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چین میں تعطیلات کا سپر گولڈن ویک

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چین میں حال ہی میں اہتمام پذیر ہونے والا 2025 کا سپر گولڈن ویک ثقافت، معیشت اور ترقی کا حسین اجراج رہا ہے۔ سال 2025 کے سپر گولڈن ویک کے دوران قومی دن اور لہ آرم فیٹیو کی تعطیلات کو یکجا کیا گیا جس نے چین کی تحریک کیمپ اور پائیدار اقتصادی رفتار کو بھرپور انداز میں اظہار کیا اور یہ ملک کی اہل میپاری ترقی کی جانب واضح پیش رفت کا مظہر ہے۔ اہلی تعطیلات کے دوران، چین بھر میں ثقافتی فروغ اور اقتصادی نمو کے درمیان ہم آہنگ تعلق ایک مرتبہ بھرا بھر کر سامنے آیا۔ شگنائی میں، تاریخی سکسز ہاس کی عمارت میں ایک جدید ایس آر تجربہ حصارف کرایا گیا ہے، جو سیاحوں کو علاقے کے ماضی، حال اور مستقبل کا درجہ پیش مشاہدہ فراہم کرتا ہے۔ بیجنگ میں، شوگا ٹک پارک نے ورلڈ ٹیبل ٹینس چائنا اسپاٹس کی میزبانی کی، جس کے لیے 88000 سے زائد ٹکٹ فروخت ہوئے۔ یہ صنعتی روٹے اور جدید کمپلیوں کی ثقافت کا حسین اجراج تھا۔ صوبہ جیانگ سو کے دارالحکومت نانجنگ کے پہاڑوں کے بے دریغ گاہ شیا ٹک ٹک نے خود کو ایک پرسکون تفریحی مقام میں بدل لیا ہے۔ اس کے دیگی طرز کے کالج، کینے اور

یہ سائنس تعطیلات کے دوران شہر کی زندگی سے جھکے ہوئے سیاحوں کے لیے سکون اور سادگی کا مرکز بنے رہے۔ ثقافتی پیمانہ قائم کرنے کے بعد، مقامی مصنوعات جیسے گارڈینیا پھول اب پھٹی قیمت پر فروخت ہو رہی ہیں، جب کہ چینی ایشیا کی سالانہ فروخت تقریباً 50 لاکھ یوان تقریباً 7 لاکھ 3 ہزار امریکی ڈالر (تک بچے ہیں، جو اس چھوٹی سی کیوبی کے لیے غیر معمولی پیش رفت ہے۔ آن لائن ٹریول تنظیم فلیکی کے مطابق، رواں تعطیلاتی موسم میں دیگی ہوم اسپتیز گریڈ 40 طرز کی رہائش کی رفتار میں سال بہ سال 40 فیصد سے زائد اضافہ ہوا، جو ذاتی اور تجرباتی طرز سٹری بیسی ہوئی ترقی کی عکاسی کرتا ہے۔ چائنا ٹورازم اکیڈمی کے مطابق ثقافتی سیاحت محض تفریح سے ایک طرز زندگی کے تجربے میں تبدیل ہو رہی ہے اور یہی تبدیلی پوری صنعت کی ساخت کو ازسر نو تشکیل دے رہی ہے۔ یہ تعطیلات چین میں صارفین کی جدید ترجیحات اور معیشت کی ترقی کا پیمانہ بھی

