary decision to set a new round of tariffs on solar panel imports from four Southeast Asian nations, with calculated dumping duties of between 21.31 and 271.2 percent, depending on the company, on solar cells from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. If these preliminary rates are upheld in the final determinations and enforced, they could further disrupt global supply chains and have a detrimental effect on the industry in countries, including the US.

According to media reports, the US photovoltaic industry, which has flourished over the past decade due to favourable subsidy policies, is now facing major challenges, with some companies grappling with financial difficulties.

If the US imposes high "dumping tariffs" on crystalline photovoltaic cells imported from four Southeast Asian countries, it is likely to further push up the prices of domestic photovoltaic products, thereby suppressing market demand. In the end, those advocating for trade protectionism may come to realize that tariff barriers will ultimately stifle the long-term growth potential of the US photovoltaic industry.

In summary, the 3Ts i.e. Trump, threats and tariffs are going to be crusading the international economy, industry, manufacturing capacity, renewables, green technologies and above all economic globalization.

The Malaysian government's pleading with China not to use its soil to avoid the expected high US tariffs is the clear cut indication that trans-regional stealth geo-politics has already reactivated starting a new kind of protectionism and anti-China bloc in the days to come. Thus Asia Pacific, APEC and ASEAN would also be feeling the heat of Trump threats and tariffs after January 20, 2025. Therefore, policy makers of China should chalk out a new strategic road map for the further development, expansion, scope and utility of the BRI because allies and members are facing unavoidable pressures of Washington DC to stay away from China.

Speculations are very high even in Pakistan for an anti-China and CPEC setup under the regime of Trump therefore track-II diplomacy has been started via Saudi Arabia to minimize the expected diplomatic or political pressure. Thus the civilian government, military establishment and Beijing must be on the same page for successful geopolitical manoeuvrings in the days to come.

Moreover, the US-China ongoing trade war is creating numerous problems for South Asian security and economic integration. The US choice of India as a regional surrogate in its contain China' policy the region has suffered a continual security dilemma and economic fragmentation which would be further escalated under the Trump regime.

The policymakers of China must revisit their policies of the BRI making it more interconnected, integrated, interactive and productive for all the member countries that the US may not allure these countries to avoid China and its projects in the days to come.

BRI may consider starting numerous small projects of community development, poverty eradication, generation of new jobs, social development for women empowerment, anti-global warming, hybrid agriculture, artificial intelligence, digitalization and modernization to show uncompromised solidarity and international cooperation with all the members.

Reallocation of qualitative industries to Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Qatar, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Laos, Peru, Brazil and other parts of the world would be the right policy in the right direction to skip expected onslaught of Trump high tariffs. Thus safety, security and systematic execution of the BRI and CPEC projects would be counterproductive for all the stakeholders in the days to come.

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## **China's BRI and Nepal: A New Chapter in Regional Connectivity**

*Engr Qaiser Nawab*

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) continues to reshape the global landscape, fostering unparalleled opportunities for connectivity, cooperation and sustainable development. China's visionary project, spearheaded by President Xi Jinping, stands as a testament to the power of multilateralism and shared prosperity. The recent framework agreement between Nepal and China marks a significant milestone, reinforcing the transformative impact of the BRI on South Asia and beyond.

Nepal's decision to formalize its engagement with the BRI underscores the initiative's appeal as a platform for economic growth and infrastructural development. This agreement, signed during Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's recent visit to Beijing, represents not just the culmination of seven years of dialogue since the initial pact in 2017 but also the dawn of a new era for Nepal's aspirations as a land-linked nation.

For decades, Nepal has grappled with its landlocked geography which posed significant challenges to trade and economic diversification. The BRI offers a lifeline to overcome these obstacles by connecting Nepal to broader markets via state-of-the-art infrastructure and trade corridors. From trans-Himalayan railways to enhanced road networks, the envisioned projects promise to integrate Nepal's economy with the vibrant economic fabric of the region.

Prime Minister Oli's decision to prioritize China as his first international visit after reassuming office sends a powerful message. It signifies Nepal's pivot towards diversified diplomacy and the recognition of China as a pivotal partner in its development journey. Oli's engagement with President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Qiang and other Chinese leaders highlights the depth and breadth of this bilateral relationship built on trust, mutual respect and shared goals.

China's commitment to Nepal under the BRI is not just transactional; it is transformative. The initiative's emphasis on sustainable development aligns with Nepal's needs, ensuring that infrastructural growth complements environmental preservation and local community well-being. Moreover, the BRI's inclusive ethos resonates with Nepal's aspirations to uplift its people by creating jobs, fostering entrepreneurship and driving innovation.

Critics often view the BRI through the narrow lens of geopolitical competition. However, the framework agreement between Nepal and China serves as a counterpoint to this narrative. It illustrates how smaller nations can leverage the BRI to address their unique developmental challenges while fostering regional stability and collaboration.

The benefits of the BRI extend far beyond economic growth. It represents a holistic approach to development that integrates cultural exchange, technological innovation and environmental stewardship. For instance, the trans-Himalayan railway project, a cornerstone of China-Nepal cooperation under the BRI, is not merely an infrastructure initiative. It is a symbol of connectivity that will link people, ideas and cultures across borders, creating a shared sense of destiny among BRI countries.

Nepal's engagement with the BRI underscores the importance of regional collaboration in addressing shared challenges like climate change and disaster resilience. Given its vulnerability to climate impacts, Nepal can leverage the BRI's focus on green infrastructure and sustainable practices to enhance its climate resilience while promoting economic growth. Additionally, the initiative offers opportunities for Nepal to integrate digital technologies into its development strategies, aligning with its goals to modernize the economy and bridge the digital divide. By partnering with China, Nepal can harness advanced technologies to empower its youth and create a knowledge-based economy.

Nepal's deepened engagement with the BRI holds significant implications for South Asia, setting a precedent for other nations to embrace multilateral connectivity as a pathway to progress. As more countries join the initiative, the potential for integrated trade networks and cultural exchange across the region grows, paving the way for a more interconnected and peaceful South Asia. Nepal's strategic position at the crossroads of South Asia and East Asia enhances its role as a bridge between two dynamic regions. By improving connectivity through the BRI, Nepal can position itself as a regional hub for trade, tourism and investment, unlocking new opportunities for economic growth and development.

China's role as a reliable development partner has been a cornerstone of Nepal's engagement with the BRI. Over the years, China has demonstrated its commitment to Nepal's progress through initiatives such as the construction of highways, hydropower projects and educational



exchanges. The recent framework agreement further solidifies this partnership, paving the way for more comprehensive and impactful collaboration.

At the heart of the BRI is the principle of win-win cooperation. This philosophy is evident in the way the initiative addresses the needs of participating countries while advancing China's vision of a shared future for humanity. For Nepal, the BRI represents an opportunity to overcome its geographical constraints and realize its full potential as a vibrant, dynamic nation.

As President of the Belt and Road Initiative for Sustainable Development (BRISD), I am deeply inspired by Nepal's proactive steps toward leveraging the BRI's immense potential. At BRISD, we remain committed to fostering dialogues and collaborations that amplify the initiative's impact across BRI countries, with a particular focus on empowering youth, advancing green skills and championing sustainable practices.

To achieve these goals, BRISD is actively working to create platforms for knowledge exchange and capacity building among BRI countries. Our initiatives include organizing workshops, facilitating research collaborations and promoting youth-led innovation in sustainable development. By engaging stakeholders from diverse sectors, we aim to ensure that the benefits of the BRI are inclusive and far-reaching.

Nepal's journey with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) serves as a beacon of hope for developing nations striving to secure their place in an interconnected world. It shows that with vision, partnership and determination, challenges can be transformed into opportunities for growth and shared prosperity. The BRI is a movement toward a brighter, more inclusive future. As Nepal embarks on this transformative journey with China, it sets an example for nations to pursue progress through cooperation, with the partnership uplifting Nepal and contributing to global peace, prosperity and sustainable development—core values of the BRI.

As we celebrate this milestone in China-Nepal relations, it is essential to recognize the leadership that has brought us here. Prime Minister Oli's commitment to strengthening ties with China reflects a wider trend among South Asian countries embracing diversified partnerships. Looking ahead, the BRI's success will rely on the efforts of all stakeholders to uphold its principles of inclusivity, sustainability and mutual benefit. By fostering trust and cooperation, we can ensure the initiative continues to be a catalyst for positive change, benefiting not only Nepal and China but the global community.

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## **BRI 2025 and Beyond: A Fair Assessment**

*Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan*

The Chinese BRI is moving steadily despite the emerging global geopolitics curbing footprints of geo-economics and in search of dominance and hegemony destroying prospects of sustainable development around the globe. Even the world power stage is in the line of fire because of many emerging socio-economic, geopolitical and geostrategic whims & wishes eroding the international trading system, disturbing global supply chains and imminent

imposition of sanctions would be a disaster for economic globalization and international cooperation.

The West constantly encircling China which is at its peak in Asia Pacific, South Asia, Middle East, Central Asia and many other parts of the world. Even daily naval hide & see, deployment of ballistic missiles, formation of military alliances, holding of joint martial drills, arming the Philippines and Taiwan all indicate the emergence of a new flash point in the region. Thus BRI's trans-regional connectivity, socio-economic integration, national capacity building, digitalization and modernization have now become a new negative zones therefore the policy makers of China should revisit their policies of internationalism, sustainable development and global connectivity during 2025.

Even safety and security have become a daunting task for the easy and smooth sailing of the BRI and CPEC projects demands a complete overhauling of the prevailing conditions of investments, joint ventures, engagements and productivity. Initially, policy coordination at strategic level should be started as soon as possible and afterward new formation of corridors of safety & security would be game changers.

Comparative studies reveal till December 2024, the BRI cooperation has registered unprecedented growth transforming states, societies and systems building bridges of mutual trust, better understanding and win-win befitting propositions and mega projects around the globe. The increasing tally of the BRI reaching to 150 vividly reflects its economic importance removing seas of poverty gearing towards greater prosperity in all the member countries.

The BRI trans-continental connectivity has already connected Asia, Middle East, Central Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and many other parts of the world and the China-Europe freight-train network witnessing departure of the 100,000th trips from Southwest China's Chongqing Municipality in November 2024 is commendable.

The Chinese President Xi Jinping has already chalked out a new grand strategy during the recently held fourth symposium on Belt and Road construction in Beijing by stressing comprehensively advancing high-quality cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It is indeed a new chapter in the further development of BRI in the days to come. Thus concrete efforts should be initiated to gear up Chinese massive modernization, openness, digitalization, qualitative industrialization, green transformation, hybrid agriculture, hydrogen power generation, lithium batteries, EVs and last but not least human capital in Asia, Central Asia, Africa, Middle East and other parts of the world.

It seems that the Chinese three pronged policies of connectivity shifting from hard to soft and forming heart connections around the globe should be further enhanced through building a human community with a shared future, which is a core principle that continues to resonate strongly with the Global South countries. "This vision is one of the key reasons for the Global South's active participation in the BRI.

Under the BRI framework, China has coordinated with partner countries to build critical infrastructure such as roads, railways, power plants, and ports, while also funding community-focused projects like hospitals and schools and increasing empowerment of

women. These sincere efforts reflect China's strong commitment to high-quality development and its significant contributions to global progress which should be the mantra of its global outreach during 2025 and beyond.

So far, China has signed BRI cooperation documents with more than 150 countries and over 30 international organizations. Data from the Ministry of Commerce showed that by the end of 2023, Chinese companies had established 17,000 overseas enterprises in countries participating in the BRI, with direct investment exceeding US\$330 billion.

In summary, apparently world is rapidly changing because of many overlapped socio-economic contradictions, new rules of commerce, connectivity, parameters of productivity, designs of innovation and last but not least, new whims & wishes there is high time that policy makers of China should fully activate Xi's global initiatives of development, security and civilization to counter the onslaught of the western geopolitics trying to change the geometry of geo-economics in the world. Thus China and other BRI partner countries should join hands to overcome those challenges and effectively address the impact of geopolitical conflicts.

Moreover, the dawn of Trumponomics 2.0 would be a great threat to derail the existing international trading system through the imposition of a flurry of new tariffs suffocating the countries of Global South and scapegoating many countries in Asia Pacific and Africa winning the ongoing Us-China Trade War.

Unfortunately, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship BRI project, faced significant challenges in 2024, including terrorist attacks that disrupted its progress and strategic importance. Despite these obstacles, China's economic cooperation with Pakistan remains steadfast, reflecting resilience in their partnership. To address such challenges, China should engage regional and global experts in applied economics, branding, media and foreign policy to counter baseless Western narratives about debt sustainability and environmental impacts.

Strengthening the BRI's inclusivity and fostering trust with the Global South is crucial. Projects must focus on security, stability, sustainability and long-term partnerships to enhance economic resilience. Technological and AI collaboration should be prioritized through the Belt and Road Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation Action Plan. Additionally, implementing the Green Investment Principles and supporting the BRI International Green Development Coalition will advance green infrastructure, energy and finance.

The BRI must drive high-quality, sustainable development, delivering meaningful benefits to member countries by improving standards, boosting investment efficiency and enhancing resilience in global supply chains during 2025 and beyond.

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### **Chinese investors eye in Thar coal, solar energy**

A delegation of Chinese investors met with Sindh's Provincial Minister for Energy, Development, and Planning, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, on Tuesday to discuss potential investment opportunities in the energy sector.

During the meeting, Minister Shah highlighted attractive opportunities for both foreign and domestic investors in Sindh's energy landscape, particularly in the Thar Coal Field and alternative energy sectors. Minister Shah briefed the delegation on the vast coal reserves in Sindh, particularly in the Thar Coal Field, which holds an estimated 185 billion tons of coal. The field spans 9,100 square kilometers and includes 12 developing blocks, each with reserves capable of generating 4,000 to 5,000 megawatts of electricity for the next 30 years.

He emphasized that the Sindh government is committed to providing full support to investors, including assistance with documentation, land facilitation, and other necessary services to ease the investment process. The Minister also pointed out the significant opportunities in the solar energy sector, offering further incentives for Chinese investors interested in setting up solar panel manufacturing units in Sindh.

He expressed confidence in the long-standing, robust relations between the Chinese and Pakistani governments and peoples.

The Chinese delegation, including Wang Xin from Wind Power and Xo Zhingang from Solar Energy Companies, showed keen interest in exploring various energy projects in Sindh. Secretary of Energy Musaddiq Ahmed Khan, MD of the Thar Coal Energy Board Tariq Ali Shah, DG Coal Mines Naseem Al-Ghani Sahto, and COO of Sindh Energy Holding Company Tufail Ahmed Khoso were also present at the meeting, underscoring the province's commitment to expanding its energy sector.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-investors-eye-in-thar-coal-solar-energy/>

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### **Business Record**

#### **Chinese and Pakistani legal bodies enhance cooperation**

A step forward in legal cooperation between Sichuan, China and Islamabad, Pakistan was taken as the Sichuan Lawyers Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Islamabad Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Association.

The MOU on strengthening legal exchanges and friendly cooperation covers multiple aspects of mutual exchanges between legal practitioners from Sichuan and Islamabad.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to deepen legal exchanges and cooperation between the two regions within the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

By doing so, the parties aim to jointly provide more extensive and efficient legal services for the investment and trade activities of related enterprises.

The MOU underscores the commitment to promoting common development through equality, professionalism and mutual benefit.

The three parties will engage in mutual learning and strengthen their ability to provide cross-border legal services to clients.

They will continue to expand their business areas and improve their services, with the ultimate goal of achieving common development.

The cooperation is of great significance in promoting in-depth development of legal services in Sichuan and Islamabad, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1245124/chinese-and-pakistani-legal-bodies-enhance-cooperation/>

### **MoU signed for academic partnership between Henan University and UCP**

China's Henan University Kaifeng and the University of Central Punjab, officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a comprehensive academic and research collaboration between the two institutions.

This agreement focuses on fostering cooperation in language studies, cultural exchange, and collaborative research initiatives. Both universities have committed to facilitating the exchange of students and faculty to enhance cross-cultural learning and academic development. This partnership aims to promote mutual understanding and strengthen academic ties, paving the way for future joint projects and scholarly engagement.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at UCP Lahore, shared with Gwadar Pro that the universities plan to collaborate on joint research programs.

"We discussed common areas of interest between the faculties. I also had the opportunity to meet with a delegation of Pakistani students studying at Henan University," he said.

Dr. Butt emphasized that the trip was highly productive, strengthening UCP's global academic outreach and positioning it on an international platform for collaboration and excellence. Additionally, they participated in the signing ceremony of the 'Three Gorges Initiative 2024,' alongside representatives from various institutions from Australia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Thailand, the United States, Serbia, Nepal, and China.

The 'Initiative 2024' focuses on promoting global education, boosting academic cooperation, encouraging interdisciplinary research, and building sustainable networks, with a consensus from all participants. Dr. Butt highlighted that such forums enable collaboration with educational institutions worldwide, enhancing UCP's international outreach, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1245123/mou-signed-for-academic-partnership-between-henan-university-and-ucp/>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **Pak-China sign \$263.8m 9 deals**

China-Pak trade coop flourishes with nine deals between Chinese and Pakistani enterprises worth RMB 1.918 billion (approximately \$263.8 million) have been signed.



Signing ceremonies were held during a Strategic Cooperation Summit on E-Commerce themed “Unleashing the Digital Potential of CPEC” in Chenggong, Kunming, Yunnan on November 25.

The agreements span a variety of sectors, including overseas investment, import and export, mineral and ore trading, agricultural products, and the digital economy.

Prominent companies involved in the partnerships include Yunnan Yunshangyun Big Data Industry Development Co., Ltd, Jinhua International Trade (Kunming) Co., Ltd, Northern Frontier Mines Pakistan.

According to Raja Nasir Ali Khan, Minister for Planning and Development of Gilgit-Baltistan, the signed agreements are expected to boost trade and investment flows between the two countries, particularly in emerging sectors like digital technologies and e-commerce, China Economic Net reported on Wednesday.

<https://pakobserver.net/pak-china-sign-263-8m-9-deals/>

### **NAVTTTC signs MoU with TANG to establish China-Pakistan TVET**

In alignment with the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC)’s mission, NAVTTTC signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the TANG International Education Group of China. The collaboration aims to establish the China-Pakistan TVET-Industrial Center of Excellence (CPTICE).

The MoU was signed during a formal ceremony held in the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad, attended by dignitaries from both participants. The MoU was signed by Mr. Aamir Jan, Executive Director of NAVTTTC, and Mr. Li Jinsong, President of TANG. Honorable Mr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Minister of Federal Education and Professional Training of Pakistan also witnessed the ceremony.

This initiative focuses on fostering cooperation in technical and vocational education, advancing digital learning, and introducing innovative industrial and academic integration programs.

The collaboration envisions a modern TVET system to empower Pakistan’s youth by promoting skill development, digital transformation, and international employability. The initiative also emphasizes cultural exchange, knowledge sharing, and vocational excellence, bringing together expertise from both Pakistan and China.

Mr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Minister of Federal Education and Professional Training of Pakistan also added, “Our focus is on developing innovative curricula and fostering cultural exchange to build a globally competitive workforce. This partnership will open new horizons for students and professionals in both countries.”

Chairperson NAVTTTC, Ms. Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, highlighted the significance of this partnership: “CPTICE represents a transformative step in bridging the skills gap.

<https://pakobserver.net/navtttc-signs-mou-with-tang-to-establish-china-pakistan-tvet/>

**K2 Daily**

<b>بقیہ</b> 15	<b>پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان</b> <b>1.918 بلین یو این ڈالرز</b> <b>کے 9 معاہدوں پر دستخط</b>
<p>کے ان کی کل مالیت 1.918 بلین یو این ڈالرز (تقریباً 263.8 بلین ڈالرز) ہے۔ ان معاہدوں پر دستخط کرنا ایک اہم اقدام ہے۔ اس سربراہی اجلاس کا عنوان تھا سی بی کے ایکشن پلان کو فروغ دینا۔ چائنا ایکٹائیو کے مطابق معاہدے مختلف شعبوں پر محیط ہیں۔ جس میں جی ڈی پی کے سرمایہ کاری، درآمد، برآمد، مصنوعات اور ایکشن پلان کی تہارت، زرعی مصنوعات اور ایکشن پلان شامل ہے۔</p> <p>شراکت میں شامل نمایاں کمپنیوں میں چین ٹیکنالوجی اینڈ اینڈریوٹونٹس، کئی ٹیکنالوجی، جن ڈیٹا سولوشن (کئی ٹیکنالوجی) اور ہارون فریئر پاکستان شامل ہیں۔ چائنا ایکٹائیو کے مطابق گلگت بلتستان کے وزیر برائے منصوبہ بندی و ترقیہ ناصر علی خان کے مطابق دستخط شدہ معاہدوں سے توقع ہے کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان خاص طور پر ایکٹائیو ٹیکنالوجی اور ای کامرس جیسے شعبوں میں تہارت اور سرمایہ کاری کو فروغ دیا جائے گا۔</p>	<p>کئی (آئی این پی) چینی اور پاکستانی کاروباری اداروں کے درمیان تعاون کے نو معاہدوں پر دستخط کیے (ہائی سٹریٹجی نمبر 15)</p>

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<b>بقیہ</b> 28	<b>چین 29 ارب ڈالر کے ساتھ</b> <b>پاکستان کو قرض دینے والا سب سے بڑا ملک بن گیا، عالمی بینک</b> واشنگٹن (آئی این پی) چین تقریباً 29 ارب ڈالر کے قرضوں کے ساتھ پاکستان کا سب سے بڑا قرض دہندہ (ہائی سٹریٹجی نمبر 28)
<p>بن گیا ہے۔ یہ بات عالمی بینک کی ایک رپورٹ میں لگی گئی ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق 24 کروڑ آبادی والا ملک پاکستان اس سال بین الاقوامی مالیاتی فنڈ (آئی ایم ایف) سے قرض لینے والے سرگرم 3 ممالک میں شامل ہے۔ عالمی بینک کی بین الاقوامی قرضوں کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ پاکستان کا قرضوں سے بڑا دہندہ قرضوں سے آگے بڑھ گیا ہے۔</p> <p>تجسس کمزور مالی پوزیشن کی نشاندہی کرتا ہے۔ عالمی بینک کے مطابق 2023 میں پاکستان کا مجموعی بیرونی قرضہ (جنہوں نے آئی ایم ایف) ایک کرب 30 ارب 85 کروڑ ڈالر ہو گیا جو اس کی کل برآمدات کا 352 فیصد اور مجموعی قومی آمدنی (جی این پی) کا 39 فیصد ہے، پاکستان کے مجموعی بیرونی قرضوں کی ادائیگی کل برآمدات کا 43 فیصد اور جی این پی کا 5 فیصد ہے۔</p>	<p>بین گیا ہے۔ یہ بات عالمی بینک کی ایک رپورٹ میں لگی گئی ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق 24 کروڑ آبادی والا ملک پاکستان اس سال بین الاقوامی مالیاتی فنڈ (آئی ایم ایف) سے قرض لینے والے سرگرم 3 ممالک میں شامل ہے۔ عالمی بینک کی بین الاقوامی قرضوں کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ پاکستان کا قرضوں سے بڑا دہندہ قرضوں سے آگے بڑھ گیا ہے۔</p> <p>تجسس کمزور مالی پوزیشن کی نشاندہی کرتا ہے۔ عالمی بینک کے مطابق 2023 میں پاکستان کا مجموعی بیرونی قرضہ (جنہوں نے آئی ایم ایف) ایک کرب 30 ارب 85 کروڑ ڈالر ہو گیا جو اس کی کل برآمدات کا 352 فیصد اور مجموعی قومی آمدنی (جی این پی) کا 39 فیصد ہے، پاکستان کے مجموعی بیرونی قرضوں کی ادائیگی کل برآمدات کا 43 فیصد اور جی این پی کا 5 فیصد ہے۔</p>

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### Nawaiwaqt News

#### چینی زبان میں مہارت، چین پاکستان میں 22 سے زائد ایکسیلینس سینٹرز قائم کرے گا

اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) چین جدید تکنیکی و پیشہ ورانہ تربیت اور چینی زبان میں مہارت فراہم کرنے کیلئے پاکستان میں 22 سے زائد ایکسیلینس سینٹرز قائم کرے گا۔ نیشنل ووکیشنل اینڈ ٹیکنیکل ٹریننگ کمیشن پاکستان (نیو ٹیک) اور چین کے ٹینگ انٹرنیشنل ایجوکیشن گروپ (ٹی اے این جی) کے مابین معاہدتی یادداشت پر دستخط کر دیئے گئے۔ پاک چین انڈسٹریل سینٹرز آف ایکسیلینس کے قیام کے لیے وفاقی وزیر برائے تعلیم اور پیشہ ورانہ تربیت ڈاکٹر خالد مقبول صدیقی کی ہدایت پر اس معاہدتی یادداشت پر دستخط کرتے ہوئے اس عزم کا اعادہ بھی کیا گیا کہ دونوں ملک و ترقی کے سفر میں ایک دوسرے کا بھرپور ساتھ دیں گے۔ اس منصوبے کا مقصد ایک ہنرمند افرادی قوت تیار کرنا ہے جو جدید صنعتوں کے تقاضوں کو پورا کرے اور پاک چین تعاون کے ذریعے جدت کو فروغ دے۔

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### Nawaiwaqt News

#### چائینیز بزنس کونسل کے صدر کی وزیر بلدیات سے ملاقات، توانائی پلانٹ لگانے میں دلچسپی

لاہور؛ (نیوز رپورٹر) وزیر بلدیات ذیشان رفیق سے چائینیز بزنس کونسل کے صدر جن جیان جیانگ نے ملاقات کی۔ پنجاب میں کوڑے سے توانائی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبے پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ چینی وفد نے لاہور میں ویسٹ سے توانائی بنانے کیلئے پلانٹ لگانے میں دلچسپی ظاہر کی۔ وزیر بلدیات ذیشان رفیق نے چائینیز بزنس کونسل کی پیشکش کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز کے ستھرے پنجاب کے اگلے مرحلے پر کام شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ پنجاب میں کوڑے کے ذریعے ڈیزل اور گیس پیدا کرنے کا منصوبہ زیر غور ہے۔ صرف لاہور میں یومیہ چار سے پانچ ہزار ٹن ویسٹ پیدا ہوتا ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت چینی ادارے کو انرجی پلانٹ کیلئے زمین کی فراہمی پر تیار ہے۔ دیگر شہروں میں بھی ویسٹ انرجی پلانٹ لگانے کا خیر مقدم کریں گے۔ کوڑے کی ری سائیکلنگ ماحولیاتی مسائل کے حل میں بھی معاون ہوگی۔ چن جیان جیانگ فنانشل ماڈل بنا کر دیں تاکہ مزید پیشرفت کا جائزہ لیا جاسکے۔ چائینیز بزنس کونسل کے صدر جن جیانگ نے صوبائی وزیر کو ابتدائی فزبلٹی پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہمارا زیادہ مقصد کمرشل نہیں بلکہ ماحول کی صفائی ہمارا فوکس ہوگا۔ ڈپنگ سائٹ کے قریب پلانٹ لگانے سے لاگت کم آئیگی۔ دوبارہ صوبائی وزیر سے ملاقات کیلئے وقت مانگ لیا۔