69 ارب یوان مالیت کے انتہائی طویل مدتی خصوصی ٹریڈری ہاؤز کا چوتھا مرحلہ جاری کیا، جو صارفین کے لیے پرانے سامان کے بدلے نئے سامان کی اسکیم کے لیے مخصوص تھا۔ مقامی حکومتوں نے بھی صارفین کے واچرز جاری کیے اور گریڈ پر مبنی سیاحت جیسے پروگرام حصارف کرائے تاکہ کیمپت کو جدید آسان بنایا جاسکے۔ چینیلوں کے دوران بھی ملک بھر میں بڑے انٹراسٹریٹکٹرز منصوبے اور جدید میٹروپولیٹن مراکز پوری رفتار سے کام کرتے رہے، جو چین کی مضبوط معاشی رفتار کو واضح کرتے ہیں۔ صوبہ شانڈونگ کے شہر جی نان میں 26000 سے زائد مزدور بیک وقت آٹھ میٹر اونٹوں پر کام کرتے نظر آئے۔ گوانگ دوگ۔ ہانگ کاگ۔ مکا گریڈے اہل ہا سے لے کر صوبے کے دیگر حصوں کے تارے واضح توانائی کے مراکز تک، ہزاروں کارکنان چینیلوں کے دوران بھی قومی منصوبوں پر کام میں مصروف رہے۔ تعطیلات کے اہتمام پر، چین میں ثقافتی سرگرمیوں کی توانائی اور مقامی حرکیات کے اجراج نے، ملک بھر کے کارکنان کی محنت و استقامت کے ساتھ، ایک واضح منظر پیش کیا۔ ایک ایسے ترقی پذیر، پر امید اور با اعتماد چین کا، جو مستقل اہلی میپاری ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن ہے۔

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Pakistan strengthens provincial-level cooperation with China

The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI) has outlined an ambitious roadmap to accelerate the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase II, with a focus on high-tech industrialization, enhanced provincial-level cooperation, and modernization of governance and economic systems to support sustainable growth.

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Federal Minister for PD&SI Prof. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, while unveiling the report, said, “The bidding process for the Thakot-Raikot Motorway will commence within two months.”

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He highlighted that the next phase of CPEC would not only upgrade physical infrastructure but also integrate emerging technologies, industrial modernization, and regional connectivity.

Prof. Iqbal underscored the growing role of provincial-level cooperation under CPEC, noting that expanded engagement with Chinese provincial leaders would further boost development opportunities across Pakistan.

“Under CPEC Phase II, Pakistan will enter a new stage of high-tech industrialization and human resource development,” he said, adding that the partnership aims to transform Pakistan into a competitive knowledge-based economy.

The report also emphasized that structural reforms and modernization of governance systems are essential to convert macroeconomic stability into sustained and inclusive growth.

It called for reducing bureaucratic hurdles, fostering a pro-business environment, and prioritizing human capital development, wherein youth and women are the key drivers of national progress.

Prof Iqbal declared 2026 as the “Year of Reform and Modernization,” signaling the government’s determination to align governance structures with the demands of the 21st century while deepening strategic cooperation with China through CPEC Phase II.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1386527/pakistan-strengthens-provincial-level-cooperation-with-china-report>

The Nation

Pakistan strengthening provincial-level coop with China

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ایک وسیع تر کردار اور کرتا ہے۔ یہ وسطی ایشیا کو سمندر تک رسائی فراہم کرتا ہے، بیجنگ کے ساتھ قریبی اقتصادی اور علاقائی تعلقات برقرار رکھتا ہے، اور ترکی اور جنوب مشرقی ایشیا کے ساتھ شراکت داری کو فروغ دیتا ہے۔ ستمبر 2025 میں پاکستان نے سعودی عرب کے ساتھ ایک اہم اسٹریٹجک دفاعی معاہدے پر دستخط کیے۔ معاہدے کے مطابق، اگر کسی ملک پر حملہ کیا گیا تو اسے دونوں ممالک کے لیے خطرہ تصور کیا جائے گا، جس سے پاکستان ایک اہم سیکورٹی پارٹنر بن جاتا ہے۔ پاکستان نے یہ بھی اعلان کیا کہ اس کی جوہری صلاحیتیں علاقائی سلامتی کو برقرار رکھنے میں مددگار ثابت ہو سکتی ہیں۔ یہ تازہ ترین اقدام مشرق وسطیٰ میں پاکستان کے کردار کو مضبوط بنانے کی کوششوں کا ایک حصہ ہے۔ یہ شراکت داری کی یہ خاطر کرتی ہے کہ پاکستان نہ صرف بڑی طاقتوں کی سیاست میں اہم ہے بلکہ جنوبی، وسطی اور مشرقی ایشیا کو ملانے والی کڑی کے طور پر بھی اہم ہے۔ ان دونوں پاکستان امریکہ، چین، روس، ممالک اور ہمسایہ ممالک کے ساتھ اپنے تعلقات کو متوازن رکھنے کی کوشش کر رہا ہے۔ اس ملک کو ملے سے ملے اپنے سفارت کے تحفظ، سرمایہ کاری کو فروغ دینے اور تجارت کو بڑھانے میں مدد ملتی ہے۔ اس ضمن میں چینی ڈگریٹس ریفٹ ہونے سے چین جنوبی ایشیا میں باقی ہیں، خاص طور پر بلوچستان اور خیبر پختونخوا میں۔ پاکستان کو ان داخلی مسائل کو اسی اعتبار سے بات چیت کے ساتھ حل کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ مختلف طاقتوں کے درمیان ملے کا کام کر کے یہ علاقائی استحکام کی حمایت کر سکتا ہے لیکن اس توازن کو برقرار رکھنے کے لیے مستحکم منصوبہ بندی اور علاقائی سلامتی کارڈ کی ضرورت ہوگی۔



پاکستان جنوبی ایشیا، مشرق وسطیٰ اور وسطی ایشیا کے چھوٹے پر واضح ہے جس نے اسے بیجنگ علاقائی اور عالمی معاملات میں اہمیت دی ہے۔ معیشت اور سلامتی کے بارے میں ان کے فیصلے نہ صرف خود کو بلکہ اس کے پڑوسیوں کو بھی متاثر کرتے ہیں۔ آج پاکستان امریکہ کے ساتھ تجارت بڑھا رہا ہے جبکہ ایک 2.0 ذریعے چین کے ساتھ اپنی شراکت داری کو بھی مضبوط بنا رہا ہے۔ اس سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ پاکستان ایک ایسا ملک ہے جسے نظر انداز نہیں کیا جا سکتا۔ پاکستان اپنے عملی طور پر شراکت داری اور بدلے ہوئے اقداموں کو استعمال کرتے ہوئے بڑی طاقتوں کے درمیان سلامتی کو اختیار سے متوازن کر رہا ہے۔ اپنی جدید تاریخ کے بیشتر حصے میں پاکستان کے امریکہ کے ساتھ قریبی تعلقات رہے ہیں، خاص طور پر سیکورٹی کے معاملات میں۔ پاکستان نے 1980 کی دہائی میں افغانستان پر سوویت حملے اور بعد میں دہشت گردی کے خلاف عالمی جنگ میں فرنٹ لائن کردار ادا کیا۔ اس کی بھاری قیمت ادا کی گئی: چھاس ہزار سے زیادہ شہری اور ہزاروں سیکورٹی اہلکار اپنی جانوں سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے اور معیشت کو 120 بلین ڈالر سے زیادہ نقصان اٹھانا پڑا۔ 2002 اور 2013 کے درمیان، تقریباً 26 بلین ڈالر کی امریکی امداد نے مدد کی، لیکن کشمیر کی برقرار رہی۔ 2011 کے ایوب آباد چھاپے جیسے واقعات نے عدم استحکام میں اضافہ کیا، پھر بھی دونوں ممالک مشترکہ سیکورٹی سفارشات کی وجہ سے مل کر کام کرتے رہے۔ تاہم چین کے ساتھ پاکستان کے تعلقات مستحکم ہیں۔ سیاسی اور دفاعی دہائی کے ساتھ چین پاکستان کو اسٹریٹجک

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Pakistan to drive cross-border cooperation and transport linkages: Ishaq Dar

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Thursday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to becoming a regional hub for connectivity, saying the country is ready to coordinate transport initiatives, enhance cross-border facilitation, mobilize joint investments, and strengthen regional value chains.

Addressing the Regional Transport Ministers' Conference in Islamabad, Dar said Pakistan is transforming its geographical advantage into an economic opportunity by building pathways for inclusive growth and regional cooperation.

The conference, hosted by the Ministry of Communications under the theme "Regional Connectivity: Opportunities for the Region," brought together transport ministers from Saudi

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Arabia, Turkiye, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Belarus, Turkmenistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, along with delegates from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), International Road Transport Union (IRU), and the United Nations ESCAP.