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## چین کو پاکستان سے مکئی اور سویا بین کی فروخت

خالد بیگ

اس وقت عالمی سطح پر معاشی جنگ عروج پر ہے۔ بڑے ممالک نئی منڈیاں تلاش کرنے اور اپنی معیشت کو جدید دنیا کے تقاضوں کے مطابق ڈھالنے کی کوششوں میں ہیں۔ پہلے کو ردناوبا اور اس کے بعد روس یو کرائن ختم نہ ہونے والی جنگ نے زرعی ممالک کی اہمیت کو مزید اجاگر کر دیا ہے۔ اس نئی صورتحال میں دنیا ایک بار پھر دوسری جنگ عظیم کے بعد سوویت یونین اور امریکا کے درمیان جاری سرد جنگ کی طرح نئی صف بندیوں میں مصروف ہے جس میں اب چین اور امریکا کے مقابل ہیں ان دو بڑے ملکوں میں ایک طرف صنعتی محاذ پر مقابلہ عروج پر ہے تو ساتھ ہی دونوں ملک ایک دوسرے کو معاشی طور پر نیچا دکھانے کے لیے مختلف ہتھکنڈے استعمال کر رہے ہیں۔ امریکا چین کی امریکا میں فروخت ہونے والی مصنوعات پر ٹیکس میں کمی اور اضافے کو بطور ہتھیار استعمال کرتا ہے تو چین جواب میں امریکا سے سالانہ اربوں ڈالر کی زرعی اجناس کی خریداری میں اضافہ اور کمی کو جوابی وار کے طور پر بروئے کار لاتا ہے جس کی تازہ مثال یو کرائن پر حملے کے بعد روس کی حمایت کرنے پر امریکہ کی طرف سے چینی مال پر عائد ٹیکس میں اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا۔ اس کے جواب میں چین نے امریکا سے سویا بین اور مکئی کی خریداری میں بتدریج کمی کرتے ہوئے برازیل سے دونوں اجناس کی خریداری شروع کر دی۔ چین کی مصنوعات پر ٹیکس کے امریکی اضافے کو تو چین باسانی برداشت کر گیا لیکن اس کی جوابی کارروائی نے امریکی کسانوں کی کمر توڑ کر رکھ دی ہے جس کے خلاف وہ سراپا احتجاج ہیں۔

صدارتی انتخابات میں جیت کے بعد ٹرمپ کی امریکا میں غیر ملکی مصنوعات پر ٹیکس میں مزید اضافہ کے اعلان، خاص طور پر تقریر میں چین کا خصوصی طور پر ذکر کرتے ہوئے یہ کہنا کہ امریکا کی تمام ریاستوں میں کسی بھی مارکیٹ میں قدم رکھو ہر دکان چینی مصنوعات سے بھری ہوئی ہے۔ یہ سب دیکھ کر یوں لگتا ہے کہ امریکا میں سوائے جنگی ہتھیار اور ساز و سامان تیار کرنے والے بڑے کارخانوں کے علاوہ دیگر ضروری گھریلو مصنوعات تیار کرنے والی تمام فیکٹریاں بند ہو چکی ہیں اور امریکی عوام کی ضروریات کا سارا دار و مدار چین سے آنے والی مصنوعات پر ہے۔ اس نے دھمکی دی کہ حلف اٹھانے کے بعد وہ چین کی مصنوعات پر ٹیکس میں 100 فیصد اضافہ کرے گا۔ ٹرمپ کے اس اعلان کے بعد چین نے زراعت کی مد میں امریکا سے خریداری میں مزید کمی کر دی ہے۔ یوں امریکی کسان جو پہلے ہی پریشان تھے انتخابات میں ٹرمپ کی حمایت پر چھپتاوے کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے اس کے خلاف احتجاج کرنے پر مجبور ہو گئے ہیں کیونکہ چین کی طرف سے امریکی زرعی اجناس کی خریداری میں کمی کا تخمینہ تقریباً 690 امریکی ڈالر تک پہنچ چکا ہے تو پھر سوال پیدا ہوتا ہے کہ زرعی ملک ہونے کے باوجود چین پاکستان سے مکئی اور سویا بین کی خریداری کی بجائے برازیل کی طرف کیوں مائل ہوا؟ صرف اس لیے کہ پاکستان میں چین کی ضروریات کے مطابق اجناس یا اس کی کاشت کے لیے زرعی رقبہ دستیاب نہیں؟ پاکستان میں زراعت کی بات کریں تو کسان خون کے آنسو روتا ہے۔ کوئی ایک بھی فصل ایسی نہیں جو اسے اور اس کے اہل خانہ کو خوشحال کر سکے۔ پہلے مہنگی بجلی کی وجہ سے ملک میں صنعتوں کا پھیا جام ہوا اور اب زراعت مہنگی کھاد، بیج، سپرے کے لیے کیڑے مار ادویات اور پانی کی ضرورت کے لیے مہنگی بجلی کی زد میں ہے۔ اوپر سے آئی ایم ایف کے حکم پر زراعت کی آمدن پر جنوری 2025ء کے لگنے والے ٹیکس نے کاشتکاروں کی نیندیں حرام کر رکھی ہیں۔ اس سے بڑھ کر مذاق اور کیا ہو سکتا ہے کہ کسان کی دن رات کی محنت کا پھل کھاد بیچنے والے، کیڑے مار ادویات (سپرے) فروخت کرنے والے، اور خاص طور پر منڈیوں کے آڑھتی کھارے ہیں۔ کوئی مانی کالال ان تینوں طبقات کی ٹیکس چوری پکڑنے کی جرات نہیں کر سکتا۔ اس کا روبرو سے وابستہ حضرات کے پاس دولت کی فراوانی کا عالم یہ ہے کہ وہ ایک جمعہ کی نماز مدینہ شریف اور دوسرے جمعہ کی نماز مکہ المکرمہ میں ادا کرتے ہیں۔ ملک کے ہر بڑے شہر میں نئی ہاؤسنگ کالونیاں انھیں کے عالیشان محلات نما بنگلوں سے آباد ہو رہی ہیں۔ ان کی اس شانہ پطرز زندگی سے ملک کی معیشت کو کتنا فائدہ پہنچ رہا ہے ملک پر بڑھتے ہوئے قرض کی صورت یہ سب کے سامنے ہے۔

اگر پنجاب میں زراعت پر ٹیکس کی بات کریں جو یکم جنوری 2025ء سے لاگو ہونے جا رہا ہے تو دی گئی تفصیل کے مطابق 6 سے 12 لاکھ روپے کی آمدن پر 15 فیصد ٹیکس، 12 سے 16 لاکھ روپے تک 90 ہزار روپے فیکسٹ ٹیکس مع 20 فیصد ٹیکس، 32 لاکھ آمدن تک ساڑھے چھ لاکھ روپے، 32 سے 56 لاکھ تک 16 لاکھ روپے ٹیکس، 56 لاکھ سے 12 لاکھ آمدن پر 16 لاکھ فیکسٹ ٹیکس اور 45 فیصد ٹیکس عائد کیا جائے گا جبکہ تاحال سالانہ زرعی انکم ٹیکس 12.5 ایکڑ سے 125 ایکڑ تک زرعی رقبہ 300 روپے فی ایکڑ رقبہ

پر، باغ 600 روپے فی ایکڑ، آبیانہ نہری گندم زیر کاشت رقبہ 1000 روپے فی ایکڑ، کپاس 1000 روپے فی ایکڑ، گھاس 300 سے 400 روپے فی ایکڑ وصول کیے جا رہے ہیں۔ مزے کی بات یہ ہے کہ یکم جنوری 2025 سے زراعت پر ٹیکس کا نفاذ صرف پنجاب کے کاشتکاروں پر ہے۔ سندھ، خیبر پختونخوا اور بلوچستان تاحال اس ٹیکس کے نفاذ سے گریز کر رہے ہیں جبکہ پیپلز پارٹی زرعی ٹیکس کے حالیہ نفاذ کو یکسر مسترد کر چکی ہے۔

اس کا مطلب ہے آئی ایم ایف کی شرط پر زرعی ٹیکس کا نفاذ صرف پنجاب پر ہو گا جو یہاں کے کسان کو مزید بدلی اور مایوسی کا شکار کر کے گاجو عالمی سطح پر سب سے مہنگی کھاد، بیج اور ناقابل برداشت بجلی کی قیمت کے علاوہ مہنگی کیڑے مار ادویات کی بدولت پہلے ہی مشکلات کا شکار ہے۔ اوپر سے فصلوں کی معقول قیمت نہ ملنے اور بے موسمی بارشوں، سیلاب کی صورت موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے اثرات بھی کسان کو برداشت کرنا پڑ رہے ہیں۔ ضرورت اس بات کی ہے کہ کسانوں پر زراعت کے حوالے سے بھاری ٹیکسوں کے نفاذ سے قبل کسانوں کے تحفظات کا ازالہ کیا جائے تاکہ ہمارا کسان ملک میں زراعت کو اس سطح پر لانے کے قابل ہو سکے جہاں ہمارے دیرینہ دوست چین کو ملتی اور سویا بین کی خرید کے لیے سات سمندر پار برازیل جا کر یہ اجناس خریدنے کی ضرورت محسوس نہ ہو۔ اس حقیقت کا اقرار تمام معاشی ماہرین کرتے ہیں کہ پاکستان میں زراعت ہی ملک کو اقتصادی طور پر مضبوط اور عوام الناس کے لیے خوشحالی کے دروازے کھول سکتی ہے۔ تاہم یہ تبھی ممکن ہے جب ہمارے کسان کو سستا بیج اور کھاد دستیاب ہوں۔ اس کو جدید ٹیکنالوجی سے لیس کیا جائے تاکہ وہ کم پانی سے زیادہ سے زیادہ زمین سیراب کر سکے اور فصل کی تیاری پر اسے معقول معاوضہ مل سکے جس میں آڑھتیوں اور بیوپاریوں کا عمل دخل کم سے کم ہو۔

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### **Ahsan, GM China Energy International discuss 21 mega projects**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal, Friday, held a meeting with general manager of China Energy International Group, in which, they discussed that the group has delivered 21 mega projects in Pakistan with a cumulative value of more than \$12 billion. The group's two most important hydropower projects with total capacity of 1,570 megawatt include Azad Pattan hydropower project (700 megawatt) and Sukki Kinari project (870 megawatt) with a cumulative investment of 3.5 billion USD. Iqbal said, "The Azad Pattan hydro power project holds immense significance for Pakistan's sustainable energy future. It exemplifies bilateral cooperation, regional development and a shared vision for sustainable infrastructure." The minister commended China's unwavering commitment for successful implementation of Azad Pattan Hydropower project. The China Energy International Group assured the minister its adherence to project's development timelines as per directions of Government of Pakistan. Since its presence in Pakistan from 1990s, the group has focused on Pakistani market for more than three decades and has worked in engineering design, construction execution and development of various infrastructure projects like hydropower, thermal power, nuclear power, transmission line, renewable energy, road and highway, water conservation, etc. The company's general manager Wang Huihua discussed the possibility of exploring potential projects aligned with Pakistan's development priorities particularly in infrastructure development, sustainable development, eco environmental protection, smart cities and CPEC-related projects.—NAVEED BUTT

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## Dawn News

### **China urged to expedite ML-1 rail, model special economic zone projects**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has asked China to expedite visit of its technical and finance teams to Pakistan to finalise agreement and implementation of the first phase of \$10bn Karachi-to-Peshawar Railway Line (ML-1) and build two model special economic zones (SEZs) in Karachi and Islamabad.

Presiding over a review meeting on CPEC on Friday, Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal told participants he had asked Chinese side to dispatch simultaneous teams of technical and financial experts for ML-1 during his consultations with Chinese ambassador in Islamabad this week.

He recalled that Chinese premier in his October visit to Pakistan had agreed to send technical team of railway experts that was eagerly awaited. A team of financial experts along with the technical team would be helpful in finalising financing arrangements for about \$1.1bn worth of ML-1 first phase between Karachi and Hyderabad.

“During a recent meeting with the Chinese ambassador, it was also agreed that a team of financial experts would accompany them (technical team) to ensure the simultaneous and efficient resolution of all matters related to the project,” an official statement said.

The minister asked the representatives of the economic affairs division, ministry of railways and ministry of finance to complete their homework at the earliest so that both technical and financial aspects could be finalised simultaneously. The ambassador assured the minister that technical team would be visiting shortly as decided by the Chinese premier.

Mr Iqbal also told the meeting that Karakoram Highway (KKH) and ML-1 would be the two mega components of the CPEC and the second phase of KKH would be completed as per its phase-1 arrangements and there was no need for fresh commitments.

The minister told the participants that China had been requested to develop and populate both Islamabad- and Karachi-based SEZs as model zones, which could be replicated by Pakistani authorities in remaining seven SEZs. He said, “Pakistan has also requested China to develop two model industrial zones, which would be done in turnkey basis”.

The Board of Investment (BOI) was directed to finalise the availability of land in Islamabad for SEZ development. Also, the power division and Pesco were asked to immediately energize the internal network of Rashakai SEZ and provide electricity to meet its current requirements.

About Gwadar’s tax exemption policy, the FBR made it clear that under the Finance Act, the China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) and other Free Zone businesses were entitled to tax holidays and related incentives. “Notifications have already been issued to relevant departments, confirming there is no turnover tax on SEZ enterprises operating in Gwadar,” a statement said. The notification was shared with the Chinese side instantly.

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## **Proposal to dissolve CPEC authority under consideration, Senate panel told**

ISLAMABAD: A proposal to dissolve China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority is under consideration, a Senate panel was informed on Friday.

The secretary of the ministry of planning and development, Awais Manzur Sumra, informed the Senate standing committee on planning, development and special initiatives that the authority was currently dysfunctional and that the prime minister has desired to forward the matter to the rightsizing committee of the federal government for their consideration and that the ministry has also recommended to initiate the process to repeal the CPEC Authority Act.

The Senate body which met here with Senator Quratul Ain Marri in the chair, passed a private member's bill seeking inclusion of one representative each from the Senate and the National Assembly in the CPEC Authority.

The bill was moved by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, who also mentioned that a proposal to dissolve the authority had been sent to the prime minister. After detailed deliberations, the committee unanimously agreed to pass the bill. The committee members also held a detailed discussion on the briefing by the secretaries of MoPD&SI, ministry of finance, senior officers planning division, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding the disbursement of funds to PSDP projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The secretary of planning division told the committee that 35 per cent of funds have been authorised for two quarters against seven projects in the province and the ministry of finance has informed that in the first quarter funds were released for one project only as requested by the KP government and in the second quarter funds were released for two projects only and same have been transferred.

The ministry of finance has also written to the KP government for an update on the execution period of the four projects under PSDP 2024-25 as their execution period has expired and release cannot be processed. The chairperson commented that there was a serious issue of non-utilisation of funds and directed that all communication gaps be addressed immediately to resolve these as they ultimately lead to the loss of benefits for the common people.

She said the committee's main concern is that the allocated funds for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have remained unutilised. Furthermore, the committee considered the issue of KP not receiving the full amount of Rs100 billion each year which was committed following Fata merger. The secretary of planning ministry said that this commitment involved contributions from the provincial governments but to date contribution from provincial government was awaited.

The meeting was attended by senators Shahadat Awan, Zeeshan Khanzada, Mohammad Abdul Qadir, Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Jam Saifullah Khan, the ministry of planning development and special initiatives secretary and other senior officials from the ministry of finance, senior officers from planning department of KP and other authorities.

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## Pakistan Observer

### **China urged to develop two model industrial zones in Pakistan: Ahsan**

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said China has been requested to develop two model industrial zones in Pakistan on a turnkey basis for their replication in other areas of the country.

“These model zones will serve as benchmarks for other industrial zones across the country,” he said while chairing a progress-review meeting on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a news release said.

The meeting was attended by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Planning, members of the Planning Commission, secretaries of various Ministries and Divisions, besides senior officials from relevant departments.

The minister also directed the Board of Investment to finalize the availability of land for the SEZ development in Islamabad.

The meeting reviewed progress in key sectors, including Energy, Infrastructure, Food & Agriculture and Special Economic Zones.

The Ministry of Railways and Communications updated on the recent progress of the ML-1 and Karakoram Highway (KKH) projects and outlined their future course of action.

Discussing the ML-1 project, Ahsan Iqbal noted the commitment made by the Chinese Premier for the visit of a team of Chinese technical experts to Pakistan.

During a recent meeting with the Chinese Ambassador, it was also agreed that a team of financial experts would accompany them to ensure the simultaneous and efficient resolution of all matters related to the project.

Regarding KKH, the minister directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to expedite progress in coordination with the Chinese side to ensure its timely completion, as it was a strategic project under CPEC Phase II.

The minister directed the Power Division and PESCO to immediately energize the internal network of Rashakai SEZ and provide electricity to meet its current requirements.

Regarding Gwadar’s tax exemption policy, officials clarified that under the Finance Act, the China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) and other Free Zone businesses were entitled to tax holidays and related incentives.

Accordingly, they said notifications have already been issued to relevant departments, confirming there is no turnover tax on SEZ enterprises operating in Gwadar.—APP

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## China's strategic role in global de-dollarisation

*Maryam Khan*

THE BRICS 2024 summit in Kazán, Russia made history in pushing the de-dollarization agenda with a view to building a more inclusive multicurrency financial system. Led by China and its BRICS partners, this effort is to reduce reliance on the US dollar.

**The Rise of Dollarization:** For more than half a century, the US dollar has reigned as the world's reserve currency as a result of the Bretton Woods Agreement and the US's economic and military might. This dominance does give a benefit to the US, but economically strains other nations compelling them to look for alternatives. **China's Economic Strategy and the Yuan's Growth:** Since 2013, China has been pushing to internationalize the Yuan, with more than 40 currency swap agreements with countries in Asia, Europe and Latin America. Japan, South Korea and Germany now trade in Yuan, bypassing the dollar. Its role in global transactions has been boosted by offshore Yuan centres in Hong Kong and London.

**BRICS 2024: A United Push for De-Dollarization:** BRICS reaffirmed at the summit its commitment to reshaping the financial landscape. BRICS Pay, a multicurrency payment platform to bypass the dollar, and the Kazán Declaration which put forward the idea of a gold backed BRICS currency to facilitate member trade, were also adopted by the bloc. **Petro-Yuan: A Direct Challenge to the Petro-Dollar:** Saudi Arabia's announcement that it will consider selling oil in Yuan after a currency swap deal with China is a challenge to the petro-dollar system. China's decision to negotiate energy deals in Yuan is just one more step on the road to the dollar's decline as the world's biggest oil importer is also the world's biggest oil consumer. **Geopolitical Tensions Fuel De-Dollarization:** Geopolitical rivalries between the US and China, especially, accelerate de-dollarization. Russia and Iran, both under US sanctions, are drawn to China's alternatives, which offer economic independence and challenge the dollar as a political lever.

**Technological Advancements Support a Multipolar System:** China's digital Yuan embodies the power of technology to de-dollarize, providing secure, real time cross border payments. Blockchain based systems are reducing reliance on traditional banking and the dollar, as China is now using the Yuan for about 53% of its cross border payments.

**The Challenges of Dethroning the Dollar:** Progress has been made, but there are obstacles. A multicurrency system requires global cooperation and the Yuan is not a currency that has widespread trust. Analysts expect a multipolar currency system, in which the dollar retains its importance but shares power with other currencies, such as the Yuan.

**A New Financial Era on the Horizon:** China's de-dollarization efforts, from BRICS Pay to the petro-Yuan, are a sign of times to come in global finance. Dollar dominance still prevails, but diversified currencies are changing the way we look at the financial landscape. At the BRICS summit we can see the influence of the Yuan growing and the potential for a new financial era.

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## **New global power chessboard & Chinese wisdom**

*Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan*

THE current rapidly changing geopolitical and geostrategic scenarios in the world clearly demonstrate a drastic change in the global power chessboard searching new readjustments, realignments, re-alliances and re-unions pushing towards the redrafting, remapping and redesigning of new proxies around the world. It seems that every power broker has its own queen desiring to conquer the world through a new end game pulling the axis and angles of gravity towards its centre. First, the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's current statement of receding vividly reflects changing geopolitical and geostrategic preferences of Washington DC and Brussel after January 20, the start of the President Donald Trump era. Thus US stealth diplomacy has been activated conveying new whims and wishes of the new king to the world. It is indeed a strategic backlash for the NATO eastern expansion encircling Russia and its allies in the Black Sea.

Zelenskyy reiterated his new subdued stance in a series of interviews with the western media that produced new ripples in numerous capitals around the globe. Zelenskyy stated that the Russia-Ukraine war needs to end and Kyiv was willing to give up territory to Russia in order to reach a ceasefire agreement with Moscow. According to a report by UK-based daily, The Telegraph, Zelenskyy stated that Kyiv is willing to work out a ceasefire deal with Moscow and ready to cede the occupied territory to Russia, albeit with some conditions.

It is indeed a major compromise by Zelenskyy over territory for sure, but it also reflects the harsh reality. Before this, Zelenskyy had stressed that a peace deal would not go through unless Russia's annexation of Ukrainian territories was nullified. However, handling over these territories under the umbrella of NATO may still be a main hurdle for achieving the peace between Russia-Ukraine conflict. Second, the trans-regional dominance and destruction wave is also disturbing peace, stability and harmony in Georgia and pro-European and pro-Russian are colluding spreading black clouds over the country. So the backyard of Russia is in flames showing the dawn of a new complex and complicated power chessboard in the world competing for ultimate supremacy, superiority and super gains through smoking guns of geopolitics.

Protesters rallied outside Georgia's Parliament for a seventh consecutive night, venting their anger at the government's decision to suspend EU membership talks. Earlier, police conducted a crackdown, searching the offices and homes of prominent activists and opposition leaders, detaining seven. Thousands of pro-EU protesters took to the streets after police raids on opposition party offices and arrests following the prime minister's threat to punish opponents. Turmoil has rocked Tbilisi since the ruling Georgian Dream party claimed victory in the October 26 parliamentary election, denounced by opposition groups as rigged. Tens of thousands have protested the alleged fraud. Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze's announcement that Georgia would not hold EU talks until 2028 sparked fresh uproar and more rallies.

Third, the South Korean episode rattled the US and its regional allies and produced a serious dent in their ongoing anti-China massive campaign in the Asia Pacific especially in the South China Sea. The ongoing game of snake and ladder put the Korean stability and sustainability



at stake. President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law, creating the most serious challenge to South Korea's democracy since the 1980s as lawmakers rejected the move in a vote and protesters gathered outside parliament. Yoon's declaration, which he cast as aimed at his political foes, was vocally opposed by the speaker of parliament and even the leader of Yoon's own party, Han Dong-hoon, who has clashed with the president over his handling of recent scandals.

Live television footage showed helmeted troops apparently tasked with imposing martial law attempting to enter the National Assembly building. Parliamentary aides were seen trying to push the soldiers back by spraying fire extinguishers. Yoon said in a TV broadcast that opposition parties had taken the parliamentary process hostage. He vowed to eradicate "shameless pro-North Korean anti-state forces" and said he had no choice but to take the measure to safeguard constitutional order. Third, redeployment of troops in far flank islands by Japanese forces, installation of the US ballistic missiles in Philippine along with various new military bases, holding of joint drills and exercises in South China Sea with Australia, South Korea, Philippine and many other regional countries and last but not the least arms supplies to Taiwan all vividly reflecting emergence of new power politics polluting the waters for encircling China.

The Asia Pacific has emerged as a new flashpoint, with Chinese wisdom through peaceful dialogue, diplomacy and development delaying a full-fledged war in the region, including the South China Sea.

Meanwhile, the Syrian civil war, once overshadowed by global crises like COVID, Ukraine and Gaza, has resurfaced with the opposition's capture of Aleppo.

This development re-engages regional players like Russia, Turkiye and Iran, amid allegations of Western-sponsored conspiracies fuelling uncertainty and chaos. Yet, China's constructive neutrality and balanced engagement offer a path toward resolving conflicts and advancing global peace and progress.

In summary, it seems that the emerging world power chessboard is eclipsing the economic stability and geopolitical sustainability creating new blocs and the World War mentality is crusading humanity and global harmony.

The Chinese President Xi Jinping's most recent participation in the APEC and G20 and delivering a new road map for economic globalization and international cooperation is the way forward.

Xi's valuable proposals for cooperation are holding an ideal recipe for a peaceful world. The US President Elect Trump's threats and tariffs are forcing many ASEAN countries to revisit their policies towards China and recent imposition of dumping duties on Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam all vividly reflecting outburst of genie of geopolitics in the world.

<https://pakobserver.net/new-global-power-chessboard-chinese-wisdom/>

## The Express Tribune

### **China's help sought to set up industrial zones**

Iqbal highlights steps to boost industrial, agri-development

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said China has been requested to develop two model industrial zones in Pakistan on a turnkey basis for their replication in other areas of the country.

"These model zones will serve as benchmarks for other industrial zones across the country," he said while chairing a progress-review meeting on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a news release said.

The meeting was attended by Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi, additional secretary of the Ministry of Planning, members of the Planning Commission, secretaries of various ministries and divisions, besides senior officials from relevant departments.

The minister also directed the Board of Investment (BOI) to finalise the availability of land for the SEZ development in Islamabad.

The meeting reviewed progress in key sectors, including Energy, Infrastructure, Food & Agriculture, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

The Ministry of Railways and Communications updated the participants on the recent progress of the ML-1 and Karakoram Highway (KKH) projects and outlined their future course of action.

Discussing the ML-1 project, Iqbal noted the commitment made by the Chinese premier for the visit of a team of Chinese technical experts to Pakistan.

During a recent meeting with the Chinese ambassador, it was also agreed that a team of financial experts would accompany them to ensure the simultaneous and efficient resolution of all matters related to the project.

Regarding KKH, the minister directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to expedite progress in coordination with the Chinese side to ensure its timely completion, as it was a strategic project under CPEC Phase II.

The minister directed the Power Division and PESCO to immediately energise the internal network of Rashakai SEZ and provide electricity to meet its current requirements.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2514270/chinas-help-sought-to-set-up-industrial-zones>

## The News

### **China to help Pakistan in blue economy: PM**

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that China will help Pakistan in blue economy, adding that Beijing will send a team to explore the natural resources under the Pakistani sea.