The high-level gathering, which includes policymakers and development partners from 27 countries, aims to strengthen regional connectivity and sustainable transport cooperation.

Highlighting the significance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Dar described it as a “catalyst for energy infrastructure development, transport connectivity, and trade enhancement” across South and Central Asia. He said CPEC not only benefits Pakistan and China but also contributes to the prosperity of the entire region.

“Pakistan’s high-speed motorways and national highways form the backbone of regional and domestic connectivity, linking key border crossings to the ports of Karachi and Gwadar,” he said. Dar added that integrated border and maritime systems are enabling faster transit, reducing costs, and solidifying Pakistan’s role as a vital trade and transit corridor.

He cited the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan Railway Framework Agreement and the Istanbul-Tehran-Islamabad Road and Rail Corridor as landmark projects holding great promise for regional and global trade.

The deputy prime minister also reiterated Pakistan’s commitment to regional energy cooperation projects such as CASA-1000 and Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-500, which aim to strengthen energy security and link regional markets.

Dar highlighted Pakistan’s e-visa facilities for citizens of 126 countries, particularly from Gulf and Central Asian states, to promote mobility and tourism. He also underlined the importance of improving banking access, facilitating cross-border movement, and integrating road, rail, and sea routes for trade efficiency.

“Physical and digital connectivity is essential to advance together,” he said, noting that Pakistan is prioritizing digital trade platforms and e-port integration to create seamless, paperless, and transparent trade flows.

He described these initiatives as building blocks for regional integration, drivers of economic transformation, and enablers of peace and stability.

Inviting all partners to deepen engagement and forge durable partnerships, Dar concluded,

“Together, we can transform these corridors into engines of growth. Connectivity is about building trust, opportunity, and a shared destiny.”

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PCI, BRIGC join hands to promote Pak-China coop on climate change

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) and BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on facilitating and promoting China-Pakistan cooperation on Environment and Climate Change, to support the green and low-carbon development of the BRI.

Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), has become the first Pakistani institution to sign an MoU on Green Development with China, said a press statement issued here Thursday.

The MoU was signed in Beijing between the PCI and the Belt & Road Initiative Green Development Coalition (BRIGDC).

This is the first ever MoU on Green Development that BRIGC has signed with any Pakistani institution, it said.

From the Pakistan side, the MoU was signed by Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) and from the Chinese side, it was signed by Chen Gang, the Secretary General of BRIGC. The MoU signing was witnessed by Dr Shezra Mansab Ali Kharal, Minister of State for Climate Change of Pakistan and Zhao Yingmin, Former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China. As per the agreement, both parties will work together in close coordination in promoting green and low-carbon cooperation between China and Pakistan through the Belt and Road Initiative, especially through the BRI International Green Development Coalition.

This includes but not limited to conducting joint research on the deepening of China and Pakistan cooperation on green and low carbon development in the context of green BRI cooperation, co-organizing consultation workshops and joint research report launch events with key stakeholders and experts, supporting and participating in each other's key studies or activities upon invitation, and developing high-level policy recommendations on supporting the green and low-carbon energy development, low-carbon transportation, and other strategic issues deemed necessary in Pakistan and other BRI partner countries.

Speaking to the media, Mustafa Sayed termed the timing of the signing of the MoU as 'significant as it comes on the eve of the big CoP-30 conference in Brazil next month and the MoU is also recognition of the key role being played by the Pakistan-China Institute to promote Green Development in Pakistan, particularly CPEC'. He added that 'since CPEC is flagship of BRI, this initiative will be a big plus for Green Development of CPEC, especially now in its second phase'.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/24-Oct-2025/pci-brigc-join-hands-promote-pak-china-coop-climate-change>

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China's path ahead: 4th CPC plenary communique