Addressing the closing session of the 7th National Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW) at the Navy War College in Lahore as a chief guest, the prime minister lauded the Pakistan Navy's unwavering commitment to contribute to the development of the country and its significant role to the national security, saying that the Navy was fully prepared to ensure the defence of the maritime boundaries of the country.

The premier emphasised the strategic importance of maritime security and the blue economy, commending the Navy's exceptional capabilities in addressing diverse challenges. He praised the dedication and professionalism of the Navy's officers and personnel in protecting the country's maritime boundaries.

"The blue economy holds central importance in today's world," he remarked, highlighting Pakistan Navy's proactive measures to harness maritime resources for the nation's development. He also acknowledged China as a vital partner, expressing gratitude for its steadfast cooperation in the maritime domain.

Shehbaz underscored the critical link between economic prosperity and the efficient utilisation of the blue economy, saying that Gwadar Port was considered a cornerstone of Pakistan's economic future due to its strategic location, economic potential, and its role in the development of regional trade and connectivity. He expressed government's firm resolve to eliminate terrorism from all over Pakistan as it did in 2018. He paid rich tribute to the martyrs of the armed forces for their great sacrifices during anti-terrorism operations.

He told the participants that Apex Committee meetings were being held regularly aimed to ensuring peace and security in the country. He expressed a strong commitment to leveraging maritime resources for economic progress and enhancing national security.

He termed the role of Gwadar Port very important in the blue economy and it must be prepared to facilitate the importers and exporters. He added that Karachi Port Trust must be equipped with the modern technology to execute the loading and unloading consignments from across the world.

He was of the view that real estate business was not the domain of Port Trust and the professional approach could steer this institution towards its real commercial scope in the blue economy. He highlighted the importance of National Shipping Corporation and vowed to re-establish it in accordance with the commercial needs.

The prime minister said that Pakistan had full of talent and resources, adding that this potential should be utilised to get rid of the debt.

Earlier, the chief guest, upon his arrival at PN War College, was received by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf.

In his welcome address, Pakistan Navy War College Commandant Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood provided an overview of workshop's activities.

Later, a panel of participants presented a paper containing recommendations for a National Maritime Policy. The panel analysed the maritime environment, highlighting its impact on national security and economic prosperity, and proposed measures to address challenges and capitalise on opportunities.

The Maritime Security Workshop was an annual event organised by the Pakistan Navy to enhance understanding of maritime security dynamics, create awareness about blue economy, and explore Pakistan's untapped maritime potential. Participants included parliamentarians, policymakers, bureaucrats, academics, entrepreneurs, armed forces officers and media representatives.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=365902>

### **No turnover tax on SEZ enterprises in Gwadar: Ahsan**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal on Friday chaired progress review meetings on the CPEC.

According to an official announcement, made by the planning ministry on Friday, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal chaired a progress review meeting on CPEC in Islamabad. The meeting was attended by Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Planning, members of the Planning Commission, secretaries of various ministries and divisions, and senior officials from relevant departments.

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While addressing the development of industrial zones, the minister stressed China's extensive expertise in this area. He highlighted that Pakistan had requested China to develop two model industrial zones, which would be done in turn-key basis. These model zones would serve as benchmarks for other industrial zones across the country. He also directed the Board of Investment (BoI) to finalise the availability of land for an SEZ development in Islamabad.

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Regarding Gwadar's tax exemption policy, officials clarified that under the Finance Act, the China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) and other Free Zone businesses are entitled to tax holidays and related incentives. Notifications have already been issued to relevant departments, confirming there is no turnover tax on SEZ enterprises operating in Gwadar.

The meeting also reviewed progress on the training of 1,000 agriculture graduates in China. The Minister directed that experts traveling for agricultural training should be fully facilitated. These trainees, to be selected from public and private sector on merit, will learn latest technology and farm mechanisation techniques from China and help in modernising Pakistan's agriculture. Special arrangements for halal food, including sehri and iftar during Ramazan, were also instructed. The minister reiterated the vital role of the agriculture sector in Pakistan's development and noted that the PM will soon announce the 5Es National Economic Transformation Plan Framework, which is home-grown. This framework will be integrated into the five-year development plan, followed by formulation of a comprehensive National Agriculture and Industrial Policy to advance the agriculture sector under a structured policy framework.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of commitment to ensuring timely implementation of CPEC projects for the country's economic growth and development.

Meanwhile, sources said that China might be ready for a piecemeal approach for funding the ML-1 [Mainline-1] and KKH [Karakoram Highway] projects by adopting a phased-wise approach, but it all depends on improvement in security of Chinese nationals working in Pakistan.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=365913>

### Express News

#### پاک چین تجارتی کانفرنس؛ نئی شراکت داریوں کا شاندار آغاز

ایس آئی ایف سی ملک کی اقتصادی ترقی اور عالمی شراکت داریوں کو فروغ دینے میں مصروف عمل ہے۔ پاک چین تجارتی کانفرنس بھی اسی سلسلے میں نئی شراکت داریوں کا شاندار آغاز قرار دیا جا رہا ہے۔

چین اور پاکستان ٹیکنالوجی منتقلی، تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری میں تعاون کو مضبوط کرنے میں سرگرم عمل ہیں۔ اس حوالے سے منعقدہ کانفرنس میں 40 سے زائد چینی کاروباری اداروں کے نمائندوں اور 100 سے زائد پاکستانی کاروباری افراد شامل ہوئے۔

تجارتی کانفرنس میں شانڈونگ (چین) کے کاروباری نمائندوں نے مینوفیکچرنگ اور ہائی ٹیک صنعتوں کی مصنوعات کا تعارف پیش کیا جب کہ پاکستانی کاروباری افراد نے شانڈونگ کی مصنوعات اور ٹیکنالوجیز میں گہری دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا۔

فریقین کے متعدد منصوبوں پر ابتدائی مذاکرات میں باہمی تعاون کے عزائم ظاہر کیے گئے۔ دونوں ممالک نے معلومات کے تبادلے اور وسائل کے اشتراک سے پاکستانی مارکیٹ میں توسیع اور تعاون پر زور دیا گیا۔



علاوہ ازیں شانڈونگ کے کاروباری اداروں نے 8 ویں پاکستان انڈسٹریل ایکسپو میں بھی شرکت کی۔ ماہرین نے پاکستان کی ساحلی پٹی کو آف شور وینڈ انرجی اور قابل تجدید توانائی کے لیے موزوں قرار دیتے ہوئے چین کو سرمایہ کاری کی دعوت دی ہے۔

ایس آئی ایف سی کا توانائی سمیت اہم شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری اور تجارت کو فروغ دینے میں اہم کردار ادا کر رہی ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2736730/pak-china-trade-conference-2736730>

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**Daily Times**

### **China-Pakistan marine information cooperation keeps evolving**

Sixth China-Pakistan Marine Information Workshop held in Harbin Engineering University (HEU) this week and it was decided to further strengthen marine information cooperation.

A MoU was signed between the two sides to work jointly in areas of common interest.

The workshop was hosted by the Chinese Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (CSNAME).

Chinese and Pakistani professionals shared their latest research findings and discussed future trends and challenges faced in the interdisciplinary and frontier areas of marine information during the four-day event, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Saturday.

“Over the years, China-Pakistan cooperation in scientific research and talent cultivation in this area has been increasingly close through the China-Pakistan Marine Information Joint Research Laboratory.

In the future, leveraging our strengths in the ocean sector, Harbin Engineering University will further deepen cooperation in scientific and technological innovation, talent cultivation and scientific research achievement transformation with Pakistan, collectively contributing to the advancement of the global marine industry,” said Song Yingdong, President, Harbin Engineering University. China-Pakistan marine information cooperation keeps evolving, Song Yingdong added. “In recent years, China has made rapid progress in technological development, achieving remarkable results in marine information, new energy, etc.

The significant scientific research achievements in shipbuilding and marine exploitation by Harbin Engineering University with its groundbreaking progress in underwater acoustic engineering, is worthy learning for Pakistan,” Ahmed Saeed, President, National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) of Pakistan remarked. Also, he encouraged students to participate in developing marine science and technology for both countries through cooperation.

Additionally, a Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Harbin Engineering University and the Pakistani delegation on high-quality development of overseas student education, holding high-level international academic conferences, etc.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1245938/china-pakistan-marine-information-cooperation-keeps-evolving/>

### **C-level maintenance at Sahiwal Coal Power Plant successfully completed**

The C-level maintenance of Unit-2 at the 1320MW Sahiwal Coal Power Plant was successfully completed, marking a significant achievement in the plant's operational efficiency.

The maintenance work was carried out with exceptional professionalism by the various departments, including Instrumentation & Control (I&C), Electrical, Mechanical and Operations, all of whom played vital roles in ensuring a seamless and timely process, said a press release issued here on Saturday.

The Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) department also ensured a safe working environment throughout the maintenance period. The outstanding teamwork and dedication exhibited by all departments reflect the high standards upheld at Sahiwal, setting a benchmark for excellence in the power generation sector.

The maintenance departments at Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, including Instrumentation & Control (I&C), Electrical, and Mechanical, performed exceptionally well during the C-level maintenance of Unit-2 in November 2024. Their collective efforts were pivotal in ensuring that all systems were thoroughly inspected, repaired and optimized.

Each class of department demonstrated high levels of expertise, dedication and coordination, tackling complex challenges and achieving remarkable results. The work was completed with precision and attention to detail, maintaining the high standards that the plant is known for. Their seamless collaboration ensured that the maintenance process was efficient, safe, and successful, enhancing the overall performance of Unit-2.

The Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) department played a critical role in maintaining safety standards throughout the C-level maintenance process at Sahiwal. They excelled in ensuring that all safety protocols were followed meticulously, from the preparation phase to the execution of maintenance tasks.

The HSE team effectively identified and mitigated potential risks, conducted safety training and ensured the well-being of all personnel on-site. Their unwavering commitment to safety provided the necessary assurance that the maintenance activities were carried out without compromising the health or safety of the workers, demonstrating exemplary leadership in managing the challenging environment of a coal power plant.

The Operations department at Sahiwal Power Plant displayed an outstanding level of professionalism and efficiency during the Unit-2 C-level maintenance. They worked diligently to support the maintenance team, facilitating smooth operations by issuing the proper permits to work (PTWs) at the appropriate times.

Their coordination ensured that maintenance activities could proceed without delays while adhering to all safety measures. The Operations team's proactive approach in accommodating the needs of the maintenance department demonstrated their commitment to maintaining the plant's operational integrity and ensuring that all safety precautions were implemented before any work commenced.

Leadership at Sahiwal Power Plant, including CEO Dr Li Xin, Vice President Mr Wu Xiaolong and their counterparts Mr Huang Xuewen and Mr Wang Xuejun, expressed great admiration for the outstanding efforts of the maintenance and operational teams.

They recognized the hard work and dedication showed throughout the Unit-2 C-level maintenance, praising the staff for their professionalism and teamwork. The leadership emphasized the importance of continuous effort and encouraged everyone to keep working hard to contribute to the success of the national grid. Their recognition and appreciation further motivated the teams to maintain the highest standards of performance.

The successful completion of the C-level maintenance of Unit-2 at Sahiwal Power Plant stands as a remarkable achievement, showcasing the extreme professionalism and competence of the entire team. The maintenance work was executed with precision, setting a benchmark for excellence that has become a point of admiration and inspiration for other power plants across the country.

The high standards set by the Chinese team in Sahiwal are now viewed as a competitive measure for other plants to match, pushing the entire sector towards continuous improvement and innovation.

NPCC also expressed great satisfaction with the completion of the maintenance ahead of the allocated deadline. The early completion of the Unit-2 C-level maintenance not only reflects the efficiency and dedication of the Sahiwal team but also demonstrates the plant's commitment in meeting its operational objectives ahead of schedule, setting a positive example for the industry.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1245900/c-level-maintenance-at-sahiwal-coal-power-plant-successfully-completed/>

### **The Express Tribune**

#### **Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz embarks on 8-day visit to China**

The Chief Minister will tour major cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou.

Punjab's Chief Minister, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has set off for an official eight-day visit to China, becoming the first female Chief Minister of the province to visit the country.

Her visit, scheduled from December 8 to December 15, aims to strengthen ties between Pakistan and China, and explore opportunities for cooperation in various sectors.

Maryam Nawaz is accompanied by a high-level delegation, including senior provincial ministers such as Marium Aurangzeb (Senior Provincial Minister), Azma Zahid Bokhari (Minister for Information and Culture), Bilal Akbar (Minister for Transport), and Ashiq Kermani (Minister for Agriculture).

During her visit, the Chief Minister will tour major cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou. She will engage in meetings with key Chinese officials, experts, and ministers to discuss bilateral cooperation, investment opportunities, and trade relations.

This visit is particularly significant as it highlights Maryam Nawaz's role in strengthening Pakistan's political and economic relations with China.

She will also participate in various events, conferences, and cultural exchanges, marking a new chapter in Pakistan-China relations under her leadership. The invitation for this high-profile visit came from the Communist Party of China.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2514541/punjab-cm-maryam-nawaz-embarks-on-8-day-visit-to-china>

### **Nawaiwaqt News**

#### **پاک چین تجارتی کانفرنس، 100 پاکستانی، 40 چینی کاروباری افراد کی شرکت**

لاہور (این این آئی) خصوصی سرمایہ کاری سہولت کونسل ملک کی اقتصادی ترقی اور عالمی شراکت داریوں کو فروغ دینے میں مصروف عمل ہے، پاک چین تجارتی کانفرنس کو بھی اسی سلسلے میں نئی شراکت داریوں کا شاندار آغاز قرار دیا جا رہا ہے۔ چین اور پاکستان دونوں ممالک ٹیکنالوجی منتقلی، تجارتی تعاون اور سرمایہ کاری میں تعاون کو مضبوط کرنے میں سرگرم عمل ہیں، کانفرنس میں 40 سے زائد چینی کاروباری اداروں کے نمائندوں اور 100 سے زائد پاکستانی کاروباری افراد نے شرکت کی۔ چین کے کاروباری نمائندوں نے مینوفیکچرنگ اور ہائی ٹیک صنعتوں کی مصنوعات کا تعارف پیش کیا جبکہ پاکستانی کاروباری افراد نے شانڈونگ کی مصنوعات اور ٹیکنالوجیز میں گہری دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا۔ دونوں فریقین نے متعدد منصوبوں پر ابتدائی مذاکرات اور تعاون کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا جبکہ دونوں ممالک نے معلومات کے تبادلے اور وسائل کے اشتراک سے پاکستانی مارکیٹ میں توسیع اور تعاون پر زور دیا۔ شانڈونگ کے کاروباری اداروں نے 8 ویں پاکستان انڈسٹریل ایکسپو میں بھی شرکت کی اور پاکستان کی ساحلی پٹی کو آف شور ونڈ انرجی اور قابل تجدید توانائی کے لیے موزوں قرار دیا۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-12-09/page-1/detail-8>

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#### **Daily Times**

#### **Chinese new energy vehicle companies plan to set up factories in Pakistan: Zafaruddin**

Chinese new energy vehicle companies plan to set up factories in Pakistan, and African countries like Kenya have purchased Chinese electric vehicles.

“China's energy innovation has made significant contributions to the world economy.”

This was stated by Zafaruddin Mahmood, President of the Lahore-based think tank Understanding China Forum (UCF) and former Special Advisor to the Pakistani Prime Minister, during the 2024 Understanding China Conference (Guangzhou) in the recent week, China Economic Net reported.

The conference, themed “Carry Through the Reform to the End: Chinese Modernization and New Opportunities for World Development,” aimed to infuse Chinese wisdom and the power of the times into the volatile and ever-changing global landscape.

Over 600 Chinese and international delegates from politics, strategy, business, academia, and think tanks participated in the event, serving as a platform for the world to comprehend China's long-term economic development plans.

According to Zafaruddin Mahmood, “China’s modernization is one of the most remarkable transformations in human history—a journey that has not only reshaped the nation’s destiny but has also become a beacon of hope for the developing world.”

Zafaruddin, who has lived and worked in China for over four decades—from his student days in 1976 to his roles as Economic and Commercial Counselor at the Pakistani Embassy in China, Special Envoy for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, and founder of the UCF—praised China’s opening-up policy.

“Every time I come to China, I witness new developments,” he shared.

“China’s high-level opening-up is giving a boost to the world economy.”

He emphasized that China provides a driving force for global development. “Most people in the world have used Chinese products, which shows China’s tremendous impact on the world economy,” he said.

With the rapid development of Chinese technology, apps like WeChat have entered the lives of Pakistanis, and the threshold for technical services has been lowered considerably.

China’s rapid industrialization has made it the “factory of the world,” producing a wide range of goods, from basic consumer items to cutting-edge technology.

Companies such as Huawei, Alibaba, and BYD have become global leaders, reshaping industries and setting new benchmarks for innovation.

Moreover, China’s modernization is deeply intertwined with its commitment to environmental sustainability.

“China has pivoted toward a green development model and is now the world’s largest producer and consumer of renewable energy,” Zafaruddin noted.

With significant investments in solar, wind, and hydropower technologies, China’s ambitious goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2060 is not just a national commitment but a global responsibility.

Citing Pakistan as an illustration, Zafaruddin said, “Chinese solar products are inexpensive and highly prevalent in Pakistan. Almost every household uses Chinese solar products, and I have them installed at my home too.”

“China’s modernization journey is not just about achieving national greatness; it is about contributing to global progress,” he added.

From leading the fight against climate change to advancing technologies that benefit humanity, China is shaping a future defined by collaboration and shared prosperity.

Initiatives like the Global Development Initiative and the Belt and Road Initiative reflect China’s commitment to building a shared future for humanity.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246231/chinese-new-energy-vehicle-companies-plan-to-set-up-factories-in-pakistan-zafaruddin/>



## **Pakistan's medical and surgical instrument exports to China surge in 2024**

Pakistan's exports of medical and surgical instruments to China have experienced a significant boost in the first ten months of 2024, marking a positive trend for the country's healthcare manufacturing sector.

According to the latest data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), the export value of medical and surgical instruments to China has risen by 5.189% compared to the same period last year.

This surge is attributed to the increasing demand for high-quality medical devices in China and Pakistan's growing reputation for producing reliable and cost-effective healthcare products.

Ghulam Qadir, Trade and Investment Counsellor at the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing told China Economic Net that in total, Pakistan has exported medical and surgical instruments worth over \$10.19 million to China from January to October 2024, making it one of the country's key export markets for healthcare products.

This growth is seen as a result of strategic efforts by Pakistani manufacturers to meet international quality standards and build strong trade relationships with China, the world's second-largest medical equipment market. "Pakistan's exports of medical, veterinary instruments & appliances crossed \$6.544 million in China while last year in the same period it was \$6.387 million – an increase of 2.47%.

Similarly, Pakistan's exports of dental instruments & appliances crossed \$3.158 million in the first ten months of this year to China whereas in the same period of 2023 it was \$2.926 million, marking a surge of 7.9%," he added. Industry experts believe the positive export trend reflects a larger regional shift, as China continues to expand its healthcare sector and invest heavily in modernizing its medical infrastructure.

China's demand for medical instruments, which includes surgical tools, diagnostic equipment, and personal protective devices, has increased rapidly in response to the country's aging population and the need for more advanced healthcare services. With its highly competitive manufacturing capabilities, Pakistan stands to benefit from this demand.

"Pakistan has long been known for its robust manufacturing of medical instruments, and this surge in exports to China shows the increasing trust global markets are placing in our products," said Ghulam Qadir.

"With China's healthcare industry on the rise, we expect these numbers to grow even further in the coming years."

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246226/pakistans-medical-and-surgical-instrument-exports-to-china-surge-in-2024/>

## Dawn News

### **CPEC slowdown**

ISLAMABAD has reached out to Beijing to expedite a visit of China's technical and finance teams to Pakistan to conclude agreements on the implementation of the first phase of the upgradation of the ML-I rail project from Peshawar to Karachi.

It has also been asked to convert Islamabad and Karachi SEZs into model industrial estates, which can be replicated by the authorities here in the remaining seven SEZs. The request was made by Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal during a meeting with the Chinese ambassador in Islamabad recently. On the margins of the SCO Summit in Islamabad in October, the Chinese premier had agreed to send a technical team of railway experts to study and finalise the first phase of ML-1, costing \$1.1bn, between Karachi and Hyderabad.

During Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing earlier this year, China had agreed to expedite work on the second leg of the upgraded multi-billion-dollar CPEC initiative for what the finance minister calls the "monetisation phase" of the project. Months after the meeting, the promised Chinese investments are yet to arrive in Pakistan.

It is not surprising that the slowing CPEC momentum, particularly the delays in the start of work on ML-I upgradation and relocation of Chinese factories here, is being questioned in Pakistan. The reasons for the slowdown of the CPEC projects are obvious: Beijing is concerned for the safety of its nationals working on CPEC schemes here, as they have been targeted by terrorists. Besides, it is worried about its investments in the first phase of the work on account of the criticism of the projects, which are seen as a big reason for Pakistan's high debt.

Moreover, it is not surprising that, like other lenders, China, which is Pakistan's biggest creditor's, is worried about regular requests from Islamabad for more loans, and the rescheduling and rollover of existing ones. Beijing has more than its share of troubles on other fronts too, especially growing trade tensions with the US, which is keeping it from making any new investments in the CPEC scheme.

Although the chances of China resuming its CPEC investments anytime soon remain slim, the current pause does not mean that it has lost interest in the connectivity project or in Pakistan for that matter. As soon as conditions improve and firm steps towards foolproof security for its nationals are taken, fresh investments can be expected.

Meanwhile, Pakistan must put its own house in order and do its part of the work rather than wait for the resumption of Chinese financing. The expected dissolution of the dysfunctional CPEC Authority should also settle the issue of dichotomy of power in CPEC-related decision-making, making it easier for the planning ministry to fast-track the implementation of its decisions.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1877603>

## The News

### **Maryam reaches China on eight-day visit**

LAHORE: Maryam Nawaz Sharif arrived in Beijing on Sunday evening to undertake her eight-day China visit as the first female chief minister of Punjab.

She was accorded a warm reception at the Beijing airport and was presented a bouquet. Six senior officials of the Communist Party of China were present at the airport to welcome her. Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi and his wife also welcomed her at the airport.

A high-level delegation of the Communist Party of China called on CM Punjab later on. Head of the Chinese delegation, Lin Tao, welcomed CM Maryam Nawaz and her delegation upon their arrival.

The CM said, "Pak-China friendship is moving toward greater heights. We want to take Punjab to economic and financial heights with the cooperation of China. On behalf of the Punjab government and the people of Punjab, I would like to extend my gratitude to the people of China."

Deputy Director General of the Communist Party of China Lin Tao, Consular South Asian Affairs Mrs Li Zhenyao, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Southeast Chen Zhenbo, South Asian Affairs Attaché Seng Guoyu, and Miss Chen Yubo and Miss Zhou Chenyu accorded her a warm reception. Other officers of the Pakistan's embassy were also present at the airport. Senator Pervez Rashid, Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Minister for Information and Culture Azma Zahid Bokhari, provincial ministers Bilal Akbar, Ashiq Kirmani and others accompanied her.

The official engagements of CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif's eight-day visit will commence on Monday (today). She will pay a visit to hospitals, schools and other institutions in China.

The CM will visit Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Guangzhou and meet Chinese ministers, high-ranking officials and experts. She will also attend various meetings, events and conferences in China. She has been invited to visit China by the ruling Communist Party of China.

Earlier, before leaving for China, the chief minister paid tribute to six martyred security personnel in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and offered heartfelt sympathies and condolence to the bereaved families. She said, "The great sacrifices of martyrs will definitely bear fruit and the whole nation is united for eliminating the scourge of terrorism from our dear homeland."

Separately, CM Maryam Nawaz expressed a deep sense of grief over the demise of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq's sister. She extended her heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=366378>

## Express News

مریم نواز کا دورہ؛ چینی کمپنی پنجاب میں روبوٹک زرعی آلات مینوفیکچرنگ پلانٹ لگائے گی

چینی کمپنی پنجاب میں روبوٹک زرعی آلات کی مینوفیکچرنگ پلانٹ لگائے گی۔

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز کے دورہ چین کا پہلا دن دارالحکومت بیجنگ میں مصروف رہا، جہاں کاشتکاروں اور زراعت کے فروغ کے لیے مفاہمی یادداشت پر دستخط کیے گئے، جس کے تحت چینی کمپنی پنجاب میں روبوٹک زرعی آلات مینوفیکچرنگ پلانٹ لگائے گی۔

محکمہ زراعت پنجاب اور اے آئی فورس ٹیک کے درمیان مفاہمی یادداشت پر دستخط کی تقریب میں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز بھی موجود تھیں، جنہوں نے اے آئی فورس ٹیک کے بانی ڈاکٹر بان ای او سے ملاقات کی اور صوبے میں جدید زرعی اصلاحات کے بارے میں آگاہ کیا۔

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے روبوٹک ٹیکنالوجی سے مزین جدید ترین زرعی آلات کا معائنہ کیا اور صوبے میں ایگر ٹیکنالوجی اور روبوٹک مشینری اور ٹولز متعارف کرانے کے عزم کا اظہار اظہار کیا۔

مریم نواز نے اس موقع پر کہا کہ زراعت کے شعبے میں جدید ٹیکنالوجی اپنا کر کاشتکار کو خوشحال بنانا ہمارا عزم ہے۔ اے آئی فورس ٹیک پنجاب میں روبوٹک زرعی آلات کا مینوفیکچرنگ پلانٹ لگائے گا۔ اس سلسلے میں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز کی دعوت پر اے آئی فورس ٹیک کا وفد جلد پنجاب کا دورہ کرے گا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737022/chinese-company-punjab-me-robotic-alaat-manufacturing-plant-lagaye-gi-2737022>

## پاکستان چینی سولر پنیلز کا تیسرا بار خریدار بن گیا

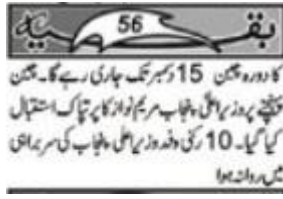
پاکستان میں سولر انڈیشن کا عمل تیزی سے جاری ہے، صرف دو سے تین سال کے اندر پاکستان سولر کی بڑی مارکیٹوں میں شامل ہو گیا ہے۔

ورلڈ اکنامک فورم کے مطابق رواں مالی سال کے پہلے 6 ماہ کے دوران پاکستان نے 13 گیگا واٹ کے سولر پنیل خریدے ہیں اور اس طرح پاکستان چینی سولر پنیلز کا تیسرا بار خریدار بن گیا ہے۔

پاکستان کے امپورٹ کردہ سولر پنیلز کا حجم ملک کی مجموعی پیداوار کے 30 فیصد سے بڑھ گیا ہے، جو کہ 2023 میں 46 گیگا واٹ تھی، جس کی بنیادی وجہ گھریلو صارفین اور کاروباری اداروں کی جانب سے بجلی کے بھاری بلوں سے جان چھڑانے کی خواہش ہے۔

جبکہ گزشتہ دہائی کے دوران سولر پنیلز کی قیمتوں میں 90 فیصد کمی نے بھی سولر انڈیشن کے عمل کو تیز کیا ہے، حکومت نے 17 فیصد سیلز ٹیکس کے خاتمے اور نیٹ میٹرننگ کی پالیسی متعارف کرانے اور سولر انڈیشن کے عمل کو تیز کرنے میں مدد دی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ حکومت کے آئی پی پی کے غیر ذمہ دارانہ معاہدوں کی وجہ سے بجلی کافی سے زیادہ مہنگی ہو چکی ہے۔ انسٹیٹیوٹ فار انرجی اکنامکس اینڈ فنانشل اینالیسیسز کے مطابق پاکستان نے 2019-20 سے 2023-24 کے دوران 6 ہزار ارب روپے (21.5 ارب ڈالر) کی سیٹیویٹی پیپمنٹس کی مدد میں ادائیگیاں کی ہیں۔ امپورٹڈ کونسلے کے پلانٹس نے معاشی دباؤ کو بڑھایا جبکہ ماحولیات بھی متاثر ہوئی ہے، جہاں حکومت اور کمپنیوں کو سولر انڈیشن کی وجہ سے ریونیو میں کمی کا سامنا ہے، وہی سولر انڈیشن کے عمل سے انرجی سیکورٹی مضبوط ہوئی ہے، ملازمتوں کے بڑھنے سے معاشی نمو میں اضافہ ہوا ہے، غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری متوجہ ہوئی ہے اور ماحولیات کا تحفظ بھی یقینی ہوا ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737003/pakistan-cheeni-solar-panels-ka-teesra-bara-khredar-ban-gaya-2737003>

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**Pakistan becomes third-largest buyer of Chinese solar panels**

Pakistan has rapidly emerged as one of the largest markets for solar energy, joining the ranks of major solar consumers in just two to three years.

According to the World Economic Forum, during the first half of the current fiscal year, Pakistan imported 13 gigawatts of solar panels, making it the third-largest importer of Chinese solar panels globally. This surge in solar panel imports has significantly boosted Pakistan's renewable energy sector. The volume of imported solar panels now accounts for over 30% of the country's total production, which was 46 gigawatts in 2023. A key driver of this growth is the increasing demand among domestic consumers and businesses seeking to reduce their high electricity bills. Additionally, the past decade has seen a 90% drop in solar panel prices, further accelerating the country's shift towards solar power. The government has played a pivotal role by eliminating a 17% sales tax and introducing a net metering policy, thus speeding up the solarization process. However, the rise in electricity costs, exacerbated by irresponsible agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), has further fueled the need for alternative energy sources. According to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, Pakistan has made capacity payments worth 6 trillion rupees (\$21.5 billion) between 2019 and 2023. The shift to solar energy has not only alleviated economic pressures caused by imported coal plants but has also contributed positively to the environment. As a result, the solarization process has strengthened energy security, boosted job creation, attracted foreign investment, and promoted environmental sustainability.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246621/pakistan-becomes-third-largest-buyer-of-chinese-solar-panels/>

**Chinese, Pakistani companies sign MoU on smart agriculture**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Chinese company AI Force Tech and Punjab Agriculture Department of Pakistan on Monday to set up a robotic agricultural equipment manufacturing plant in Punjab. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab, during her week-long visit to China from Dec 8th to 15th, China Economic Net (CEN) reported. The Chief Minister dilated upon agriculture sector reforms in Punjab during her meeting with AI Force Tech founder Dr. Han and its CEO. She inspected the latest agricultural tools equipped with robotic technology. She observed the robotic machinery, and assured the company of her government's full cooperation in manufacturing the modern robotic agricultural machinery in Punjab. She said, "It is our determination to make farmers prosperous by adopting modern agricultural technology," adding, "On my invitation, a delegation of AI Force Tech will visit Punjab soon for the purpose."

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246619/chinese-pakistani-companies-sign-mou-on-smart-agriculture/>

### **Pak-China Hospital in Gwadar serves 21,000 patients in 7 months**

More than 21,000 patients, especially women and children, have received free medical services at the Pak-China Friendship Hospital (PCFH) in Gwadar since its launch and operation over the last seven months.

The number of patients has surged due to the high-quality, no-cost healthcare services provided.

Patients seeking treatment in areas such as gynecology, orthopedics, neurology, gastroenterology, cancer care, dentistry, pediatrics, infectious diseases, diabetes, and hypertension have been flocking to PCFH, which is hailed as a model public good program under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

“Creating a hundred percent paperless environment has ensured convenience, ease, and comfort for patients, particularly those from the illiterate coastal community, preventing them from getting caught in lengthy and complicated procedures,” said Aslam Khan, PCFH Operations Manager, in an interview with Gwadar Pro.

“If Pak-China Friendship Hospital (PCFH) Gwadar had not been operational, I could have lost my second child during the final stages of labor,” said Aaman Tasleem Baloch, who came to the hospital for a routine check-up on December 7.

In an interview with Gwadar Pro, she explained, “The free medical care provided during my second pregnancy at PCFH ensured a safe delivery, and I was blessed with a healthy daughter who is now three months old.”

Aaman Tasleem Baloch is just one of many patients who have benefited from the hospital’s free services.

The hospital provides seamless medical care not only to Gwadar’s local population but also to people from surrounding areas, offering state-of-the-art medical equipment, a conducive environment, and hassle-free amenities.

In addition to gynecology, PCFH is dedicated to treating patients in orthopedics, neurology, gastroenterology, cancer, dentistry, pediatrics, neonatal medicine, and family medicine.

Built at a cost of \$100 million, with financing from the Chinese government under the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Hospital is equipped with 150 beds and a fully functional Outpatient Department (OPD), winning the hearts of the local people.

Spanning over 68 acres of land, the hospital was established under the Gwadar Development Authority’s (GDA) Business Plan.

It consists of six blocks: a medical block, a residential block, a nursing block, a paramedical institute block, a medical college block, and a central laboratory block, along with other allied facilities, medical equipment, and machinery.

After completion, the hospital was handed over to the Gwadar Development Authority and is now managed and operated by the Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHHN), a non-profit organization that serves the ailing community.

Nadir Ali Baloch, Deputy Manager of Administration at PCFH, said the hospital's "Help Desk Initiative," launched on September 16, has been providing health services to communities throughout the coastal area and other localities such as Turbat, Jiwani, Surbandar, and Catcheh, as well as distant districts.

"The Help Desk Initiative operates as a 'One Window Facility,' where patients can get information on doctor appointments, medical tests, and emergency aid, all free of cost," he added.

In response to a query, Baloch explained that the hospital had already made significant strides in providing health services to the local community with the opening of the Outpatient Department (OPD), marking a milestone in offering state-of-the-art, no-cost medical care to Gwadar's impoverished residents.

The hospital's mammography service, aimed at treating cancer patients, is progressing at full speed.

The service includes screening mammography, diagnostic mammography, ductography, and needle localization, all provided by dedicated female technologists under the supervision of a radiologist, he added.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246515/pak-china-hospital-in-gwadar-serves-21000-patients-in-7-months/>

### The News

#### **Chinese business delegation shows strong interest in forming partnerships with Sindh govt**

*Salis bin Perwaiz*

KARACHI: A 15-member Chinese business delegation met with Sindh Chief minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday to explore investment opportunities in the province's various sectors.

Officials said that the meeting highlighted the potential for collaboration in agriculture, renewable energy, livestock, and industrial production. The meeting was held at the CM House and was attended by the provincial ministers Sharjeel Memon and Nasir Shah, as well as other officials, including Syed Qasim Naveed, secretary to the chief minister Rahim Shaikh, and Khurram Shahzad, secretary of investment.

The Chinese delegation included representatives from nine medical companies, including Meng Xiaowei, Agricultural Biochar Cooperation's Dr M Shahbaz, and livestock specialist Hong Pizheng.

Other members represented photovoltaic companies Wu Liangliang and Zhou Guohao, large-scale livestock importers Weng Gang, masterbatch businesses Liu Wenbo), as well as solar energy companies Xu Zhigang and the agriculture sector. Pakistani interpreters M. Ali Akbar, Li Wenjie, Idrees Gigi (leading the Chinese delegation), Sheikh Tehseen, and Muhammad Imran were also part of the group.

During discussions, CM Murad Ali Shah emphasised Sindh's strategic economic position, robust infrastructure, and policies designed to promote foreign investment. The delegation, representing industries including medical technology, biochar, livestock, photovoltaic energy, and manufacturing, expressed strong interest in forming partnerships with the Sindh government.

Shah noted that there are numerous economic opportunities in Sindh, especially in the agriculture, renewable energy, and industrial sectors. He mentioned that the provincial government has established Special Economic Zones (SEZs), including the operational Kahirpur SEZ and the under-development Dhabeji Economic Zone. He also highlighted investment-friendly policies and various incentives launched by the provincial government.

The visiting Chinese delegation discussed potential investments in several areas, including collaboration in medical technology and pharmaceuticals, advancements in biochar for sustainable agriculture, opportunities in livestock farming and export, and renewable energy projects focused on solar and wind power. The meeting concluded with the decision to form joint working groups for targeted projects. The CM assured the delegation of full support from the provincial government, emphasizing the importance of enhancing bilateral trade and investment. The discussions ended with optimism about future collaborations that promise economic prosperity for both Sindh and Chinese businesses.

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### Express News

#### پاک چین تعلقات کے فروغ میں کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کا کردار کلیدی حیثیت رکھتا ہے، مریم نواز

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ پاک چین تعلقات کے فروغ میں کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کا کردار کلیدی حیثیت رکھتا ہے، چین پاکستان کیونٹی کی تشکیل میں عوامی سطح پر بڑھتے ہوئے رابطے اہم کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں۔ دورہ چین کے موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف کی کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کے انٹرنیشنل ڈیپارٹمنٹ آمد ہوئی۔ بیجنگ میں وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف سے کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ انٹرنیشنل ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے منسٹر لیو جیان چاؤ کی ملاقات ہوئی۔ انہوں نے پرتپاک خیر مقدم کرنے پر منسٹر لیو جیان چاؤ کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کی دوراندیش قیادت کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا کہ چین کی وڈ نزی لیڈر شپ نے چین کو عالمی طاقت کے طور پر ابھرنے میں رہنمائی فراہم کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاک چین دوستی فولاد کی طرح مضبوط اور آزمودہ ہے، پاک چین دوستی علاقائی اور بین الاقوامی سیاست کے نشیب و فراز سے متاثر نہ ہونے والا پائیدار تعلق ہے۔ پاک چین اسٹریٹجک پارٹنرشپ ہر موسم کے گرم و سرد سے بالاتر ہے۔ مریم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ لوکل گورننس اور دیہی ترقی کے لیے چین کے تجربات سے فائدہ اٹھانا چاہتے ہیں، یو تھ ایمپاورمنٹ اور استعداد کار میں اضافے کے لیے چین کے تعاون کو سراہیں گے۔ ووکیشنل ٹریننگ پروگرام کے سلسلے میں چین سے بھرپور تعاون چاہتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے کہا کہ بڑھتے ہوئے عوامی روابط اور ثقافتی تعلقات شاہراہ ریشم کا ورثہ اور میراث ہے۔ چین اور پنجاب کے ثقافتی روابط کے لیے پائیدار اقدامات کریں گے، پاک چین تعلقات کی میراث کو پروان چڑھانے کے لیے نوجوان نسل پر فوکس کرنا ہو گا۔ شاندار میزبانی پر وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے منسٹر لیو جیان چاؤ سے اظہار تشکر کیا۔ کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کے انٹرنیشنل ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے منسٹر لیو جیان چاؤ نے وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف کی آمد پر شکریہ ادا کیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737204/pak-china-taluqat-ke-farough-m-communist-party-china-ka-kirdar-eham-hai-maryam-nawaz-2737204>

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**Punjab CM seeks Chinese cooperation in various fields**

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif spent a busy day full of engagements during her visit to China and held meetings with Chinese ministers and attended luncheon of the Communist Party. It was decided to work together for the promotion and protection of environmental improvement, bio diversity, smog eradication, wildlife, plantation along with constituting Beijing-Punjab Clean Air Working Group. It was also agreed that with China's cooperation, an advanced air quality management system will be established. It will also help in terms of environment-friendly machinery, energy, e-transport and hydropower. She proposed twin cities and provinces for the promotion of Pakistan-China relations and proposed full cooperation for Chinese investment in Punjab. According to a message received here, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China Liu Jianchao met her in Beijing. She thanked Minister Liu Jianchao for according her warm reception. She appreciated the visionary leadership of the Communist Party of China. She while talking to Minister of International Department Liu Jianchao said, "China's visionary leadership has guided China to emerge as a world power. The role of Communist Party of China holds a key position with regard to promoting Pakistan-China relations. China is playing a pivotal role in constituting Pakistan's community in view of increasing access at the public level. Pakistan-China friendship is as strong and tested as steel. Pakistan-China friendship holds an enduring relationship unaffected by the vicissitudes of regional and international politics. Pakistan-China strategic partnership is above all seasons." She added, "The Punjab government wants to benefit from the experiences of China for local governance and rural development. We will appreciate China's cooperation with regard of youth empowerment and capacity building. We wants to seek full cooperation from China in vocational training program. Increasing public relations and cultural relations are the heritage and legacy of the Silk Road. We will take sustainable measures for cultural relations between China and Punjab. We will have to nurture legacy of Pakistan-China relations, along with focusing on the young generation. She expressed her gratitude to Minister Liu Jianchao for the excellent hospitality." Minister of International Department of Communist Party of China Liu Jianchao thanked CM Punjab for her arrival. Later, a luncheon was given by the officials of the International Department of Beijing Communist Party of China in honour of CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif. Officials of the International Department of the Communist Party of China warmly welcomed the delegation. The CM met Deputy Minister Sun Haiyan of the International Department of the Communist Party of China and other officials. On this occasion, joint commitment to strengthen bilateral relations in various fields was reiterated. The need for further expansion and strengthening of comprehensive partnership was emphasized in the meeting.

The Chief Minister proposed twin provinces and cities to promote Pakistan-China relations. She offered full support for Chinese investment in Punjab. The CM while talking to Minister Sun Haiyan said that she would welcome China's cooperation in the fields of climate change, waste management, agriculture and youth development. We are committed to a long-term



partnership with China. We greatly value deep friendship between Pakistan and China. We cannot forget the role of the Communist Party of China in the stabilization of bilateral relations. Maryam also met Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Ranqiu at the Ministry of Environment of China in Beijing.

In the meeting, it was agreed to work jointly for the protection and promotion of environmental improvement, biodiversity, elimination of smog, protection and development of wildlife and plantation. It was decided to work together to form a joint working group 'Beijing Punjab Clean Air'. Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb will represent Punjab. It was agreed during a meeting between CM Punjab and Minister for Environment Huang Rinchiuki. An advanced air quality management system will be built in Punjab with the cooperation of China. Exchange of environmental sciences, policy coordination, capacity building, data monitoring and sharing, green urban planning, technology transfer will be possible in China and Punjab province. China will also help Punjab province in terms of environment-friendly energy and transportation. It was also agreed to utilize China's experiences and expertise for e-transport system in Punjab.

China will also help Punjab in developing agricultural sector, environment-friendly machinery and teaching agricultural methods and efficient use of water. China will help the province of Punjab to support through skills and technology to protect Punjab from environmental threats.

The Minister of Environment of China appreciated the steps taken by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif to prevent smog and improve the environment in Punjab. Ecology and Environment Minister also briefed CM Punjab regarding the environmental protection and protection of the ecological system of Huang Ranchu. In the meeting, there was a detailed discussion regarding the protection of biodiversity and wildlife in Punjab and plantation projects. The Chinese Minister was also informed about starting a project to build a model city in Punjab for environmental improvement. The Chinese Environment Minister appreciated the steps taken to protect the environment of Pakistan especially Punjab.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif while talking on the occasion with Minister Huang Ranchi, said, "Your vision, personal character, experience and skills for the improvement of the environment are impressive.

We want to adopt China's modern environmental models to deal with environmental changes in Punjab. The first comprehensive plan of its kind to prevent smog and improve the environment was launched as soon as she took over as Chief Minister in March 2024. Large-scale afforestation and forest restoration projects have been launched in Punjab. The citizens of China want to benefit from the experiences of planning and smart cities. Pakistan and China are iron brothers, CPEC is very important for the development of Pakistan. The second phase of CPEC is very important for environment-friendly energy projects."

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### **Chinese team discusses investment, tech transfer with Sindh minister**

KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Energy, Development and Planning Sindh Syed Nasir Hussain Shah meets a delegation of Chinese investors at his office on Tuesday, in which detailed discussions were held regarding matters of mutual interest, investment and transfer of technology.

The minister, while giving a detailed briefing to the Chinese delegation regarding investment in the energy sector, said that there are attractive opportunities for foreign and domestic investors in the energy sector. Profitable investments can be made in the Thar Coal Field and alternative energy sector, for which the Sindh government will provide all possible cooperation, assistance in documentation and all facilities regarding land.

Nasir Shah briefing the Chinese delegation about the Thar Coal Field, it was informed that there are 185 billion tons of coal reserves in Sindh province. The Thar Coal Field is located at a distance of 395 kilometres from Karachi, covering an area of 9100 kilometres and 175 billion tons of reserves are present in this field.

The meeting was further informed that there are 12 blocks in the Thar Coal Field that are under development, with an area of 1235 square kilometres, each block has 2 to 5 tons of coal reserves. Each block has the capacity to generate 4 to 5 thousand megawatts of electricity for 30 years.

The minister said on this occasion that there are strong ties between the Chinese and Pakistani governments and people. He offered the Chinese delegation that if manufacturing of solar panels is done in Sindh the government will fully support the investors. There are ample opportunities in the solar sector. Chinese investors expressed interest in investing in various fields of the energy sector.

The Chinese delegation included Wang Xin of Wind Power, Xo Zhingang of Solar Energy Companies and other investors.

Secretary Energy Musaddiq Ahmed Khan, MD Thar Coal Energy Board Tariq Ali Shah, DG Coal Mines Naseem Al-Ghani Sahto, COO Sindh Energy Holding Company Tufail Ahmed Khoso and others were also present on the occasion.—PR

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### **Daily Times**

#### **‘Hybrid rice seed a game-changer for Pakistan’**

Hybrid rice seed has been a game-changer for Pakistan. After more than a decade of trials, the country has exported hybrid rice to a third-party market, marking a major milestone in Sino-Pak agricultural cooperation.

This was stated by Dr. Rasheed, who has more than 15 years of experience in agribusiness and is keen to learn new trends and explore potential partnerships during the congress. Last week, he attended ASC the annual flagship event of the Asian Seed Association (APSA), that was held in Sanya, Hainan, China in the recent week, under the theme “Riding the Wave of Growth in Asia Pacific”.

Since its inception in 1994, ASC has been held annually in a different country or region in the Asia-Pacific, and this year's edition marked the 29th consecutive gathering. With over 1,500 registered delegates from 52 countries and regions, it was the largest ASC in APSA's history.

Dr. Rasheed was among the Pakistani delegates. "This is my 7th visit to the Asian Seed Congress, and I am particularly interested in exploring potential partnerships in the area of vegetable seeds such as chili, tomato, melon, and watermelon," said Dr. Rasheed, who is currently the research advisor for Pakistan's Patron Group, Gwadar Pro reported.

"Trade exhibition stands featured dozens of global seed companies presenting their top varieties, while the host Chinese companies exhibited new bio-technologies, capturing our attention." During his visit, Dr. Rasheed was impressed by the variety of biotechnology-developed seeds that are resistant to various biological and abiotic stresses. "These innovations can significantly contribute to improving agricultural productivity in Pakistan," he added. It is noted that the Pakistani seed industry possesses considerable potential. As a player in the Asia-Pacific region's seed market, which is valued at \$29.7 billion and constitutes 32% of the global seed market value, there is much to be gained from such collaborations. Additionally, the Asia-Pacific region accounted for 26.9 billion tonnes of seed use, accounting for nearly 40 percent of the global total. "The cooperation between Pakistan and China in the seed industry has been fruitful," highlighted Dr. Rasheed. "China trades seeds with 116 countries and regions, and hybrid rice has been successfully demonstrated and promoted in Asia, Latin America, and other regions. Pakistan, being a close neighbor and strategic partner of China, has ample opportunities for collaboration."

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246811/hybrid-rice-seed-a-game-changer-for-pakistan/>

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### **Chinese delegation visits TDAP**

A high-profile international Chinese delegation visited Trade Development of Pakistan (TDAP). The delegation comprised of 16 members from various different sectors like Agriculture, Solar Energy, Fertilizers and Transport.

The visit aimed to explore potential areas of investment and to further strengthen the economic ties between the two countries.

Representatives from Shandong Nongda Fertilizer Technology Co., Ltd, Shandong Hengyi Datong Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Technology Co., Ltd, Shandong Industrial Equipment Installation Group Co., Ltd, Shandong Pengzhou Plastic Industry Co., Ltd, Shandong Pengzhou Hancheng New Energy Technology Co., Ltd, Shandong Youhuo Network Technology, Shandong Qianse Board Polymer Materials Co., Ltd, Zhongludong (Shandong) Agricultural Technology Development Co., Ltd, Shandong Juesheng New Energy Technology Co., Ltd, Shandong Longguang Tianxu Solar Energy Co., Ltd, Liangshan Fuqiang Sheng Freight Service Co., Ltd, and Shan dong Zhongling Vehicle Manufacturing Co., Ltd. visited TDAP.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246810/chinese-delegation-visits-tdap/>

### **NA body reaffirms resolve to secure, develop CPEC projects**

The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives on Tuesday reaffirmed a strong commitment to safeguarding national interests and ensuring the security of all development projects under the CPEC framework

The committee meeting, chaired by Syed Abdul Qadir Gillani, expressed this resolve after getting briefing on the security measures for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a news release said.

It was apprised that around 7,984 intelligence-based operations (IBOs) were conducted between January and October 2024, during which 206 terrorists were killed and 1,312 arrested.

The chair expressed concern over the high frequency of these operations, averaging 21 per day, and sought further details on their effectiveness and outcomes.

The meeting was informed that 1 per cent of the cost of each project was allocated for security purpose.

The committee discussed the ongoing collaboration between Pakistan and China regarding CPEC security.

Additionally, the body was apprised that the Pakistan-Afghanistan border fencing was mostly complete, with measures in place to curb cross-border infiltration.

However, challenges persisted in areas like Lakki Marwat and southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, where incidents of cross-border attacks remain a concern.

The committee members raised the issue of compensation for casualties related to CPEC security operations and emphasized the need for a comprehensive briefing from the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) to address security matters.

The committee unanimously recommended that the Frontier Constabulary (FC) and other security personnel, such as Rangers, be considered for compensation and allowances similar to other forces to ensure equitable treatment for their critical role in maintaining security.

Among others, the meeting was attended by MNAs Maj. (R) Tahir Iqbal, Dawar Khan Kundi, Farhan Chishti, Muhammad Usman Awaisi and Zulfiqar Sattar Bachani, besides senior officials from the Planning Ministry, Capital Development Authority (CDA) and the Ministry of Interior.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1246900/na-body-reaffirms-resolve-to-secure-develop-cpec-projects/>

### **Punjab join hands with China for environmental preservation**

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\* Maryam Nawaz meets Liu Jianchao on Day 2 of China visit

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A significant decision to establish the “Beijing-Punjab Clean Air” joint working group was announced, with Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb representing Punjab in the initiative.

During a meeting between Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif and China’s Minister for Ecology and Environment, Huang Runqiu, both sides agreed to develop an advanced air quality management system for Punjab with China’s support.

Under this partnership, there will be an exchange of environmental expertise, policy coordination, capacity building, data monitoring and sharing, green urban planning, and technology transfer between China and Punjab. China will assist Punjab in launching eco-friendly energy and transportation initiatives. It was also agreed that Punjab would benefit from China’s experience and expertise in developing an e-transport system.

Furthermore, China will support Punjab in modernising its agricultural sector, introducing environmentally friendly machinery, and promoting sustainable farming techniques. Collaborative efforts will also focus on hydropower development and efficient water usage.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif visited the Ministry of Ecology and Environment in Beijing, where she met Minister Huang Runqiu. They discussed measures to protect Punjab from environmental risks through skills and technology sharing.

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Minister Huang briefed the Chief Minister on environmental protection and ecosystem preservation strategies. Discussions included Punjab's biodiversity and wildlife conservation projects, as well as afforestation plans.

The meeting also highlighted the initiative to develop a model city in Punjab for environmental improvement.

China's Ministry of Environment lauded Pakistan's, particularly Punjab's, efforts toward environmental conservation.

"Your vision, personal involvement, and expertise in environmental protection are impressive," said CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif during her conversation with Minister Huang Runqiu.

Chinese officials assured cooperation in urban environmental protection and sustainable development projects.

"We aim to adopt China's advanced environmental models to address climate challenges in Punjab," remarked Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

Upon taking office as Chief Minister in March 2024, Maryam Nawaz Sharif implemented the first comprehensive plan of its kind to combat smog and improve environmental conditions.

Massive afforestation and forest restoration projects have been launched across Punjab under her leadership.

"We wish to benefit from China's urban planning expertise and smart city initiatives," the Chief Minister stated.

She emphasised the strong bond between Pakistan and China, describing them as "Iron Brothers," while highlighting the pivotal role of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Pakistan's development.

"The second phase of CPEC is crucial for eco-friendly energy projects," she added.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif praised China's selection of Huang Runqiu as the Minister for Ecology and Environment, describing it as an excellent choice.

She further expressed confidence in Minister Maryam Aurangzeb, who has been entrusted with environmental responsibilities in Punjab. "She is highly dedicated and tirelessly working to combat smog and enhance the environment," remarked Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

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During her visit to Beijing, the two leaders discussed the ongoing strengthening of bilateral relations and areas for further cooperation.

The meeting was attended by several senior officials, including Senior Punjab Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Provincial Minister for Information Azma Bokhari, Provincial Minister for Transport Bilal Akbar Khan, Provincial Minister for Agriculture Ashiq Hussain Kirmani, and Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz expressed her gratitude to Minister Liu Jianchao for the warm welcome extended to her and commended the visionary leadership of the Communist Party of China.

She noted that China's leadership had played a significant role in transforming the country into a global power and emphasized the key role of the Communist Party of China in advancing Pakistan-China relations.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the growing people-to-people connections between Pakistan and China, stressing that these ties were critical in building a stronger community between the two nations.

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### **Dawn News**

#### **Silk Road Culture Centre opened in Islamabad**

ISLAMABAD: The inauguration of the Silk Road Culture Centre (SRCC) took place on Tuesday, drawing ambassadors, diplomats and cultural enthusiasts from Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

The organisers said the event marked the beginning of a new chapter in fostering international cultural understanding and collaboration.

SRCC Chairman Jamal Shah appreciated the participating nations for their contributions, which included artworks, cultural artifacts, and other exhibits that highlighted the rich and diverse heritage of the Silk Road nations.

“The remarkable cooperation and generosity of our international partners have truly brought the spirit of the Silk Road to life,” he remarked, adding, “This centre now stands as a vibrant

space for cultural exchange, reflection, and learning, created through the collective efforts of many.”

He emphasised the SRCC’s mission as a symbol of unity and diversity, aimed at promoting mutual respect among nations. The centre plans to host exhibitions, workshops, performances, and educational programmes that celebrate the historical Silk Road’s shared legacy, inspiring future generations to value cultural diversity.

Gratitude was expressed to the event’s sponsors and partners, including Zong Pakistan, Serena Hotel Islamabad and the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), Hunerkada Islamabad, and the Sir Syed Memorial Society (SSMS), for their critical role in bringing the vision of the SRCC to life.

A significant development announced at the event was the inclusion of SRCC under the SSMS governing body, ensuring a robust foundation for its future initiatives. Additionally, SRCC will host a Sir Syed Research Centre, focused on academic excellence, cultural studies, and innovation inspired by the legacy of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

“The SRCC is more than a venue. It is a platform where art, history, and tradition converge to create meaningful connections,” said Mr Shah. “This iconic building symbolises the strength of cultural collaboration and the beauty of togetherness.”

The inauguration served as a commitment to the transformative power of cultural exchange in promoting global harmony. As the SRCC opened its doors, it aspired to become a cornerstone of cultural and academic excellence, uniting nations and individuals in the spirit of shared understanding and respect, the organisers of the event maintained. Ambassador of Russia to Pakistan Albert P. Khorev said that the centre would serve as another bright spot on Islamabad’s cultural map.

“It will serve the purpose of raising mutual awareness of the cultures along the great historical route. The Russian culture is one of the jewels in this regard, comprising great masterpieces of architecture, music, theatre, painting, and other forms of art, which represent our national character and diversity of ethnic and religious groups. They all peacefully coexist and enrich each other,” the Russian envoy said.

“I am confident of the centre’s commitment to developing joint projects, and promoting intellectual and cultural exchanges in the region,” Albert Khorev said.

Ambassador of Kazakhstan Yerzhan Kistafin congratulated Mr Shah on establishing the centre. “The ancient Silk route was a network connecting nations across the entire Eurasian continent. Besides trade, it was also about developing cultural ties, exploring new civilizations, new traditions and customs. We believe that such initiative can help us today in terms of reviving those relations, enjoyed in the past,” Ambassador Kistafin said.

He informed his audience that Kazakhstan for centuries served as a bridge connecting east and west and was part of the ancient Silk Road. “Our embassy is delighted to contribute to the centre,” said the ambassador.

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## **Punjab takes China's help for cleaner air, better environment**

LAHORE: China and Punjab will collaborate on combating smog, improving environment, enhancing biodiversity, protecting wildlife and promoting afforestation.

A joint working group — Beijing-Punjab Clean Air — was formed during a meeting between Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Chinese Minister for Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu in Beijing on Tuesday.

Under the agreement, China and Punjab will exchange environmental expertise, coordinate policies, enhance capacity building, monitor and share data, plan green urban projects and transfer technology.

China will assist Punjab in launching environmentally friendly energy and transportation initiatives.

With China's cooperation, an advanced air quality management system will be developed in Punjab. The two sides also agreed to utilise China's expertise in developing an e-transport system in Punjab.

China will support Punjab in the agricultural sector by introducing eco-friendly machinery and sustainable farming practices. Assistance will also be provided in hydropower development and efficient water utilisation.

They agreed on China's support for protecting Punjab from environmental risks through expertise and technology.

Minister Huang Runqiu briefed Ms Nawaz on environmental protection measures and ecosystem preservation.

The two sides also discussed biodiversity, wildlife protection, and afforestation projects in detail.

Ms Nawaz informed the Chinese officials about plans to develop model cities in Punjab for environmental improvements.

“We want to adopt China's advanced environmental models to address climate change in Punjab,” she said and added that since assuming office in March this year, her administration launched Punjab's first comprehensive smog prevention and environmental improvement plan.

She also told the Chinese about the large-scale afforestation and forest restoration projects in Punjab.

“Pakistan and China are iron brothers, and CPEC is critical for Pakistan's development,” she said and added the second phase of CPEC, focusing on environmentally friendly energy projects, held immense significance.

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## Pakistan Observer

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### **‘Warrior-8’: Pak-China joint counter-terrorism military exercise concludes**

RAWALPINDI – The Pakistan-China joint exercise Warrior-VIII between armies of both nations concluded on Wednesday, December 11. Three weeks’ long Exercise, which was held from November 19 to December 11, in counter-terrorism domain is 8th in the series of bilateral exercises being held annually. Distinguished Visitor’s Day (DVD) Ceremony of the exercise was conducted at Tilla Field Firing Range on 10 December 2024. Commander Rawalpindi Corps, Lieutenant General Shahid Imtiaz, HI(M) graced the ceremony as Chief Guest while, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan along with dignitaries from China were also present. Dignitaries appreciated high standards of professionalism displayed by troops during the exercise.

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## The News

### **China to empower south Punjab people**

*Mian Saifur Rehman*

LAHORE: In order to curb the poverty and the extremist tendencies among the marginalized communities and regions such as that of South Punjab, People's Republic of China has chalked out a concrete plan to help get the out of school children educated in this neglected part of the biggest province of Pakistan by implementing more targeted "small yet beautiful" projects for livelihood enhancement in the region.

Highly placed Chinese diplomatic sources confided to The News that comprehensive, practical strategies were now in place to combat terrorism for which purpose revised security SOPs have been issued after thorough deliberations among Chinese officials and Pakistan's Interior Minister. As per these SOPs, it has been mutually agreed that after proper security audit of Chinese projects inside Pakistan, by District Intelligence Coordination Committees, that are working on this assignment on a regular basis, evaluation would be carried out to identify the areas where threat is of mild or extreme nature. Where threat is of high risk and of an extreme nature, bullet-proof vehicles will be used for the transportation of Chinese people placed in Pakistan.

Sources further informed The News that China was not at all sitting idle as it was giving every assistance to Pakistan to flush out and eliminate terrorists through precision intelligence sharing and all the necessary measures. In this connection, security system has started working in full swing. Regarding the recent wave of terrorism, the sources said that it is clear that hostile foreign agencies were behind these occurrences. Even BLA and other extremist outfits operating inside Pakistan were supported from one side, or the other ,externally ,further complicating the security situation in Pakistan. The sources commended the proactive role, cooperation and collaboration extended in this context by Government of Pakistan, especially by the Minister and Secretary of Interior Ministry, Mohsin Naqvi and Khurram Agha, respectively. As such, the Chinese government was generally satisfied with the security measures undertaken by the Pakistan's security forces whom Beijing trusts, considering the services rendered by them as highly appreciable. They were tasked to carry on with enhanced efficiency, precision and effectiveness in maintaining law and order situation. As regards the refuge enjoyed by terrorist elements inside Afghanistan, the sources said the matter was being pursued properly by China with Afghanistan, both bilaterally and internationally. Bilaterally, the Beijing government did take it up with the Taliban government at Kabul. At the same time, Doha Accord was also kept in view. At this juncture, The News was further informed that although some kind of cooperation was going on between China and Afghanistan, the former had not yet officially and fully recognized the Afghanistan Interim government where women and girls' rights are not inclusively ensured. As for the Gwadar Airport, the sources disclosed that it was a grant from China, the total cost of the project being 246 million US Dollars.

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### **Ghandhara Tyre to partner with Chinese firm for joint venture**

KARACHI: Ghandhara Tyre and Rubber Company Limited (GTYR) has announced a strategic collaboration with Shandong Huasheng Rubber Co, Ltd (SHRC), a leading Chinese technology service provider in the tyre industry, to explore the establishment of a joint venture in Pakistan.

The development was disclosed in a notice issued to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Tuesday. According to the notice, GTYR has entered a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with SHRC to evaluate the feasibility of a joint venture focused on the manufacturing, sale, marketing and supply of truck bus radial and passenger car radial tyres, with a particular emphasis on export markets.

“The establishment of the joint venture company is contingent upon the completion of satisfactory feasibility studies, obtaining internal and regulatory approvals, and the execution of definitive agreements,” the notice stated.

GTYR, previously known as The General Tyre and Rubber Company of Pakistan Limited, was incorporated in 1963 and is engaged in the manufacturing and trading of tyres and tubes for automobiles and motorcycles.

SHRC, founded in 1983 in Dongying City, China, has achieved a compound annual growth rate of 18 per cent over the past three decades. The company is recognised as a global top-tier enterprise, boasting assets exceeding 5 billion yuan. This collaboration marks a significant step for GTYR in strengthening its position in the tyre industry, using SHRC’s advanced technology and expertise to expand into export markets.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=366739>

### **Chinese proposal for joint security firm under study, NA panel told**

*Mehtab Haider*

ISLAMABAD: Amid increased security concerns, China has proposed a joint venture security company and such a mechanism is currently under consideration, the National Assembly’s Standing Committee on Planning Development was informed on Tuesday.

In a briefing to the NA panel, Director Nacta Col Usman told the committee there were 20,000 Chinese nationals in Pakistan, including 2,700 who were working on CPEC projects and remaining on non-CPEC projects as well as those scattered in their individual capacity. The standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the security of Chinese nationals have been revised/updated in recent months in consultation with the Chinese Embassy to provide foolproof security.

The Ministry of Interior officials told the committee the federal cabinet had granted approval for compensation of \$250,000 in case of death of a Chinese national. They said Islamabad was developing an online Application (App) for Chinese nationals to get themselves registered and inform about their movements.

Sharing details of terrorist attacks, the committee was told a total of 14 attacks have occurred against the Chinese since 2021 — two in KP, four in Balochistan and eight in Sindh. In these

attacks, 20 Chinese were killed and 34 injured, while eight Pakistanis lost their lives and 25 injured.

Terrorist outfits were active in south Balochistan and a threat was also in the north. A considerable presence of Chinese in northern KP and Gilgit-Baltistan also made them vulnerable.

The Nacta officials said Karachi was the main focus of terrorist organisations to cause damage to Chinese interests. “Hostile Intelligence Agencies (HIAs) are the main director and financier of attacks on Chinese,” they added.

The committee was briefed about the level of threats with marks of red and yellow areas having less security threat. In the last ten months, 7,984 intelligence based operations (IBOs) were conducted, including 3,882 in Punjab, 994 in Sindh, 2,807 in KP, 285 in Balochistan and 16 in ICT. In these operations, 206 terrorists were killed and 1,312 arrested.

The committee was told one percent cost of CPEC projects was dedicated for security purposes and two special security divisions of army were deployed for the security of CPEC projects.

The Special Protection Unit (SPU) and Special Security Units were employed for protection of Chinese nationals.

Besides district police, FC and CAF were also deployed for the security of Chinese. In June 2024, SOPs for non-CPEC/scattered Chinese were revised.

In September 2024, SOPs were again revised/updated after holding consultation with the Chinese Embassy.

The Special Security Audit was conducted by MO Directorate and Intelligence Bureau, and now certain important projects in KP and Sindh have been handed over to the army for the purpose of security and protection.

There is a close liaison with Chinese Security Cell in the Chinese Embassy.

In November 2024, the Joint Working Group on Security visited China. A draft counter terrorism agreement for cooperation between China and Pakistan is in the process.

Latest equipment, including helis, aerial vehicles and bullet-proof vehicles, are required for ensuring foolproof security.

On the occasion, Commandant FC raised the issue of non-availability of allowances which the committee decided to recommend to the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

However, the secretary planning said allowances could not be provided from CPEC project money. It was an issue related to the Ministry of Finance.

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### چینی کمپنیوں کو پنجاب میں سرمایہ کاری پر ترجیحاً سہولیات دی جائیں گی، مریم نواز

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وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف کا دورہ چین کا تیسرا روز ہے، مریم نواز آج شنگھائی پہنچیں جہاں کیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائنہ کی شنگھائی کمیٹی کے ڈپٹی سیکرٹری مسٹرز زو زونگ منگ سے ملاقات ہوئی۔

کیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائنہ کی شنگھائی کمیٹی کے ڈپٹی سیکرٹری مسٹرز زو زونگ منگ نے وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف کا پرتپاک خیر مقدم کیا۔ ڈپٹی سیکرٹری مسٹرز زو زونگ منگ نے پنجاب اور شنگھائی کے درمیان معاشی تعلقات کو مزید مستحق کرنے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔

ملاقات میں تجارت، سرمایہ کاری، سائنس، ٹیکنالوجی اور انڈسٹری میں تعاون کو مزید فروغ دینے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا گیا جبکہ اکنامک اور ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے پر تبادلہ خیال بھی کیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے پاکستانی طلبہ اور ماہرین کو ٹریننگ اور تعلیم کے مواقع فراہم کرنے پر شکریہ ادا کیا۔ مریم نواز نے کہا کہ عالمی سطح پر شنگھائی کا فنانشل اور ٹریڈ ہب کے طور پر ابھرنا قابل تحسین امر ہے۔ آٹوموبائل، آئی ٹی، سیسی کنڈکٹر اور روبوٹک سمیت دیگر شعبوں میں شنگھائی کی کمپنیوں سے اشتراک کار چاہتے ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ چین کے تعاون سے ماہرین کی کیسپسٹی بلڈنگ سے پاکستان میں آئی ٹی انڈسٹری تیزی سے فروغ پا رہی ہے، پاکستان کا آئی ٹی سیکٹر ماہرین کی ناز صدر زری جن پنگ کے ویژن کے مطابق ترقی کرنے کی صلاحیت سے مالا مال ہے۔

حکومت پنجاب شنگھائی حکام کے ساتھ آئی ٹی سیکٹر کو فروغ دینے کے لیے پوری طرح تیار ہے۔

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## چینی کمپنیوں کو پنجاب میں سرمایہ کاری پر ترجیحاً سہولیات دی جائیں گی، مریم نواز

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## سی پیک؛ پاکستان نے چین سے ساڑھے 25 ارب ڈالر وصول کیے

پاکستان نے سی پیک کی مد میں چین سے ساڑھے 25 ارب ڈالر وصول کیے۔

قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس ڈپٹی اسپیکر غلام مصطفیٰ شاہ کی زیر صدارت شروع ہو گیا، جس میں سی پیک منصوبوں کے حوالے سے رقم وصولی کی تفصیلات ایوان میں پیش کی گئیں۔

دستاویز کے مطابق پاکستان نے چینی حکومت سے سی پیک منصوبوں کی مد میں ساڑھے 25 ارب ڈالر وصول کیے۔

اس حوالے سے دستاویزات میں مزید بتایا گیا ہے کہ چین کے تعاون سے 24 ارب ڈالر کی لاگت سے 43 منصوبے مکمل کیے گئے ہیں۔ دستاویزات کے مطابق 75 کروڑ 95 لاکھ ڈالر کے 8 منصوبوں پر کام جاری ہے۔

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## چینی سرمایہ کاروں کی سندھ میں توانائی کے مختلف شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری میں دل چسپی

چینی سرمایہ کاروں نے سندھ میں توانائی کے مختلف شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری میں دل چسپی کا اظہار کیا ہے۔

صوبائی وزیر توانائی ترقیات وں صوبہ ہندی سندھ سید ناصر حسین شاہ سے چینی سرمایہ کاروں کے ایک وفد نے انرجی ڈیپارٹمنٹ میں ملاقات کی۔ اس موقع پر باہمی دلچسپی کے امور، سرمایہ کاری اور ٹرانسفر آف ٹیکنالوجی کے حوالے سے تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔

وزیر توانائی نے اس موقع پر چینی وفد کو انرجی سیکٹر میں سرمایہ کاری کے حوالے سے تفصیلی بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ انرجی سیکٹر میں غیر ملکی اور ملکی سرمایہ کاروں کیلئے پرکشش مواقع موجود ہیں۔ تھر کول فیلڈ اور متبادل توانائی کے سیکٹر میں منافع بخش سرمایہ کاری کی جاسکتی ہے جس کیلئے سرمایہ کاروں کو سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے ہر ممکن تعاون، ڈاکو مینٹیشن میں معاونت اور زمین کے حوالے سے تمام تر سہولیات فراہم کی جائیں گی۔

اس موقع پر چینی وفد کو تھر کول فیلڈ کے حوالے سے بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا گیا کہ صوبہ سندھ میں 185 بلین ٹن کوئلہ کے ذخائر موجود ہیں۔ تھر کول فیلڈ کراچی سے 395 کلومیٹر کے فاصلے پر واقع ہے اور 9100 کلومیٹر پر محیط ہے۔ اس فیلڈ میں 175 بلین ٹن کے ذخائر موجود ہیں۔

اجلاس کو مزید بتایا گیا کہ تھر کول فیلڈ میں 12 بلاک ایسے ہیں جو کہ ڈویلپ ہیں جن کا رقبہ 1235 اسکوائر کلومیٹر ہے۔ ہر بلاک میں 2 سے 5 ٹن کوئلہ کے ذخائر ہیں۔ ہر بلاک میں 4 سے 5 ہزار میگا واٹ بجلی 30 سال تک پیدا کرنے کی صلاحیتیں موجود ہیں۔

وزیر توانائی سید ناصر حسین شاہ نے اس موقع پر کہا کہ چینی اور پاکستانی حکومتوں اور عوام کے درمیان مضبوط روابط موجود ہیں۔ انھوں نے چینی وفد کو پیشکش کی کہ اگر سولر پینل کے حوالے سے صوبہ سندھ میں مینوفیکچرنگ کی جائے تو سندھ حکومت سرمایہ کاروں کو پوری سپورٹ کرے گی۔ سولر سیکٹر میں بھرپور مواقع موجود ہیں۔

سولر انرجی کمپنی کے زو (Wang Xin) چینی سرمایہ کاروں نے انرجی سیکٹر کی مختلف فیلڈ میں سرمایہ کاری کیلئے دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا۔ چینی وفد میں ونڈ پاور کے وانگ زن سمیت دیگر سرمایہ کار بھی شامل تھے۔ (Xo Zhingang) زھنگینگ

سیکٹری محکمہ توانائی مصدق احمد خان، ایم ڈی تھر لو انرجی بورڈ طارق علی شاہ، ڈی جی کول مائنیز نسیم النقی سہتو، سی او اوسندھ انرجی ہولڈنگ کمپنی طفیل احمد کھوسو دیگر بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737332/cheeni-sarmaya-karon-ki-sindh-mein-tawanai-ke-mukhtalif-shobo-mein-sarmaya-kaari-mein-dil-chaspi-2737332>

## بشام چینی قافلہ پر خود کش حملے کی رپورٹ جاری، ملزمان کا عبوری چالان بھی تیار

خیبر پختونخوا کے ضلع شانگلہ کے علاقے بشام میں غیر ملکیوں کے قافلے پر خود کش حملے کی رپورٹ جاری کر دی گئی اور گرفتار 20 ملزمان کا ٹرائل انسداد دہشت گردی کی عدالت میں ہو گا اور اس کے لیے عبوری چالان بھی تیار کر کے پراسیکیوشن کے حوالے کر دیا گیا ہے۔

ایکپریس کے مطابق ذرائع نے بتایا کہ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ 12 گاڑیوں پر مشتمل قافلے میں چینی انجینئر ز اور درکرز کی 9 گاڑیاں شامل تھیں، جن میں 26 غیر ملکی سوار تھے۔

بتایا گیا ہے کہ جائے وقوع سے موٹر کار، خود کش حملہ آور کے اعضا کے ساتھ موبائل نمبر بھی ملا، موبائل نمبر سے خود کش حملہ آور کے ساتھ رابطے میں موجود سہولت کاروں کی نشاندہی کی گئی تھی۔

رپورٹ کے مطابق واقعے کی جیو فینسنگ اور جیو ٹیکنگ بھی کی گئی اور ایک ملزم عادل کو حراست میں لیا گیا، جس کے بعد مزید گرفتاریاں کی گئیں اور صوابی، بٹ مانسہرہ، چارسدہ اور کچلاک بلوچستان سے بھی اہم گرفتاریاں عمل میں لائی گئیں اور 29 ملزمان کو نامزد کر دیا گیا۔ دستاویز میں کہا گیا کہ ان 29 ملزمان نے اے ٹی سی گرام، عدالت میں ضمانت درخواست دائر کی تھی جو خارج کر دی گئی لیکن انہوں نے ہائی کورٹ سے رجوع کیا اور 18 کی ضمانت کی اپیل منظور جبکہ دو ملزمان کی اپیل خارج کر دی گئی تھی۔

اسی طرح جن 20 ملزمان کے خلاف چالان تیار کر کے پراسیکیوشن کے حوالے کیا گیا ہے اور حملے میں ملوث دیگر سہولت کاروں کی بھی تلاش جاری ہے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ واقعے کی تفصیلی رپورٹ چائینیز حکام کے ساتھ بھی شیئر کر دی گئی ہے۔

یاد رہے کہ 26 مارچ 2024 کو بیشام میں کوسٹر گاڑی پر خودکش حملہ کے نتیجے میں پاکستانی ڈرائیور سمیت 5 چینی باشندے ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔

ذرائع کے مطابق بیشام قراقرم ہائی وے پر پیش آنے والے واقعے میں ایک دہشت گرد بھی مارا گیا تھا، جس کا مقدمہ تھانہ سی ٹی ڈی سوات میں درج کیا گیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737313/besham-chini-qafila-par-khudkush-hamla-ki-report-jari-mulziman-ka-abori-chalan-bhi-tayar-2737313>

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### **Business Recorder**

#### **Punjab CM urges Shanghai-based cos to invest in her province**

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif has invited Shanghai-based companies to invest in Punjab's Special Economic Zone.

“Shanghai's emergence as a global financial and trade hub is commendable,” Maryam said, adding, “We want to collaborate with Shanghai-based companies in various sectors including automobiles, IT, semiconductor and robotics.”

According to a message received here, the Punjab CM reached Shanghai on her 3rd day visit to China and met Deputy Secretary of the Shanghai Committee of the Communist Party of China, Zhao Zhongming, who warmly welcomed her on arrival. He expressed his determination to further strengthen economic relations between Punjab and Shanghai. He also emphasized on the need to further promote cooperation in trade, investment, science, technology and industry.

CM Maryam Nawaz said, “IT industry in Pakistan is thriving due to capacity building of the experts with the help of Chinese companies. Pakistan's IT sector has a potential to develop as per the vision of President Xi Jinping. Punjab Government is fully prepared to promote IT sector with the help of Shanghai authorities.”

The Chief Minister said, “Pakistan and China came closer during the visit of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif to China. Affinity with the Chinese people is in my blood. Game-changing projects like China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were launched only during the visit of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif to China.”

She said, “After many years of political and economic instability, Pakistan’s economic indicators are moving towards growth. Chinese companies will be given preferential facilities for investment in Punjab.”

Zhou Zhongming said in the meeting, “Trade, investment, infrastructure and people-to-people contacts will further enhance bilateral friendly ties.”

The Chief Minister along with her delegation reached China Museum of Communist Party of China in Shanghai, where she was warmly welcomed by the CPC Museum authorities. She was given a detailed briefing on the historical journey of the evolution of the Communist Party of China, and was shown the visual history of the revolution.

The CM was apprised of the struggle of Chairman Mao Zedong during the Chinese revolution, the war with the British Army, the Russian Revolution and the journey of the establishment of the Communist Party of China.

All historical events from the establishment of the Communist Party to the assumption of power of the current President Xi Jinping were highlighted in the briefing.

She appreciated the digital history at the CPC Museum, and recorded her impressions in a book placed at the CPC Museum.

She said, “Visual observation of China’s history is an extraordinary and memorable experience. China has performed an extraordinary miracle in the world history.

The 130-year history of the Communist Party of China is displayed in the CPC Museum.”

The Chief Minister said, “The evolution of the Communist Party has changed not only China but the entire world.

Not only Pakistan but the entire world is benefiting from the rise of China. Chinese people have made exemplary efforts for development and prosperity.”

Maryam expressed her desire to move forward together with China on the journey of development.

She took pictures in front of the mural at the CPC Museum, and expressed interest in the statues of Chinese leadership.

She also observed various objects used in the ancient times in China, and expressed surprise and joy at seeing the statue meeting of the Chinese leadership.

She also visited the site of the first National Congress of the CPC. She said, “The CPC Museum effectively showcases historical facts about the history of China and Shanghai, and the events of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party.”

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40337119>

## Pakistan Observer

### **Pakistan needs to continue its strategic partnership with China: Hasham**

The National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) organized a Roundtable Conference titled “US-China Maritime Competition in the Indian Ocean Region Under the Trump Administration and Options for Pakistan” to proffer policy guidelines to relevant stakeholders.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed was the Chief Guest, whereas Vice Admiral Khan Hasham bin Siddique presented the Keynote. Dr. Baber Bilal, Vice President of NIMA welcomed the guests and gave an overview of the conference. Vice Admiral Ahmed Saeed, President of NIMA moderated the session. Maritime experts, diplomats, policymakers, government officials, academia, think tanks and university students actively participated in the discussion.

It was a general consensus that, under the Trump 2.0 administration era, trade wars would take precedence over military confrontation. The Indian Ocean will gain substantial strategic importance because a major portion of global trade passes through this region. The rise of multi polarity will enhance the role of middle powers and regional players. Thus, Pakistan as a major player in IOR will face challenges and opportunities to in-cash its geo-strategic location.

Senator Mushahid highlighted Donald Trump’s 2.0 era as transformative and likely to bring about in-house changes in the U.S. administration approach, prioritizing the ‘USA first’ policy.

Vice Admiral Hasham emphasized that Pakistan needs to continue its strategic partnership with China while managing its relations with the US. He highlighted the need to identify strategic options and formulate a policy framework for the Indian Ocean.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistan-needs-to-continue-its-strategic-partnership-with-china-hasham/>

### **NSU Islamabad expands global horizons with Chinese partnership**

The National Skills University Islamabad (NSU) has cemented its reputation as a rising star in skills-based education in the country and abroad. During a high-profile visit by the leadership of Tang International Education Group, a prominent Chinese institution sponsoring and supporting technology education, discussions centered on expanding the existing collaboration between the two entities, signaling a new era of international educational cooperation. “NSU is a success story, and we are eager to deepen our partnership beyond the ongoing support for the undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Technology program,” said Mr. Jinsong Li, President and Founder of Tang International Education Group. His remarks came as part of a meeting to review the progress and envision future initiatives under a Memorandum of Understanding sanctioned by the Government of Pakistan. Under the current agreement, Tang International Education Group facilitates one year of industrial training in China for all undergraduate students enrolled in NSU’s Mechanical Engineering Technology program. <https://pakobserver.net/nsu-islamabad-expands-global-horizons-with-chinese-partnership/>



## The News

### **43 projects of \$24.7bn completed under CPEC, NA told**

*Asim Yasin*

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday presented the details of the amount received through the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the National Assembly as officials of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives told the House that a total of 43 projects worth around \$24.703 billion have been completed with the cooperation of China under CPEC. Moreover, eight projects of \$759.56 million were currently under implementation.

The details of funding of the projects under the CPEC were presented in reply to a question of Tahira Aurangzeb during the Question-Hour.

Providing the details of the ongoing eight projects, the National Assembly was told that two projects were in Balochistan, two in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, while one each in Sindh, Punjab and Islamabad and one all over Pakistan.

The two projects in Balochistan include Infrastructure of Gwadar Free Zone Phase-II with a mode of FDI and Bostan Special Economic Zone with mode of public-private partnership (PPP).

The two KP projects include Rashaki Special Economic Zone with a mode of FDI/ PPP of \$146 million and Maintenance and Renovation of 50 Schools in Newly Merged Districts with a grant of Rs15.7 million. The project of Sindh Dhabeji Special Economic Zone is going on with a mode of private investment/ PPP of \$27 million.

The project of Punjab is about Allama Iqbal Industrial City (AIIC) with ADP assistance worth \$160 million. The project of Islamabad is Bacterial Grass (Juncao) Training and Promotion Project with grant of \$3.66 million. The project of Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Flood affected Infrastructure in all over Pakistan is going on with grant of \$116 million.

The Finance Ministry told the National Assembly that the current account deficit (CAD) has declined significantly by 79 percent to \$217 million in the first two months of the current fiscal compared to the same period last year. In August, a surplus was recorded and this sharp reduction in the CAD is primarily due to robust inflows of remittances and stable export earnings, which have helped manage the rising import bill.

In a reply to another question, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Wajiha Qamar informed the National Assembly that the Gwadar Port was operational, and equipped to handle general cargo, containers and other operations. She said the port accommodates vessels of up to 50,000 DWT (deadweight) and possesses the requisite infrastructure to support bulk cargo and container handling efficiently. Qamar said multiple shipments under the Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement have been successfully processed.

The Ministry of Finance told the National Assembly that the government has collected Rs338 billion from mobile phone bills as advance tax under Section 236 of the Income Tax ordinance 2001 during the last five years.

Replying to a question of Syed Rafiullah, the ministry told the House that during the year 2020 Rs50 billion had been collected as advance tax from mobile companies, Rs55 billion in 2021, Rs61 billion in 2022, Rs80 billion in 2023 and Rs92 billion in the year 2024. The data related to number of users and average usage of mobile services by citizen is not available with the FBR and falls in the domain of the Ministry of Information Technology. The ministry clarified that the advance income tax collected from mobile users is an adjustable tax as per the Income Tax Ordinance 2001 and any taxpayer can claim as refund in his income tax return. Moreover, it was informed that there was no differential treatment available in the Income Tax Ordinance 2002 for beneficiaries of any charitable scheme on levying of any advance tax.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=367232>

### **Pak-China Warrior VIII exercise concludes**

RAWALPINDI: Three-week-long joint exercise Warrior-VIII between Pakistan Army and Peoples Liberation Army of China concluded on Wednesday.

The Pakistan-China joint exercise was conducted from November 19 to December 11, said an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release.

The three-week long exercise in counter-terrorism domain is the 8th in the series of bilateral exercises being held annually. Distinguished Visitors Day (DVD) ceremony of the exercise was conducted at Tilla Field Firing Range on December 10, 2024, it further said.

Rawalpindi Corps Commander Lieutenant General Shahid Imtiaz graced the event as the chief guest while the Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, along with dignitaries from China, was also present.

The dignitaries appreciated high standards of professionalism displayed by troops during the exercise.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=367249>

### **Chinese delegation announces \$1m medical city in Karachi, explores wider investments**

KARACHI: A 16-member Chinese trade delegation that recently visited the Dhabeji Economic Zone has announced a \$1 million investment to establish a medical city in Karachi, according to a statement released by the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI).

The project, which will be Pakistan's first comprehensive pharmaceutical and medical ecosystem, is set to be developed in the Dhabeji Economic Zone after successful negotiations with the Sindh government.

The leader of the delegation made the announcement while addressing KATI. He revealed that discussions with the Sindh government are at an advanced stage regarding the

introduction of 1,000 electric buses, electric taxis and a high-speed train connecting Karachi to Sukkur.

According to the statement, the Chinese delegation comprises representatives from leading companies in sectors such as agriculture, energy, transport and manufacturing.

The delegation noted that a high-level business alliance in China is actively encouraging investment in Pakistan, with over 50 companies showing interest in projects ranging from solar energy to fertilisers. Currently, 10 prominent companies have joined the delegation to explore business opportunities in Karachi.

KATI President Junaid Naqi welcomed the delegation, highlighting the strong bilateral relationship between Pakistan and China. He said that China is a reliable ally, providing consistent diplomatic and financial support during critical times.

“China is Pakistan’s top source of foreign direct investment, and this partnership holds tremendous potential for enhancing bilateral trade,” Naqi said, adding that the Korangi Industrial Area, a key hub for Pakistan’s export industries, could play a pivotal role in fostering joint ventures and increasing exports.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=366995>

### Express News 12-12-2024

#### چینی وفد کی صدر مملکت سے ملاقات، میڈیکل سٹی کے قیام کیلئے 1 ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری میں دلچسپی

صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری سے بلاول ہاؤس میں چین کے کاروباری وفد کی ملاقات ہوئی جس میں چین کے کاروباری وفد نے ملکی شعبہ صحت کی ترقی کے لیے پاکستان میں میڈیکل سٹی کے قیام کے لیے 1 ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری میں دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا۔ ملاقات میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ، صوبائی وزراء اور چین کے کونسل جنرل نے شرکت کی۔ صدر مملکت نے پاکستانی معیشت کے مختلف شعبوں میں چینی سرمایہ کاری بڑھانے پر زور دیا۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے مابین اقتصادی اور تجارتی تعاون فروغ دینے کی ضرورت ہے، دونوں ممالک کے عوام بالخصوص سرمایہ کاروں اور کاروباری اداروں کے درمیان روابط بڑھانا ہوں گے۔

چینی وفد نے معیشت کے مختلف شعبوں بالخصوص زراعت، لائیو اسٹاک، توانائی، ٹرانسپورٹ اور مینوفیکچرنگ میں سرمایہ کاری میں دلچسپی کا بھی اظہار کیا۔

صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان گہرے اور تاریخی برادرانہ تعلقات ہیں، پاکستان اور چین کے اہم امور پر مشترکہ مفادات اور خیالات ہیں جبکہ دونوں ممالک کے مابین کئی دہائیوں پر محیط گہری دوستی ہے۔ آصف علی زرداری نے کہا کہ گوادریورٹ کو ایک علاقائی تجارتی اور اقتصادی مرکز کے طور پر ترقی دینا میرا اوٹن تھا، گوادریورٹ گاہ سے نہ صرف علاقائی روابط بہتر ہوں گے بلکہ علاقائی تجارت اور اقتصادی تعاون کو بھی فروغ ملے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان چینی سرمایہ کاروں کو خوش آمدید کہے گا، پاکستان چین کے ساتھ اقتصادی تعلقات اور کاروبار کو ترجیح دے گا، پاکستان چینی سرمایہ کاروں کو ہر ممکن سہولت اور مدد فراہم کرنے کے لیے پرعزم ہے۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ سندھ میں چینی زبان کے کورسز متعارف کرائے گئے ہیں، چینی زبان کے کورسز پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان عوامی اور ثقافتی روابط مضبوط بنانے کی جانب ایک اہم قدم ثابت ہوں گے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737555/chinese-delegation-wants-to-invest-1-billion-dollars-for-medical-city-in-pakistan-2737555>

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**Pakistan Observer**

**China to invest \$1bn in medical city, economic sectors**

A Chinese business delegation met with President Asif Ali Zardari in Karachi on Thursday and expressed interest in investing \$1 billion in a medical city, as well as in diverse sectors of the economy.

President Zardari met with a delegation led by the Chinese Consul General Yang Yundong at Bilawal House in Karachi, where he called for greater Chinese investment in Pakistan's various sectors to strengthen bilateral trade.

“The delegation expressed interest to invest \$1bn to establish a medical city in Pakistan to advance the country's healthcare sector,” a press release from the PPP said.

“The delegation also expressed interest to invest in diverse sectors of Pakistan's economy,” it added.

President Zardari highlighted the need for increased cooperation between Islamabad and Beijing, particularly between investors and businesses in Karachi.

<https://pakobserver.net/china-to-invest-1bn-in-medical-city-economic-sectors/>

**The News**

**Chinese team keen to invest \$1bn to set up medical city in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has called for greater Chinese investment in diverse sectors of Pakistan's economy to boost economic and commercial cooperation between the two brotherly countries. He also emphasized the need for enhanced interaction between the people of the two countries, especially between investors and businesses, to increase bilateral trade and economic relations.

According to an announcement of the media cell of President House on Thursday, President Zardari expressed these views while talking to a Chinese business delegation, led by the Chinese Consul General in Karachi Yang Yundong, at the Bilawal House, Karachi.

Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, Minister for Transport and Information Sharjeel Inam Memon, Minister for Energy, Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah and Special Assistant to the Chief Minister for Investment and Public Private Partnerships, Syed Qasim N Qamar, also attended the meeting.

The delegation expressed interest in investing \$1 billion to establish a medical city in Pakistan to advance the country's healthcare sector.

The delegation also expressed interest in investing in diverse sectors of Pakistan's economy, especially agriculture, livestock, energy, transport and manufacturing.

Welcoming the delegation, President Zardari said that Pakistan and China shared commonalities of interest and views on important issues, besides enjoying deep-rooted and historic brotherly ties. “We have been close friends for decades, and it was my vision to

develop Gwadar Port into a regional trade and economic hub that would not only improve regional connectivity but would also boost regional trade and economic cooperation,” he stated.

The president said that Pakistan would welcome Chinese investors and prefers to do business with China. He stated that Pakistan was committed to facilitating and supporting Chinese investors in every possible way.

The president highlighted that Chinese language courses had been introduced in Sindh, which would prove to be an important step towards strengthening people-to-people and cultural linkages between Pakistan and China.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=367473>

### Express News

#### چین کا کراچی میں ایک ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری سے میگا میڈیکل سٹی کے منصوبے کا اعلان

چینی سرمایہ کاروں نے کراچی میں ایک ارب ڈالر کی خطیر سرمایہ کاری سے میگا میڈیکل سٹی کے قیام کے منصوبے کا اعلان کر دیا۔

ایف پی سی سی نے کراچی میں اپنے ہیڈ آفس میں ایک اعلیٰ سطحی چینی وفد کی میزبانی کی جس میں چینی وفد نے کراچی میں ایک ارب ڈالر کی خطیر سرمایہ کاری سے میگا میڈیکل سٹی کے قیام کے منصوبے کا اعلان کیا۔

صدر ایف پی سی سی آئی عارف اکرام شیخ کے مطابق یہ منصوبہ پاکستان کے میڈیکل کے نظام کے لیے بالعموم اور کراچی کے لیے بالخصوص بڑی سماجی و معاشی تبدیلی کا پیش خیمہ ثابت ہو گا۔

واضح رہے کہ یہ اعلان ایف پی سی سی آئی کی پاکستان چائنا بزنس کونسل اور ایف پی سی سی آئی کی مرکزی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے خارجہ امور، تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری کے مشترکہ اجلاس کے دوران کیا گیا۔ اجلاس کی مشترکہ صدارت ایف پی سی سی آئی کے سینئر نائب صدر ثاقب فیاض گل اور چائنا پاکستان ریسرچ اینڈ انویشن انٹرپرائزز نے کی۔ Meng Xiao Wei انسٹن کے صدر

ایف پی سی سی آئی کے سینئر نائب صدر ثاقب فیاض گل نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ مجوزہ عظیم الشان میڈیکل سٹی کو چینی اسٹاک ایکسچینج میں لسٹڈ 35 چینی کاروباری گروپوں کی پارٹنرشپ کے ذریعے قائم کیا جائے گا؛ جس کا مقصد پاکستان کے میڈیکل کے نظام کو بین الاقوامی معیار کے مطابق بنانے کے لیے اپ گریڈ کرنا ہے۔

انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ یہ تاریخی اقدام پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان مضبوط معاشی تعلقات کی نشاندہی کرتا ہے؛ جن کی وجہ سے پاکستان میں سماجی و اقتصادی ترقی کی راہ ہموار ہو رہی ہے۔ اس موقع پر سینئر نائب صدر ثاقب فیاض گل نے چین کے انویسٹرز کو پاکستانی کاروباری برادری کے قریب لانے میں ممتاز صنعتکار اور انیسپورٹر اور یس گی کی کاوشوں کی کامیابی کو ایک قابل تقلید مثال قرار دیا۔

نے کہا کہ اس منصوبے میں میڈیکل آلات کی تیاری؛ ایک عالمی معیار کا میڈیکل Meng Xiao Wei چائنا پاکستان ریسرچ اینڈ انویشن انٹرپرائزز انسٹن کے صدر کالج؛ تربیتی پروگرام اور صحت کی دیکھ بھال سے متعلق دیگر کاروباری ادارے قائم کیے جائیں گے۔

انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ایک ارب ڈالر سے زیادہ کی سرمایہ کاری اور تین سال کی ٹائم لائن کے ساتھ اس منصوبے سے پاکستان میں 50,000 سے زیادہ ملازمتیں پیدا ہونے کی توقع ہے۔ اس منصوبے کو پاکستان چائنا میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن کا تعاون بھی حاصل ہو گا۔



ایف پی سی آئی کی پاکستان چائنہ بزنس کونسل کے چیئرمین شہیر منشاء نے بتایا کہ چین کی معروف صنعتوں کے نمائندے بھی وفد کا حصہ تھے؛ جن میں میڈیکل انڈسٹری، فریڈیلانڈر مینوفیکچررز، سولر انرجی، بیوی ٹرک اور الیکٹریک گاڑیاں بنانے والے شامل تھے۔ چینی وفد نے مزید تعاون کے لیے اپنی آمادگی کا اظہار بھی کیا اور سندھ ملاقاتوں کا اعلان کیا۔ B2B حکومت کے ساتھ مل کر سرمایہ کاری کے اضافی مواقع تلاش کرنے کے لیے کراچی میں پاکستانی کمپنیوں کے ساتھ وسیع ایف پی سی آئی کی مرکزی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے خارجہ امور، تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری کی کنویں ماہین خان نے وضاحت کی کہ چینی وفد نے پاکستان میں دیگر اہم سرمایہ کاری کے منصوبوں سے بھی آگاہ کیا ہے جن میں، کولڈ اسٹوریج مائن پروجیکٹ، کھادوں کی تیاری اور ڈسٹری بیوشن کراچی اور سکھر کے درمیان تیز رفتار ٹریک اور دیگر میگا پروجیکٹس شامل ہیں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2737843/chain-ka-karachi-me-aik-arab-dollar-ki-sarmaya-kaari-se-mega-medical-city-ke-mansoobay-ka-elaan-2737843>

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**چین کا ملک بھر میں نجی پنشن سکیم شروع کرنے کا اعلان**  
**سکیم معنی پنشن بیمہ کے طور پر افراد کے لئے رضا کارانہ ہوگی، مراسلہ جاری**  
 سکیم سے مستفید ہونے والے گیس موٹر کرنے کی ترجیحی پالیسی کی سہولت حاصل کر سکیں گے  
 بیجنگ (جمہوریہ چین) نے 36 شہروں اور پانچویں کے تحت مارکیٹ میں رائج اصول کے تحت  
 عملوں میں آزادی طور پر شروع کر دہ نجی سکیم کا ادارہ چلائی جائے گی۔ اس سکیم کے تحت نجی شہری انفرادی  
 اور سے ملک تک بنے گا اور اسے جس کا اطلاق 15 جنوری 2024ء میں سالانہ 12 ہزار روپے (تقریباً  
 ڈیڑھ لاکھ روپے) کے لئے انسانی وسائل اور ملتی ہوگی ایک ہزار 670 امریکی ڈالر) منع کر سکتے  
 سیت 5 سرکاری فنڈوں کے جبرائے کے روز ہیں۔ مراسلے کے مطابق اس سکیم سے مستفید ہونے  
 جاری کر دہ موٹر کرنے کے مطابق یہ سکیم معنی پنشن والے گیس موٹر کرنے کی ترجیحی پالیسی کی سہولت  
 بیمہ کے طور پر افراد کے لئے رضا کارانہ ہوگی اور قومی حاصل کر سکیں گے۔

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**میڈیکل سٹی کیلئے 1.5 ارب ڈالر سرمایہ کاری کی چینی پیشکش**  
 پاکستان اور چین کے مابین اقتصادی اور تجارتی تعاون کو فروغ دینے کی ضرورت ہے  
 گوادر پورٹ کو علاقائی تجارتی مرکز بنانا میرا ورثہ تھا، صدر زرداری کی وفد سے گفتگو  
 کراچی (اے این فو) صدر آصف زرداری سے علاقائی روابط بھارت اور پاکستان کے مابین اقتصادی تعاون کو جس میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ، سوبانی زرا  
 نے کہا ہے کہ گوادر پورٹ کو علاقائی تجارتی اور اقتصادی فروغ دینے کا صدر آصف زرداری سے باہل اور چین کے قومی جرنل نے شرکت کی۔ ملاقات  
 مرکز کے طور پر ترقی دینا میرا ورثہ تھا، گوادر بندرگاہ، پاکستان میں چین کے کاروباری وفد نے ملاقات کی جس میں کئی کاروباری وفد (ہائی لیول 7 بجے نمبر 21)

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### **Chinese embassy holds CPEC's outstanding Pakistani staff awarding ceremony**

The Embassy of China in Pakistan on Friday organized the awarding ceremony for outstanding Pakistani staff of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects to recognize 43 persons from different projects who have contributed to the CPEC construction. Addressing the ceremony, Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong emphasized that we should look at reality, trends and prospects, and strengthen our confidence in practical cooperation between the two countries, especially the CPEC construction. He said, "We have favorable opportunities for the development of our two countries. The continued recovery of the economies of the two countries has created new opportunities and injected new impetus into our promotion of practical cooperation, especially the CPEC construction." The ambassador said, "We have high-level strategic guidance from the two countries. The important instructions and consensus of the leaders of the two countries have provided us with fundamental guidance and enhanced confidence in promoting high-quality joint construction of the CPEC." Jiang Zaidong said, "We have a solid foundation for cooperation between the two countries. He said, "We are ready to work with Pakistan to draw the blueprint of the CPEC to the end, coordinate high-quality development with high-level security, coordinate quantitative growth with quality improvement, and coordinate the advancement of major landmark projects with the construction of "small but beautiful" livelihood projects, coordinate cooperation in traditional fields with cooperation in emerging fields, create an "upgraded version" of the CPEC, and write a new chapter of pragmatic cooperation, building a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era, and continuously enriching the vivid practice of high-quality joint construction of the Belt and Road".—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-embassy-holds-cpecs-outstanding-pakistani-staff-awarding-ceremony/>

## China's macro-economy 2024-25: An expert opinion

*Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan*

WHILE chairing the annual Central Economic Work Conference the Chinese President Xi Jinping chalks out new holistic and comprehensive roadmap for maintaining the economic stability and sustainability by implementing more integrated and diversified macroeconomic policies in 2025 prioritizing the increase of fiscal deficit ratio, implementing a moderately loose monetary policy, expanding domestic demand and stabilizing real estate and stock markets. It vividly reflects implementation status of China's 14th Five-Year Plan, highlighting that China has made solid progress in high-quality development and is about to accomplish this year's growth target of more than 5pc GDP.

It is good omen that despite the complex and complicated geopolitical and geostrategic scenarios and increasing internal difficulties, China has ensured the overall stability and steady progress of its national economy and the major goals and tasks for economic and social development in 2024 are expected to be accomplished which is indeed a great achievement. The policy makers' stressing to adopt more proactive macro policies, expand domestic demand and promote the integrated development of scientific and technological innovation and industrial innovation to do a good job in economic work in 2025 shows its strong commitment to maintain and diversify its economy, productive channels, implement immense social development policies through coordinated policies of openness, modernization, digitalization and qualitative industrialization.

The regional and international markets positively reacted on the announcement of the Chinese policy makers that sincere efforts will be initiated securing the steady development of the real estate and stock markets, guarding against and defuse risks and external shocks in key areas, and stabilize expectations and stimulate vitality so as to promote sustained economic recovery. Moreover, according to the meeting, China will also adopt a "more proactive" fiscal policy, including an increase in the ratio of deficit and in the issuance of ultra-long special treasury bonds and local government special-purpose bonds. According to the Ministry of Finance, China's government debt-to-GDP ratio, stood at 67.5 percent at the end of 2023, much lower than the average 118.2 percent among G20 members and 123.4 percent for G7 countries estimated by the IMF. China's fiscal deficit has long been below 3 percent, significantly lower than other major economies.

It is hoped that with a low government leverage ratio, China's central budget has room for increased borrowing and deficit expansion. Furthermore, adopting of a moderately loose monetary policy and lower the reserve requirement ratio and interest rates when necessary to ensure adequate liquidity which would be value addition for the banking & financial sector of the country during 2025 and beyond also mitigating spillover socio-economic ramifications of the Trump Trade War 2.0 heavily relying on the increase of tariffs. Comparative studies reveal that since the beginning of 2024, the People's Bank of China, the central bank, has cut the reserve requirement ratio twice, by 1 percentage point in total, for financial institutions, releasing approximately 2 trillion Yuan (about US\$274.8 billion) in long-term liquidity.

It seems that the listing of priorities for economic work in 2025 in nine aspects, from stimulating consumption and developing new quality productive forces to preventing and

addressing risks in key areas, consolidating poverty alleviation achievements and boosting green development is timely, positive, productive, participatory, futuristic and comprehensive. Thus boosting consumption, improving investment efficiency and expanding domestic demand on all fronts would further gear the economy and its associated sectors towards greater comfort zones during 2025. According to the National Bureau of Statistics China remains one of the largest markets in the world. From January to October this year, China's total retail sales of consumer goods approached 40 trillion Yuan, while last year's total exceeded 47 trillion Yuan. A national program aimed at promoting consumer goods trade-ins, unveiled in March has demonstrated the untapped room of China's domestic demand. Over 30 million participants have been attracted to the program, contributing total sales of over 400 billion Yuan, thus further promotion of high-level opening up and secure the steady growth of foreign trade and foreign investment is right step towards right direction. On the other hand, while meeting with leaders of major international economic organizations, including the IMF, the Chinese President Xi rightly termed China's development as open and inclusive through putting in place new systems for a higher-standard open economy, providing more opportunities for the development of other countries and share more development benefits with the world. Additionally, starting December 1, China has granted zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent of tariff lines to all least developed countries with which it has diplomatic relations helping more products from these countries enter the Chinese market. The meeting also highlighted that China will strengthen unconventional countercyclical adjustments in 2025.

Interestingly, the latest World Openness Index evaluated the openness levels of 129 economies from 2008 to 2023, identifying China as a bright spot amid declining global openness. China's high level of inclusivity and opening up benefits both regional and global economies. Expanding domestic demand, deepening structural reforms, and advancing economic growth are pivotal for sustaining these benefits. Promoting growth in equipment manufacturing, nurturing new energy vehicles and low-altitude aircraft, and enhancing global supply chain resilience will further strengthen its macroeconomy in 2025.

Additionally, fostering technological innovation and establishing a modern industrial system are crucial to transforming China's economy, industry, and production mechanisms. Digitalization, modernization, trans-regional connectivity, green transformation, hybrid agriculture, and artificial intelligence will serve as key drivers for economic growth beyond 2025. Policymakers must prioritize balancing innovation investments with operational demands, unlocking the innovation potential of companies, and utilizing industry front-runners to boost research and practical technologies. By taking these measures, China can ensure sustained growth and contribute positively to the global economy.

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## The News

### **‘CM’s China visit historic’**

LAHORE: Secretary Information and Culture Punjab Syed Tahir Raza Hamdani and DGPR Ghulam Saghir Shahid met with senior columnists and briefed them about the China visit of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.

Hamdani told that chief minister is on a historic visit to China, where she is making agreements for the welfare of the people of Punjab and the benefits of this visit will be visible in the coming days. The chief minister has also signed an MoU for Nawaz Sharif Cancer Hospital. He also mentioned that agreements have been made with China for collaboration for eliminating smog in Punjab. The chief minister also visited different companies in China to promote artificial intelligence at the school level in Punjab. The progress on AI initiatives in Punjab's schools will begin soon, he added. Ghulam Saghir Shahid informed that the fair distribution of advertisements to newspapers and uninterrupted payments to the media are being made. The payments that were pending since previous government will be made once the documentation is completed. He also mentioned that advertisements are being distributed to both small and large newspapers in a completely fair manner and the pending payments will be cleared within the next two months. Senior journalists Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami, Pervaiz Bashir, Wasif Nagi and others were present at the meeting. The columnists appreciated the MoUs on the cancer hospital, solar panels and other projects during chief minister’s visit to China.

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### **Sindh govt, China sign MoUs for five projects**

*Salis bin Perwaiz*

karachi: Chinese and Pakistani diplomats signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on Friday for five projects in transport, health, energy, and agriculture in Karachi, with the support from the Sindh government.

Officials said the agreements include local assembly of electric cars, local manufacturing of solar panels, production of slow-release fertilizers, algae farming, and the establishment of a medical city in the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone.

The Chinese and Pakistani investors will sign an MoU that has been proposed by Pakistan Renewable Energy Resources. Sindh Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah hosted this signing ceremony in the office. The ceremony was also attended by Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon and Sindh Special Assistant to CM Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar.

Memon, while speaking with media, said a delegation of investors from China had visited Sindh and had a meeting with Chief minister Syed Murad Ali Shah. He said the Sindh government would provide all possible help to Chinese investors in any field they would like to invest in.

The investors also met with President Asif Ali Zardari, where the Chinese ambassador was also present. During the meeting, Asif Ali Zardari assured him that the governments of



Pakistan and Sindh would provide full support to Chinese investors wherever they chose to invest in the country.

Senior Minister Memon said the friendship of China and Pakistan is of an exemplary nature. He said Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had laid its foundation. He said that in 2008, during the PPP government, President Asif Ali Zardari had started the project of the CPEC.

He said China is the destination of his most frequent visits. Despite the opposition at that time, President Zardari envisioned the CPEC not just as a corridor but as a way to bring the two nations closer and enhance Pakistan's economy. He mentioned that Chinese investors have expressed interest in investing in various sectors.

Special Assistant to the CM Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar accompanied the delegation on a visit to the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone, where the investors showed significant interest and expressed a desire to establish industries. He noted that the Dhabeji Economic Zone is the only zone connected to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Senior Minister Memon said Pakistan has attained the top position in global rankings for public-private partnerships, which he credited to the Sindh province. He explained that Sindh has executed and implemented major projects through the public-private partnership model. He said several such mega initiatives are working well across the province.

He said investors have shown interest in setting up a state-of-the-art medical city in Pakistan, and the Sindh government has assured them of all possible support.

He also mentioned the government's initiative to launch EV (electric vehicle) taxis to create employment opportunities for youth. The government has issued a notification for the launch of a scheme following the directives of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and President Asif Ali Zardari. It will provide livelihood opportunities to thousands of youth in the country.

This taxi service will help the environment by reducing emissions and providing transport facilities to passengers at cheaper rates. The head of the investment department explained the key position of the investment department throughout the process. He welcomed Qasim Naveed Qamar, who has worked commendably since taking charge and deserves appreciation. The minister stated that their aim was to strengthen the relationship between the businessmen of Pakistan and China, so they could easily exchange business models and benefit from this relation.

He said the visit of Chinese investors was successful, and China is a brotherly country with which Pakistan has excellent relations.

He said China has always supported Pakistan in difficult times, and the establishment of more industries would lead to more employment opportunities. He said the creation of a medical city alone would provide jobs to fifty thousand people.

He said Pakistan cannot rely on government jobs and has to expand the industrial opportunities. While responding to a question, Sharjeel Memon said the Sindh government would provide full cooperation to the investors for this medical city.

He mentioned that an MoU was being signed for this project and said products made in Pakistan would also be exported to other countries, which would benefit the country. He also noted that there is a ten-year tax exemption for industries established in the Dhabeji Economic Zone, which provides significant relief to businessmen.

Speaking at a press conference, Minister for Energy and Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah said fertilization is a prime requirement. He said a coal gasification plant would be erected on 200 acres of land, which would greatly add to the energy production. The solar parks are also being erected, which would be a great help for the energy sector.

He underscored that the electricity produced from coal would prove to be more crucial in filling up the energy deficit of the country. He said the government of Sindh will fix the rates of electricity produced through solar parks, and people will be able to buy electricity at Rs18 per unit from those parks.

Electricity rates will be fixed by SEPR (Sindh Energy Power Regulatory Authority) and STDC (Sindh Transmission and Distribution Company). Shah said in reply to a question that there are three federal representatives in K-Electric, but no one is from Sindh. He elaborated that though there is a mechanism for loadshedding and tariffs, but the Sindh has no representation as a result of which the province has no say in the decision-making process. He further said that the Sindh government desires that cheap electricity be made accessible to the public, and it is also the vision of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

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### Express News

#### دورہ چین میں بہت کچھ جاننے، سمجھنے اور دیکھنے کا موقع ملا، مریم نواز

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز نے کہا ہے کہ ان کا دورہ چین بصیرت افروز ہے جس کے دوران انہیں بہت کچھ جاننے، سمجھنے اور دیکھنے کا موقع ملا ہے اور صوبے کے عوام اس دورے کے ثمرات سے مستفید ہوں گے۔

مریم نواز اپنے 8 روزہ سرکاری دورہ چین کے دوران صوبہ گوانگ زو پہنچیں جہاں انہوں نے وائس گورنر زینگ گوزی سے ملاقات کی۔

اس موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ کے اعزاز میں خصوصی اسٹیٹ ڈنر کا اہتمام کیا گیا، اپنی پرتپاک میزبانی پر مریم نواز نے شکریہ ادا کیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پنجاب کے وفد کی پزیرائی اور پرتپاک خیر مقدم ہمیشہ یاد رہے گا، پاکستان اور چین ایک دوسرے سے اخلاص کی ڈوری میں بندھے ہیں، چین تاریخ کے ہر موڑ پر ہمیشہ پاکستان کے ساتھ کھڑا رہا، پاکستان اور چین کے عوام بھی ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ منسلک ہیں۔ مریم نواز نے کہا کہ دورہ چین بصیرت افروز ہے، اس میں بہت کچھ جاننے، سمجھنے اور دیکھنے کا موقع ملا، مجھے اس موقع پر اظہار خیال کرتے ہوئے وائس گورنر گوانگ ژونے کا یقین ہے کہ پنجاب کے عوام میرے دورہ چین کے ثمرات سے پوری طرح مستفید ہوں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کی آمد کو خوش بختی سمجھتے ہیں، عوام کی خدمت اور فلاح و بہبود کے لیے مریم نواز کی کاوشیں قابل تحسین ہیں۔

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## Jang News

### چینی کمپنیوں کو پنجاب میں ون ونڈو آپریشن کی سہولت دی جائے گی، مریم نواز

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز نے چین کے صوبے گوانگ ژو میں گول میز کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چینی کمپنیوں کو پنجاب میں ون ونڈو آپریشن کی سہولت دی جائے گی، انکے لیے کاروباری مواقع سے فائدہ اٹھانے کا بہترین وقت ہے۔

گول میز کانفرنس میں چین اور ہانگ کانگ کی 60 سے زائد کمپنیوں کے نمائندے شریک ہوئے۔

مریم نواز نے پنجاب کو چینی کمپنیوں کے لیے مواقع کی سر زمین قرار دے دیا۔

چینی کمپنیوں کے نمائندوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف کے ویژن اور نو پلاسٹک کی مہم کے آغاز کو سراہا۔

اس سے قبل مریم نواز کی گوانگ ژو کے نائب گورنر سے بھی ملاقات ہوئی، انہیں خصوصی اسٹیٹ ڈنر دیا گیا۔

مریم نواز کا کہنا تھا کہ دورہ چین بصیرت افروز ہے، پنجاب کے عوام کو دورہ چین کے ثمرات سے مستفید کرنے کا عزم کیا ہے۔

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**چین سے آگہی**

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مہمہ حاضر میں چین کی بڑھتی ہوئی عالمی اہمیت کے پیش نظر دنیا بھر میں جان بچانی ہے کہ اسے چین کے بارے میں اپنی قوم کو فرہست کو بخانا پڑے گا۔ چین الاقوامی برادری کے لیے چین سے آگہی کیوں لازم ہے؟ یہ ایک اہم سوال ہے جس کا جواب تلاش کرنے کے لیے مختلف پہلوؤں پر غور کرنا پڑے گا۔ پہلی بات تو یہ ہے کہ چین اس وقت دنیا کی دوسری بڑی معاشی قوت ہے اور دنیا میں کی اقتصادی سالمی ترقی کو تسلیم کرتے ہوئے اسے موجودہ دور میں ایک کرشمہ قرار دیتی ہے۔ ایک ترقی پزیر ملک کے طور پر چین کی اقتصادی کامیابیاں جہاں جتنی کام کے لیے قابل فرہست ہے وہاں اس سے دنیا کے ترقی پزیر اور ترقی یافتہ ممالک کے لیے بھی امید پیدا ہوتی ہے کہ وہ بھی ملحق قیامت، مضبوط پائیدار سازی، عمدہ گورننس اور عوام کے لیے بچھو کرنے کے جذبے کے تحت ترقی کے سفر پر رواں دواں ہو سکتے ہیں۔ دوسری بات جو چین کی ترقی کا نمایاں پہلو ہے اور اسے دیکھ کر دنیا سے متاثر کرتے ہوئے ترقیاتی شراکت کا دیگر دنیا سے چالہ لہمی ہے۔ اس کی عمدہ مثال چین کا بیٹل اینڈ روڈ اینٹی اینڈ ہے جس کے تحت چین چاہتا ہے کہ براہ راست کے فروغ سے اپنے ممالک کو ترقی کی شاہراہ پر گامزن کیا جاسکے جو مختلف وجوہات کی بنا پر پیچھے رہ گئے ہیں۔ چین چین کی اشتراکی ترقی کا دانی ہے جو چین کی ایک انفرادی ملک یا خطے تک محدود نہ ہو بلکہ سارے عالم پر محیط ہو۔ تیسرا اور سب سے اہم پہلو کیونٹ پارتی آف جانا کی قیادت میں، چین کا گورننس ڈائل ہے جو دنیا کو بھٹاتا ہے۔ یہ وہ محرک ہے جو چین کی تیز رفتار ترقی کی بنیاد ہے اور بلاشبہ کہا جاسکتا ہے کہ چین کی ترقی اور جٹا کیونٹ پارتی آف جانا کی سرہون مست ہے۔ یہ دونوں ایک دوسرے کے لیے تازم ہیں۔ جہاں دنیا چین سے کچھ سیکھنے کی خواہش ہے تو وہاں چین بھی سکھنے والوں کے ساتھ عالمی برادری کا غیر مقدم کرتا ہے اور چاہتا ہے کہ اپنے ترقیاتی تجربات اور کامیاب حکمت عملیوں کا تمام ممالک کے ساتھ چلا کر کیا جائے۔ اس کی ایک تازم ترین مثال چین کے شہر گوانگ جو میں منفقہ انڈر ٹینڈنگ جانا بین الاقوامی کانفرنس 2024 ہے۔ اس تقریب کی اہمیت کا اندازہ یہاں سے بھی لگایا جاسکتا ہے کہ چینی صدر شی جن پینگ نے کانفرنس کے نام خاص طور پر اپنا پیغام بھیجا جس میں پینگ نے کہا کہ چین کو سمجھنے کے لیے چین کی جانب سے اصلاحات کو مزید گرا کرنے کی کوششوں کو سمجھنے کی ضرورت ہے تاکہ چینی مہمہ کاری کو آگے بڑھایا جاسکے۔ چین تیز رفتاری سے ایک اعلیٰ معیار کی سوشلسٹ مارکیٹ میسٹ کی تعمیر کر رہا ہے، ادارہ جاتی سکے چین کو تیزی سے بڑھا رہا ہے، اعلیٰ معیار کے بین الاقوامی اقتصادی اور تجارتی قوانین کے ساتھ ہم آہنگ ہونے اور فعال طور پر شفاف، منظم اور متوقع ادارہ جاتی حوالہ کو فروغ دینے کی کوشش کر رہا ہے۔ شی جن پینگ نے کہا کہ چین کی مہمہ کاری کی کوشش بہتر زندگی کے لیے سوا مین لوگوں کی خواہشات کو پورا کرتی ہے اور عالمی امن اور ترقی میں سے اور بڑے کردار ادا کرنے کی ساس پست پر زور دیتے ہوئے کہ ایک صدی میں نظر نہ آنے والی تبدیلیاں آج کی دنیا میں تیزی سے سامنے آ رہی ہیں، جی جن پینگ نے کہا کہ دنیا بھر کے ممالک کے لیے نئے خطرات اور چیلنوں کے ساتھ ساتھ ترقی کے نئے مواقع اور کامنٹ بھی موجود ہیں۔ شی جن پینگ نے کہا کہ چین ترقی کے لیے سازگار ماحول اور حالات پیدا کرنے، محدود ملکات اور چیلنرز سے نکلنے اور سہولت فراہم کرنے کے لیے دیگر تمام ممالک کے ساتھ مل کر کام کرنے کا خواہش ہے۔ پر امن ترقی،

ڈانڈ ممالک اور چین بین الاقوامی تنظیموں کے ساتھ دو سو سے ڈانڈ نی آرائی تعاون کے معاہدوں پر دستخط کر چکا تھا، جس سے متعدد مہمہ منصوبہ سامنے آئے ہیں۔ عالمی بینک کا تخمینہ ہے کہ 2030 تک نی آرائی سے متعلق منصوبے اور سرمایہ کاری 7.6 بلین ڈالروں کو اپنی فرہست سے اور تیس بلین ڈالروں متعلق فرہست سے نکال سکتی ہے۔ گلوبل ڈیولپمنٹ اینڈ اینٹی اینڈ، جو چین سالانہ شروع کر گیا تھا، نے تقریباً تیس بلین امریکی ڈالروں کے زیادہ منصوبہ شروع کیے ہیں۔ اس سے ڈانڈ ممالک گروپ آف فرینڈز آف ڈی گلوبل ڈیولپمنٹ اینڈ اینڈ میں شامل ہو گئے ہیں جس سے فرہست میں نی کے بارے میں عالمی اتحاد اسے مزید قیامت لی ہے۔ ملک نے 180 سے ڈانڈ ممالک سے چار لاکھ سے زائد پوزیشنوں کو ترقی دی ہے تاکہ فرہست کا مقابلہ کرے اور پائیدار ترقی آگے بڑھانے کی ان کی صلاحیت کو مضبوط بنا جائے۔ ان اقدامات کے علاوہ چین کم ترقی یافتہ ممالک کے ساتھ ایڈیٹ اینڈ تجارتی کٹاری کی ترقی اور چین کے ساتھ ملحقہ تعلقات رکھنے والے کم ترقی یافتہ ممالک کی تمام معومات پر مضبوط فرہست کی تلاش کا وعدہ کیا گیا ہے۔ آخری ماہرین کے خیال میں یورپ فری اقدامات کے آغا سے مزید اعلیٰ معومات کے لیے چین کی 1.4 بلین سے زیادہ پائی کی مال مارکیٹ سے استفادہ کا ایک نمایاں مہمہ پھرا پڑا ہے۔

پانسی قائمہ متعاون اور مشترکہ فرہستالی کی حال تمام ممالک کی مہمہ کاری چاہتا ہے تاکہ نئی نوع انسان کے ہم منصب سماج کی تعمیر میں ایک بنیاد لگھا جاسکے۔ منقہ جات میں چین، چینی طرز کی مہمہ سے ڈالنے کے لیے ایک مشیول ملک کی تعمیر اور قومی احیاء کے عظیم منصب چین کو جانع طور پر فروغ دے رہا ہے۔ ایک ایسا چین جو منقہ بنانے پر اصلاحات کو گرا کر رہا ہے، سکے چین کو وسعت دے رہا ہے، اعلیٰ معیار کی حال ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن ہے اور عالمی امن کو خواہش ہے، دنیا کی نظر میں یقیناً روشن مستقبل کا حال چین ہوگا۔

چین کی عالمی ترقی کے لیے حمایت، ایسی حال ہی میں چین نے نی کو کئی سربراہ اہلاس میں عالمی ترقی کے لیے آف اقدامات کا خاکہ پیش کیا۔ ان میں اعلیٰ معیار کے طے اینڈ روڈ تعاون، گلوبل ڈیولپمنٹ اینڈ تجارتی کٹاری کی ترقی اور فرہست میں ترقی کی حمایت اور فرہست کے خاتے اور نڈالی خطہ پر بین الاقوامی تعاون کی حمایت شامل ہیں۔ ماہرین کے خیال میں چین فرہست کے خلاف جنگ کے لیے اپنے مہمہ اور ممالک کی ترقی کے لیے اپنی حقیقی حمایت کا واضح اظہار کر رہا ہے، خاص طور پر گلوبل ساتھ میں چین کا تعاون پر مبنی ماڈل نمایاں شراکت کا موجب ہے۔ چین نے مختلف اقدامات کے ذریعے، مسلسل اپنے وسائل کی ان پت میں اضافہ کیا ہے، تعاون کے طریقوں کو بہتر بنایا ہے، اور دنیا بھر کے ممالک کی مشترکہ ترقی کی حمایت کے لیے ٹاسک فوجوں میں توسیع کی ہے۔ بیٹل اینڈ روڈ اینڈ اینڈ ان آفہ اقدامات کا ایک اہم حصہ ہے اور گیارہ سال قبل اپنے آواز کے بعد سے اب تک اس سے خاطر خواہ فوائد حاصل ہو چکے ہیں۔ جون 2023 تک چین پانچ براعظموں میں 150 سے

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**China and Pakistan work together to actively respond to climate change**

At present, the global climate crisis is becoming increasingly serious, and extreme weather events are frequent, which has a significant impact on the global natural ecosystem and poses serious challenges to the survival and development of human society.

On November 24, the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) was concluded in Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan. Parties reached consensus on the new collective quantified goal, the operationalization of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and other issues.



Chinese delegation shared the Xi Jinping Thought on Ecological Civilization and China's achievements in climate actions, participated in consultations on various topics in a comprehensive and in-depth manner, contributed constructive plans for negotiations on key issues, and promoted all sides to expand common ground while resolving differences, making important contributions to reaching the outcomes of the meeting. In the process of responding to global climate change, China has evolved from a participant, contributor, to a frontrunner, and China's ideas have been widely recognized by the international community.

China has formulated a clear top-level design for climate governance. In September 2020, President Xi Jinping solemnly announced the carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals, which is to achieve peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. China is determined to achieve the highest global reduction in carbon emissions intensity in the shortest time in history. Since the Industrial Revolution, the West has generally taken one to two hundred years to reach carbon peak, while China only took 50 years. On the road to carbon neutrality, the EU plans to take 60 years, the US plans for 43 years, and China plans to take that goal in only 30 years.

President Xi Jinping has repeatedly pointed out that achieving "the carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals" is not something that others ask us to do, but something we ourselves must do. The third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) attached great importance to the construction of ecological civilization, and made a series of major arrangements in terms of improving the basic system of ecological civilization, improving the ecological environment governance system, and improving the green and low-carbon development mechanism.

The third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of CPC emphasized the focus on building a beautiful China, accelerating the comprehensive green transformation of economic and social development, improving the ecological environment governance system, promoting an ecological priority, conservation and intensive, green and low-carbon development, and promoting harmonious coexistence between humans and nature. Strong top-level design, widespread societal consensus, and joint participation of all industries have made the harmonious coexistence between humans and nature a basic feature of Chinese modernization.

China's rapid and effective climate governance actions have achieved remarkable results. China is actively building a carbon neutrality "1+N" policy system and promoting the "Ten Actions for Carbon Peaking". China has the largest installed capacity of renewable energy power generation, accounting for about 40% of the world's total, which is the sum of US, EU, and India. As of the end of September this year, China's wind power and solar power generation installed capacity totaled 1.25 billion kilowatts, completing the goal of reaching more than 1.2 billion kilowatts by 2030 as promised at the Climate Ambition Summit more than six years ahead of schedule. China's energy structure has been continuously optimized and its energy consumption intensity has dropped significantly. Over the past decade, China has supported a 6% economic growth with a 3% energy consumption growth rate. From 2012 to 2023, China's coal consumption ratio dropped from 68.5% to 55.3%, while the proportion of non-fossil energy increased from 9.7% to 17.9%. China has also actively carried out land



greening actions, contributing 1/4 of the world's greening area in the past 20 years. In 2023, the forest reserve reached 19.496 billion cubic meters, and the forest coverage rate reached 24.02%, achieving the goal of zero land degradation in 2030 ahead of schedule. The Taklamakan Desert in Xinjiang, China, covers an area of 337,600 square kilometers and is the world's second largest mobile desert. On November 28, the last blank area on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert was successfully "locked and closed", marking the complete closure of the 3,046-kilometer green sand-blocking protection belt surrounding the desert. It is a model for land afforestation actions in China and even the world.

China's active promotion of South-South cooperation in climate governance has won wide praise. Developing countries are the biggest victims of climate change due to their weak ability to cope with climate change and insufficient support. As a responsible developing country, China continues to provide practical assistance to other developing countries in promoting energy transformation, improving climate resilience, and advancing green and low-carbon development through South-South cooperation. Since 2016, China has invested more than 177 billion yuan, signed 53 South-South cooperation documents on climate change with 42 developing countries including Pakistan, Ethiopia and Chile, planned nearly 100 projects to mitigate and adapt to global climate change, implemented more than 300 capacity building projects, and provided more than 10,000 training opportunities for more than 120 developing countries.

China and Africa have jointly built photovoltaic power stations with a cumulative installed capacity of more than 1.5 gigawatts, and the Adama wind power project in Ethiopia can provide more than 630 million kilowatt-hours of green power generation every year. China has actively responded to the United Nations Early Warnings For All Initiative and released the world's first national early warning action plan at COP29, providing relevant assistance to Bolivia, Uruguay, Botswana and other countries to support developing countries in improving their early warning capabilities. China is willing to work with other developing countries to jointly address global climate change and safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

In recent years, Pakistan has been deeply affected by climate change. Floods and droughts have caused great losses to the lives and social development of the Pakistani people, and smog has seriously affected the production and life of Lahore residents. Pakistan attaches great importance to the impact of climate change, formulates various climate policies at the national and local levels, and actively carries out international cooperation. As an important strategic cooperative partner of Pakistan, China has always cared about and strongly supported Pakistan's various climate governance actions.

In accordance with the MoU titled Provision of Goods Under South-South Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change signed by the two countries, China has provided Pakistan with thousands of Residential Solar Power System, and will provide Pakistan with several climate change monitoring and disaster early warning systems in succession, providing support for Pakistan to enhance its ability to respond to climate change and actively promoting the green and low-carbon development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The joint statements of Prime Minister Shehbaz's visit to China and Premier Li Qiang's visit to Pakistan this year both stated that the two sides will continue to cooperate in addressing climate change and disaster prevention and mitigation under the framework of the CPEC, and strengthen communication and cooperation in the multilateral process of addressing climate change, and jointly safeguard multilateralism and the solidarity of developing countries.

In the next step, China is willing to do its utmost to continue to provide support and assistance to developing countries including Pakistan in addressing climate change, reduce the adverse effects of climate change and extreme weather, and accelerate the building of a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era, to benefit the two countries and the two peoples.

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### **The Express Tribune**

#### **Maryam Nawaz's China visit leads to Rs13 billion investment commitment**

The visit marked a significant milestone in Punjab's economic development and international partnerships

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's recent visit to China has been hailed as a major success, with Chinese companies pledging over Rs13 billion (around \$50 million) in investments for the province, Express News reported.

The visit marked a significant milestone in Punjab's economic development and international partnerships. During an investment conference in China, several agreements were made between Chinese companies and the Punjab government in key sectors such as IT, environment, and green energy.

One of the major highlights of the visit was the announcement by Gobi Partners, a Chinese investment firm, which revealed plans to establish a \$50 million investment fund in Punjab. The fund, valued at approximately 13.88 billion rupees, aims to promote startups and SMEs in the region.

An important memorandum of understanding (MoU) was also signed between Solar N Plus and the Punjab government to advance solar technology. Meanwhile, Gobi Partners and the Bank of Punjab agreed to a partnership focused on boosting financial systems for startups and small businesses.

The agreements are intended to provide financial assistance to businesses through loans, equity investments, financial solutions, and mentoring programmes.

According to the announcement, Gobi Fund will play a pivotal role in strengthening businesses in Punjab, ensuring sustainable development, and positioning the province as a regional leader in technology and entrepreneurship.

The conference also shed light on Punjab's competitive economic incentives, such as tax exemptions and special industrial zones, making the province an attractive investment destination.

Additionally, the Punjab government engaged in discussions with Chinese companies to foster long-term, sustainable partnerships. As part of these talks, Chinese companies agreed to collaborate on the development of advanced solar energy projects in Punjab, contributing to the province's green energy goals.

Solar N Plus will focus on establishing a centre in Punjab to introduce cutting-edge solar technology and enhance local capacity in renewable energy sectors.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2516174/maryam-nawazs-china-visit-leads-to-13-billion-investment-commitment>

### The News

#### **Chinese consul general visits LCCI for trade ties, strong partnership**

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General in Lahore Zhao Shiren paid a visit to the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Saturday.

This visit, the first in the history of LCCI by a Chinese diplomat posted in the provincial capital, was to congratulate the newly elected president and Executive Committee of the chamber on their election and to express goodwill.

Zhao Shiren said that Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz had signed more than five MoUs with the Chinese government to enhance cooperation in various fields during her visit to China. She said the agreements cover sectors such as investment, infrastructure, technology and agriculture, which will benefit not only Punjab but the whole of Pakistan.

The Chinese diplomat said that China considers Pakistani businessmen as an important partner. Several projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are playing a key role in stabilizing the Pakistani economy. She mentioned the efforts and initiatives of the Chinese government to give Pakistani businessmen access to China's vast market and provide more opportunities. She suggested that special sessions should be held on Pak-China relations and that further support be provided for the promotion of Chinese language learning courses.

Chinese Consul Zhao Shiren said that the relations between Pakistan and China are based on historical and strong foundations. The two countries are not only political and defence partners but also important allies in economic relations. This partnership has strengthened over time and after the launch of CPEC, these relations have gained a new dimension.

Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren also held a detailed discussion on trade and economic issues in a special session with Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Abuzar Shad and members of the Executive Committee.

LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad said China should increase imports of textiles, halal food, surgical equipment and value-added goods from Pakistan. LCCI officials presented suggestions to increase exports of Pakistani products and said that Pakistan can significantly increase exports of products such as coal, medicines, surgical instruments, corn, fresh fruits, salt and rice to China.

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## **Suspects held over PTI protest seized by police after being freed by court**

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ISLAMABAD: In a dramatic turn of events, 81 Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers, who had been released by a competent court in D-Chowk protests case, were re-arrested by the Islamabad Police late Saturday night from the court premises.

The re-arrests, which police claim are linked to other cases against the suspects, have sparked outrage among the PTI supporters and raised questions about the adherence to legal protocols.

An Islamabad Police spokesperson stated that the re-arrested individuals were involved in other pending cases. "Only those cleared of all charges were not detained again," he said. Despite this explanation, the move has been met with criticism for its timing and execution.

The atmosphere outside the court became tense when the released individuals resisted re-arrest. Acting on their lawyers' advice, many chose to remain within the court premises to avoid being detained. However, a heavy deployment of police and paramilitary forces surrounded the area, escalating the situation.

At one point, the released workers attempted to move to the upper floors of the court building to evade police action but were blocked by paramilitary personnel stationed inside. Lawyers representing the workers read out the court's release order to police officials outside, arguing against the legality of re-arrests.

Despite the legal arguments, police officials on the ground received orders to proceed with detentions.

A significant contingent of police, supported by prisoner transport vehicles, stormed the court premises to carry out the rearrests. The released individuals were forcibly apprehended, loaded into vans and transported to an undisclosed location.

The police personnel stationed at the gate of the Judicial Complex also banned the entry of the media while journalists standing there were pushed back. Station House Officer (SHO) Ashfaq Warraich said on the occasion that the media should go back from there or they would be arrested.

Meanwhile, PTI lawyer Fatehullah Burki, while talking to the media outside the Judicial Complex, claimed that there were about 100 discharged protesters in the corridor of the complex. The ATC judge had been informed about the behaviour of police and the order was awaited.

Earlier, during the hearing of the D-Chowk protest case, anti-terrorism court (ATC) Judge Abual Hassanat Zulqarnain had ordered the discharge of the accused sent on the identification parade.

Judge Zulqarnain was continuously warning the police not to rearrest the people. The judge again warned that if the police arrested innocent people, the court would start contempt of court proceedings against the police officials.

The ATC judge ordered the release of 38 accused sent for identity parade and the judicial remand of 56 activists in D-Chowk protest case.

On the night of Friday and Saturday, 32 activists arrested by the police were brought from Jhelum Jail and presented in the court, and it was said that the accused were arrested on November 25 and the identity parade could not be held. It was requested that the physical remand of accused be approved for 30 days.

Lawyer Ansar Kiani said that the identity parade of the accused was not even held and the police were seeking remand for recovery. The police picked up the political workers from their homes to complete the numbers and put them in the protest case, he said.

The court expressed strong anger over the accused being brought from Jhelum and presented late at night and after hearing the arguments, ordered the discharge of all 32 accused from the cases.

Judge Zulqarnain gave the remarks: "If the police arrest them again, I will make the policemen wear a mask." The police revealed the arrest of the accused in the cases of Police Station I-9 and Police Station Margalla.

The police presented 56 activists arrested on Friday to the court after the identity parade of the accused was completed. The investigation officers of Police Station Bani Gala, Police Station Shehzad Town, Police Station I-9 and Police Station Tarnol appeared in the court and requested the physical remand of the accused for 20 days, while the lawyer of the accused, Ansar Kiani, opposed the physical remand and said that the police had arrested these accused from their homes before the protest. The police did not recover anything from the accused. The police have only filled in the numbers, he added.

The court rejected the request for physical remand of the accused and ordered to send them to jail on judicial remand.

As many as 18 accused of Police Station Bani Gala, 8 of Police Station Shehzad Town, 20 of Police Station Tarnol and 10 of Police Station I-9 were presented before the court. Later, in the same court, the six arrested activists, Babar Ali, Muhammad Mujahid, Shahid, Zeb, Ramzan and Mubashir, were presented.

Judge Zulqarnain, while removing their handcuffs in the courtroom, ordered their discharge from the case and directed the police not to obstruct the path of these accused or to re-arrest them.

Similarly, ATC judge Zulqarnain granted bail to eight minors arrested in the context of PTI protest. The guardians of the children were sent to jail for their release. The children were arrested in the context of PTI's November 24 protest. Among these children, two hail from Rawalpindi, three from Afghanistan, one from Bajaur, one from Mardan and one Kahuta.

However, the discharged people were re-arrested by the police. The lawyer of accused, Ansar Kiani, informed the court about the re-arrest of the discharged accused. Later, Judge Zulqarnain left the court.

On the other hand, the court of Judicial Magistrate Mureed Abbas ordered the judicial remand of 20 PTI workers arrested in the D-Chowk protest case after their physical remand was completed. The 20 workers were produced before the court after the completion of their



two-day physical remand by the police and the police requested an additional five-day physical remand.

The court rejected the request and sent all the 20 accused to jail on 14-day judicial remand. A case had been registered against the accused at the Tarnol Police Station.

Meanwhile, the civil, sessions and anti-terrorism courts in Rawalpindi and Islamabad have showed strong displeasure against the police which was arresting even innocent citizens under the guise of PTI protest rally on November 24 'only to complete numbers'. The courts were continuously discharging arrested people from cases but police were re-arresting them and creating an unrest among the public. The relatives of arrested people told The News that the November 24 incident has opened a new gate of corruption and the police were arresting innocent people who didn't have any concern with the protest rally. They claimed the police were demanding big 'bribes' to release innocent people from cases or they would face 7 ATA and other sections and will face jail. The police had rounded up more than 1,400 PTI supporters in Rawalpindi and Islamabad in a subsequent crackdown and registered over a dozen cases against them.

Meanwhile, the court of District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Azam Khan has fixed the PTI's application for preliminary arguments on the issue of alleged dead and missing workers in the D-Chowk protest and has also summoned petitioner Barrister Gohar Ali Khan on the next hearing. During the hearing, the petitioner's lawyers appeared in the court. The court fixed the case for preliminary discussion on December 23. Barrister Gohar had made Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Information Minister Atta Tarar, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, Islamabad IGP, DIG Operations, SSP Security and unknown persons as party in the petition. In addition to the list of "12 dead workers and 38 workers injured by bullets", the names of 139 missing workers had also been put in the petition.

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## *Chinese Newspapers*

**December 01, 2024**

### Xinhua News

#### **China-Pakistan border port in Xinjiang to operate year-round**

URUMQI, Dec. 1 (Xinhua) -- The Khunjerab Pass, a land port on the China-Pakistan border in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, will operate year-round starting Sunday, according to local sources.

Located approximately 5,000 meters above sea level, the Khunjerab Pass is a major trade station between China and Pakistan, and an important gateway to South Asia and Europe.

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Since the resumption of passenger customs clearance on April 1 this year, the Khunjerab Pass has recorded over 50,000 inbound and outbound passengers so far.

By the end of October, the number of inbound and outbound vehicles at the Khunjerab Pass exceeded 11,000, and the import and export cargo volume reached 40,900 tonnes, up 42.6 percent and 72.7 percent year on year respectively, according to the Khunjerab Customs.

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GLOBALink| Pakistani student eyes collaboration between China, Pakistan on hybrid rice

China and Pakistan have launched many collaborative programs focused on hybrid rice. A Pakistani student is studying rice planting technologies in China, aiming to play a role in strengthening future cooperation between the two nations.

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**December 02, 2024**

### People's Daily

#### **Maritime Silk Road lends fresh impetus to trade, cultural exchange**

HANGZHOU, Dec. 1 (Xinhua) -- At a well-equipped factory in Machakos County, Kenya, local workers are busy assembling smart meters on a streamlined production line. With an annual capacity of 400,000 units, the factory plays a key role in improving energy efficiency across the region.

Zhejiang Chint Instrument & Meter Co., Ltd., based in east China's Zhejiang, owns the factory. Fan Hongyan, regional head for southeast Africa, noted that 90 percent of the factory's workforce are local employees, and the company offers regular training for young people from nearby communities.

It aims to collaborate with more countries like Kenya to integrate green and low-carbon practices into all aspects of production, manufacturing, services and daily life, Fan said. His vision has been echoed at the ongoing 2024 Mayors Exchange Conference on Maritime Silk Road City Influence in Zhejiang's Wenzhou, where participants are focusing on strengthening win-win cooperation and fostering innovation among cities along the Maritime Silk Road. From smart ports and intelligent manufacturing to sustainable urban planning, these cities demonstrate how technology can transform governance and quality of life, said Saleem Mandviwalla, chairman of the Senate Finance and Budget Committee of Pakistan. He noted that China's latest initiative to train young Pakistani professionals in advanced technologies ensures that young people in Pakistan are equipped to lead the transformation. China has played a consistent role in fostering mutual benefits through similar initiatives. Data from the Ministry of Commerce shows that by the end of 2023, Chinese companies had established 17,000 overseas enterprises in countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative, with direct investment stock exceeding 330 billion U.S. dollars. Last year, direct investment from Chinese companies in these countries totaled 40.71 billion U.S. dollars, a 31.5 percent increase from the previous year. These mutual benefits are amplified by China's expanding visa-free entry list. "China's mutual visa exemption policy has accelerated personnel exchanges," said Pov Somnang, special assistant to the secretary-general of ASEAN. He highlighted the fruitful cooperation between China and ASEAN in areas such as tourism, media partnership, think-tank exchange, and international communication among civil organizations. "We view the Maritime Silk Road not just as a trade network but as a transformative force connecting distant civilizations, enriching humanity's shared cultural heritage, and laying the foundation for today's interconnected world," Hisham El-Zimaity, secretary general of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, said at the conference.

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**December 05, 2024**

**China Daily**

### **Xi-proposed initiatives applauded**

Mushahid Hussain Sayed, chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute, hailed the initiatives launched by President Xi Jinping, calling the Belt and Road Initiative as the "most important" diplomatic and developmental endeavor of the 21st century. He made the comments on the sidelines of the 2024 Understanding China Conference (Guangzhou).

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202412/05/WS675107d8a310f1265a1d1372.html>

### **'Understanding the Chinese Nation' seminar explores unity in diversity and shared development**

The international seminar "Understanding the Chinese Nation: Unity in Diversity for Common Development" was held on Dec 4 in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, as part of the 2024 Understanding China Conference.

Co-organized by China Ethnic Pictorial and the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, the event gathered around 20 domestic and international experts, scholars, and government officials to discuss key topics on civilization and development.

Participants engaged in in-depth discussions on "Unity in Diversity and Maintaining the Diversity of Human Civilization" and "Common Development and Building a New Model for Human Progress".

Yu Yunquan, vice-president of China International Communications Group (CICG) and president of the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, delivered the opening address. He highlighted that understanding China requires a deep appreciation of the Chinese nation's enduring history, unity in diversity, and inclusive civilization.

Yu called for greater efforts in advancing theoretical interpretations, promoting knowledge-sharing, and leveraging AI to enhance communication and foster mutual understanding between civilizations.

Yang Xinhua, editor-in-chief of China Ethnic Pictorial, chaired the seminar, emphasizing the dual identity of the Chinese nation as both an ancient civilization with a 5,000-year history and a vibrant, modern society.

Yang noted that the journey of China's modernization reflects peaceful development, fairness, and innovation, offering shared wisdom for humanity.

Distinguished participants included Zhou Shuchun, executive vice-chairman of the China Foundation for Human Rights Development; Chen Zhimin, vice-president of Fudan University; Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, former prime minister of Pakistan; and Martin Jacques, senior fellow at Tsinghua University.

The seminar also explored the historical evolution of the Chinese nation's pluralistic unity and its path to modernization, highlighting its significance in addressing global challenges and promoting international cooperation.

Participants agreed that China's success in fostering harmony and shared progress among its ethnic groups offers valuable lessons for global governance and sustainable development.

The seminar was part of the larger 2024 Understanding China Conference, held from Dec 2 to 4 under the theme "Carry Through the Reform to the End: Chinese Modernization and New Opportunities for World Development".

Since its launch in 2013, the conference has become one of the most influential platforms for understanding China's development strategies and fostering global dialogue.

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**December 06, 2024**

**China Daily**

### **China's initiatives promote stability in Asia-Pacific**

*Zulkafil Hassan Khan*

President Xi Jinping, in his speech in November at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Lima, Peru, chalked out a new holistic and comprehensive road map for greater inclusiveness and openness to promote economic and international cooperation, through an open and integrated Asia-Pacific.

Xi called for staying committed to multilateralism and an open economy, firmly upholding the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization at its core, and advancing regional economic integration.

Hopefully, a fair, free, transparent and equitable trading system will further enhance and expand the scope, utility and importance of regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific.

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In recent years, China has concluded in principle a Comprehensive Agreement on Investment with the European Union, and applied to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement, vividly reflecting its strong desire for further opening-up and cooperation.

From systemic reform to institutional openness, China is integrating its efforts to support high international economic and trade standards and actively participating in international economic and trade rule negotiations through the Belt and Road Initiative and the China International Import Expo.

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It is a good omen that China, with a view to contributing to high-quality development of the Asia-Pacific, has once again put forward initiatives for the digitalization of commerce and trading systems, such as the application of digital bill of lading, capacity-building on green supply chains, exchanges and dialogue on approaches to artificial intelligence and the digitalization of food supply chains.

Critical analysis reveals that in recent years, China has placed significant emphasis on sustainable economic and social development, actively implementing the concept of green development.

Over the past decade, China has made remarkable contributions to global green transformation through its continuous technological advancements, complete industrial supply chains and favorable market environment.

It is pertinent to mention that China's green energy development has become a driving force for global energy transition, countering global inflation pressures while also addressing climate change.

China has established a relatively complete supply chain for wind and solar power industries at home, while actively integrating into the global clean energy supply chain, continuously sharing high-quality clean energy products with the world.

China's expertise in innovation and photovoltaic technologies have set new world records in conversion efficiency, with mass-produced advanced crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells now achieving conversion efficiencies exceeding 25 percent, reducing carbon footprints in the Asia-Pacific.

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Initiatives proposed by Xi, including the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and shared prosperity, can be guarantors of peace, stability, harmony and multiculturalism in the Asia-Pacific.

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China's transparency and easy accessibility invite all stakeholders, policymakers, potential traders and investors to invest in China without fear. China's Global Cross-Border Data Flow Cooperation Initiative vividly reflects its strong commitment toward a fair, free and equitable economic world order, and a greater role in global governance and the development of the Global South and underdeveloped countries.

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**December 09, 2024**

**China Daily**

### **Xi's proposal facilitating exchanges**

China's diplomatic efforts nurture cultural understanding and peace

*ZHANG YUNBI*

When asked about President Xi Jinping's ambitious proposal made last year to invite a total of 50,000 young people from the United States over a period of five years to visit China on exchange and study programs, Eric Foster, nephew of legendary journalist Edgar Snow's wife, Helen Foster Snow, said he strongly supports more exchanges of this kind.

Foster, a US policy observer focused on China affairs, said that around 10 years ago, when he first came to China, the average American heard many bad things about the country because "the media in the West hardly gave any good news about China".

"So when I came here, I was just totally blown away how modern it was," he told China Daily. "If more Americans, more students can come here and see China themselves and (take part in) exchange programs, then they're gonna go back and say, 'Wow, it's so cool!'"

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the concept of major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics, and Foster is one of many policy observers who have been impressed by how the country has worked hard in advancing cultural exchanges and boosting mutual learning among cultures.

As a supporter of the Belt and Road Initiative, Foster believes exchanges make peace.

"China is setting an example for the whole world, because how can there be peace when two countries can't get along, trade, and talk to each other?"

In recent years, China has scaled up and diversified its efforts in facilitating people-to-people exchanges with developed as well as developing countries, and promoting the sharing of knowledge, technology and governing experiences, officials and observers said.

When addressing the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, in October, President Xi said, "Last year, I proposed an initiative for BRICS digital education cooperation, and I am delighted to see that it has become a reality."

At the summit, he announced that China will implement a capacity-building program for BRICS digital education.

"We will open 10 learning centers in BRICS countries in the next five years, and provide training opportunities for 1,000 local education administrators, teachers and students," he added.

Scholars from countries such as the United Kingdom and Pakistan noted that the Global Civilization Initiative, proposed by President Xi last year, marks a major philosophy focused on enshrining mutual respect among different cultures, values and political systems.

Asad Ullah Khan, a research fellow at the China-Pakistan Study Centre of the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, said the Global Civilization Initiative "is an important idea aimed at shaping the future for a better world".

"Some scholars in the West, particularly in the US, are critical of this initiative, since the concept uses principles of equality, peace, prosperity, dialogue and inclusiveness among different civilizations, in contrast to the Western notion of 'clash of civilizations'," he wrote in an article this year.

Khan, noting that "in Chinese tradition, people and cultures play a significant role", said that Beijing's advocacy of people-to-people exchanges aims to drive countries to explore global civilization dialogue and cooperation, expand cooperation avenues and promote "mutual understanding among nations for the progress and prosperity of human civilization".

Upholding the mutual understanding of civilizations, further practicing the principles of the Global Civilization Initiative, and strengthening the exchange of experience in governance also were part of the outcome and consensus at the fifth China-Central Asia Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Chengdu, Sichuan province, this month.



In the next three years, China will offer 1,500 training opportunities for people from the five Central Asian countries and increase the scholarship quota to 600, in order to cultivate more talent of various types urgently needed for the development of the countries, Foreign Minister Wang Yi told reporters.

Stephen Bainous Kargbo, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's representative to China, said, "From my perspective and from the industry's perspective, China will continue to be a beacon of hope and also an example of what industrialization can do in any nation."

"China has demonstrated that through clean, clear and consistent industrial policy, transformation can take place," Kargbo told China Daily.

"So my hope is that this model of development offers lessons for the rest of the world, particularly developing countries — not necessarily to copy, but to adapt to their own situations," Kargbo said.

Endorsing China's continued support for multilateralism and exchanges among nations, he added: "The future of the world rests on open, consistent dialogue between nations. Nobody has one formula that can solve all problems, but if we come together, discuss openly and fairly with mutual respect, the future is bright."

Wang Huiyao, founder and president of the think tank Center for China and Globalization in Beijing, said: "the major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics is now way richer at different levels, and the country's diplomacy does not rely solely on governmental efforts, but also on efforts in economic, cultural, subnational and think tank realms. I think this progress is noteworthy."

When reviewing China's diplomacy over the past 10 years, its wide-ranging cooperation with various regions and with Global South countries has stood out, spanning from neighboring regions such as Central Asia and Southeast Asia to Africa and Latin America, Wang noted.

"China is an important pillar supporting a multipolar world, and its major-country diplomacy should play an even greater role in the future," he added.

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**December 11, 2024**

**Peoples Daily**

### **Senior Chinese legislator meets Pakistani guests in Beijing**

BEIJING, Dec. 10 (Xinhua) -- Li Hongzhong, vice chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, met with a delegation of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) led by Maryam Nawaz Sharif, senior vice president of the league and chief minister of Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, in Beijing on Tuesday.

Li, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, said that under the strategic guidance of the leaders of the two countries, bilateral relations have achieved high-level development.

Li said that China is ready to work with Pakistan to implement the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, strengthen exchange between political parties and localities, and accelerate the construction of an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era.

Maryam congratulated China on its continuous progress toward the goals of modernization and national rejuvenation, and said that she will remain committed to deepening Pakistan-China relations.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1211/c90000-20252545.html>

**December 12, 2024**

**China Daily**

### **Film on injured female soccer star highlights goal of cooperation**

*Xu Fan*

Marked as the first coproduced film since China and Pakistan established diplomatic relations in 1951, *Ba Tie Girl* premiered in Beijing on Thursday, ahead of its domestic release on Monday.

The film follows Lu You, a former female soccer player, as she redirects her life path to work at a Chinese construction company after suffering a bone fracture that ends her sports career.

Amid depression, she encounters a hospitable teenager in Pakistan, developing a sister-like bond through their shared passion for playing soccer.

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**Film on injured female soccer star highlights goal of cooperation**

*Xu Fan*

Marked as the first coproduced film since China and Pakistan established diplomatic relations in 1951, *Ba Tie Girl* premiered in Beijing on Thursday, ahead of its domestic release on Monday.

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**Pakistan official highlights new energy, agri co-op with China**

*Qi Xijia*

Pakistan's eastern Punjab province is open for business and welcomes investment from Chinese companies, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, chief minister of Punjab province, told the *Global Times* in a group interview, following the Punjab Investment Conference held in Shanghai on Thursday.

She highlighted the potential of China-Pakistan cooperation across a wide range of sectors including new energy, agriculture and healthcare.

Over the past few days, Sharif, currently on an official visit to China, has been engaging with the business executives of some of the most innovative companies in sectors such as agriculture, healthcare, education, finance, automobiles, IT, artificial intelligence, e-commerce, semiconductors and robotics.

"I have come to China with an invitation that includes special incentives and possibilities for Chinese businessmen to invest in Punjab. We have already been overwhelmed by the response and are progressing discussions with some of these companies, even before the visit is over," Sharif said.

She noted that the Punjab Investment Conference is set to be a major milestone, showcasing the province's potential and announcing key collaborations across sectors.

"We have invited Chinese businessmen and Chinese businesses to explore opportunities in the province, focusing on a range of sectors. Punjab's strategic location, clear comparative advantage, skilled workforce and business-friendly policies, along with new policy reforms, make it an ideal place for global businesses to thrive and succeed," she said.

Punjab has emerged as an economic powerhouse, excelling in services manufacturing, and agriculture. Its geographical positioning and strategic connectivity make it a regional trade hub. Punjab has also been driving the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) through strategic energy initiatives, industrial development and improved regional connectivity, Mujahid Sherdil, Finance Secretary of Punjab said in his presentation when sharing the investment opportunity of Punjab at the investment conference.

Launched in 2013, the CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The project highlights energy, transport and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Sharif reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to promoting high-quality development under the new phase of CPEC with a particular focus on renewable energy projects to build a China-Pakistan green corridor.

"The government of Punjab is committed to fostering partnerships with China and formulating environmental policies, adopting clean technologies and executing green initiatives," she said. "Renewable energy remains a top priority for us. By working with Chinese partners, we are advancing our efforts to make clean energy more affordable and accessible," she added.

She also highlighted the potential of cooperation in terms of agriculture and healthcare.

"We have met with companies that are looking to invest in the modernization of our agriculture sector. This is a great example of how technology and investment can improve traditional industries and boost economic growth. In healthcare, the visit has led to possible partnerships that will bring advanced medical technologies to Pakistan," she said.

"Punjab is open for business and we welcome you to be our partner in the shared prosperity of our people," she added.

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## Xinhua News

### **CPEC empowers girls to pursue dreams through China-Pakistan school in Pakistan's Gwadar**

*Misbah Saba Malik*

GWADAR, Pakistan, Dec. 13 (Xinhua) -- Saiba Asghar Ali, an eighth-grade student at the China-Pakistan Government Middle School in Faqeer colony, Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, dreamed of becoming a doctor since childhood. Due to financial hindrances and lack of education opportunities for girls in her colony, it was a goal she feared might never be achievable.

"There was no proper school in the area where I live in Gwadar district, and many girls like me were out of school. If China did not support my education, I may not have gotten the opportunity to receive education," Saiba told Xinhua.

Coming from a family of eight siblings, Saiba's parents could not afford to send the girls to school. However, the construction of this school through Chinese donations in 2015 opened the door to education for Saiba and her sisters.

"There aren't many female doctors in our city," Saiba said.

"I'm working hard in school because I want to serve my community and make their lives better the way the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) changed my life and brought colors to my life," the 14-year-old said.

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The school, initially established to provide primary education, covers 1,600 square meters. In response to requests from parents and teachers, it expanded to include a middle school. Now, the institution boasts two teaching buildings and several additional facilities, all donated by China.

With a total enrollment exceeding 550 students, the school has become a preferred choice for parents who seek quality education for their children.

The facilities, including a state-of-the-art computer lab, modern furniture, and well-trained teachers, set it apart from other schools in the area.

In talks with Xinhua, Parveen Nawaz, the headmistress of the school, explained how transformative the school has been, saying that, before 2015, there were no schools in the area of a population of about 20,000 people, and children spent their days playing in the streets as many families in Faqeer colony were extremely poor, and the cost of sending their children to schools outside the area was unaffordable.



"After China's generous support, the education level in the area has significantly improved, and the lives of these children have changed dramatically," she said.

Parveen noted that CPEC has directly benefited the students and families of Gwadar through the school.

"CPEC has provided these children with opportunities that were once out of reach due to poverty. Now, their dreams have a real chance of becoming a reality," she said.

In addition, several teachers from the school were awarded scholarships to study in China, further enhancing the quality of education at the school.

Tahira Akhtar, an eighth-grade student and the general secretary of the student body of the school, shared her story.

After completing primary school three years ago, she feared that without the school expanding to include middle school, her education would come to an end.

"I was so relieved upon hearing the news that the school would be expanding to include a middle school. I could continue my studies," Tahira recalled.

"Thanks to China's timely support, my generation has experienced the real benefits of CPEC, and we are determined to do our part in strengthening the friendship between Pakistan and China," she added.

The school stands as a beacon of hope not only for Saiba and Tahira, but for all young girls of Faqeer colony, who now have the opportunity to pursue their dreams, as the school continues to expand and improve. It provides a lifeline for students eager to break free from the limitations of poverty and lack of educational resources.

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### **\$50m fund launched to support Pakistani startups**

*Wang Xin and Xia Miao*

During the Punjab Investment Conference held in Shanghai on Dec 12, Gobi Partners, a leading pan-Asian venture capital firm, officially announced the launch of the Techxila Fund II worth \$50 million, aiming to strengthen China-Pakistan economic cooperation.

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**Xinhua News**

**CPEC strengthens Pakistan-China ties by boosting economic growth, development**

*Misbah Saba Malik*

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 15 (Xinhua) -- The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has elevated Pakistan-China relations to a robust economic partnership, Pakistan's minister for planning, development, and special initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said on Friday.

When CPEC was launched in 2013, Pakistan was grappling with an unprecedented power shortage, experiencing up to 18 hours of load shedding and a deteriorating law-and-order situation. Despite these challenges, China made significant investments in Pakistan, signaling to the world its belief in the country's potential, Iqbal said while addressing a ceremony to honor the Outstanding Pakistani staff of CPEC at the Chinese embassy here.

"The people of Pakistan will never forget that trust and confidence that the leadership of China had on Pakistan during those testing times," he added. "The most important is the trust that China showed in Pakistan at a time when even the local investors were hesitant to invest."

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The minister said that the true impact of CPEC extends beyond the construction of roads and power plants, as it has provided Pakistani youth with invaluable opportunities to work alongside their Chinese counterparts.

"This collaboration has not only allowed us to learn from China's remarkable success, but has significantly enhanced our capacity to undertake and execute major projects within the country," he added.

Highlighting their crucial role in the success of CPEC, Iqbal praised the employees for their relentless efforts, acknowledged their contributions across key sectors, including infrastructure development, energy projects, logistics, and technology, which have collectively shaped Pakistan's progress and future.

Commending the hard work and dedication of Chinese employees, Iqbal emphasized that their contributions have significantly strengthened Pakistan's economy, generated employment opportunities, and enhanced the quality of life for millions.

On occasion, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong and Deputy Director General of the Department of International Cooperation at China's National Development and Reform

Commission Chen Shuai expressed their congratulations to the awarded staff respectively and paid high tribute to all the constructors of the two countries.

Highlighting the fruitful results of CPEC, the Chinese officials said that China would earnestly implement the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, build an upgraded version of CPEC, and create a new situation of pragmatic cooperation.

A total of 43 exceptional Pakistani staff members from various CPEC projects were honored for their outstanding contributions. They expressed heartfelt gratitude to the embassy for recognizing their efforts and pledged to continue working with even greater dedication to strengthening the friendship between China and Pakistan further.

Ali Umair began this journey as a trainee engineer at the Matiari-Lahore HVDC transmission project with no professional experience. However, over time, the 26-year-old had the opportunity to learn extensively about the field of high-voltage direct current (HVDC).

"One of the defining moments of my career was traveling to China last year, which proved to be an invaluable learning experience. This trip not only gave me the chance to witness China's remarkable advancements in energy and infrastructure, but also provided me with the opportunity to interact with some of the brightest minds in HVDC technology," Umair told Xinhua.

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