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THE most recently released communiqué of the fourth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) reflected people's friendly governance, economic & industrial insight, sound planning, scientific mechanism and gross-rooted orientation of it covering all aspects of progress, prosperity and peaceful resolution of all matters. The regional markets and global experts equally satisfied with the CPC's positive assessment of China's major development achievements during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), establishing six guiding principles for economic and social development during the 15th Five-Year Plan period, set major objectives and made 12 major deployments providing a holistic and comprehensive documents and future road map for the country's macro-economy, industrial advancement, green transformation, social development and R & D etc. Interestingly its 5000-character highlighting clearer blueprint for China's development over the next five years and beyond. Hopefully, China will stay on its established course toward a brighter future by maintaining strategic resolve and enhancing national confidence of success and focusing on managing domestic affairs. The communiqué also maintains harmony and unity among the different organs of the state and its relationship towards common people stressing both working jointly to fulfill the 15th Five-Year Plan. Following its announcement, the communiqué became a major topic across regional and international media, underscoring policy continuity, stability and people-centric governance. It conveys a strong message of economic stability, sustainability and social vibrancy, reflecting China's remarkable progress in diverse sectors including economy, education, health, women empowerment, job creation and poverty eradication. By outlining key policies and programs for the upcoming 15th Five-Year Plan, it demonstrates China's development logic and forward-looking trajectory, promoting socialist modernization that strengthens global economic cooperation, industrial collaboration and supply chain stability. Open, transparent and modernized, China continues advancing green transformation and attracting foreign investment with confidence and consistency.

The communiqué embodies the aspirations of over 1.4 billion Chinese people for a better life, reflecting a people-centered philosophy that guides both domestic progress and China's vision of a shared future for humanity. It highlights China's economic credibility, consistent reforms and strong governance, reinforcing mutual trust between the CPC, government and people. As the world's second-largest economy, China continues to project positivity, productivity and investment potential. The communiqué also emphasizes strengthening agriculture, promoting rural prosperity and advancing people-centered urbanization, all aimed at improving public well-being and achieving common prosperity through the new Five-Year Plan. Evidently, Chinese development philosophy ensures that the socio-economic dividends are shared by the vast majority of the people, effectively avoiding issues such as wealth polarization and social fragmentation commonly seen in the so-called Western developed

societies. Interestingly, communiqué also drastically distinguishes development philosophies of China and the West. It has become a game for capital and narrow interest groups, however, China still remains committed to advancing the fundamental interests of the overwhelming majority of its people showing its people's friendly governance which is gross-rooted and consultative in nature. Hence it has become an icon of social stability and harmony sparking togetherness, tremendous strength and unity to strive forward.

Precisely it is pro-development, dialogue, diplomacy working restlessly for stable growth, stable policies and stable expectations. It upholds the message of certainty, credibility, predictability, prosperity disoding elements of inconsistency, unpredictability and whims wishes for unilateralism gearing towards economic protectionism casting a shadow over world peace and development. Tremendously, China's development follows a clear direction with strong determination, further advocating the world with "China confidence." It also reflects the top-level design for developing new quality productive forces and formation of new driving forces based on local conditions based on the solid advancement of common prosperity through high-quality development, or the systematic plan to accelerate the formation of a new development pattern. Noticeably, the communiqué reflects the plenary session's far-sighted vision of global trends and its pragmatic, problem-oriented approach. It is both highly targeted and practical, a plan that embodies the spirit of the times while staying closely connected to reality. In summary, communiqué of the fourth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) shows salient features of the Chinese modernization, socialist economic characteristics and formation of new driving force through strategic planning, economic coordination and people's participation (3.2 million suggestions) reflecting gross-rooted people's democracy of China and the party. Hence it is clear-headed, confident and open to the world. It emphasizes promoting high-standard opening-up and creating new horizons for mutually beneficial cooperation and explicitly reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding the multilateral trading system. It is the master piece of China's continuity of structural reforms and policies carrying greater significance than ever amid the resurgence of protectionist tendencies internationally. Thus it is anti-protectionism, decoupling, delinking and discarding false and fake overcapacity notions of the West. It has universal appeal and attraction good for further strengthening of economic globalization and international cooperation through global shared prosperity for all. The guiding principles are based on immense socio-economic prosperity, balanced development focusing on innovation, diversification, modernization, qualitative industrialization and high development for the 15th Five Year Plan. Last but not least, it is indeed custodian and guarantor of a qualitative life in which targets of the 15th Five Year Plan would be essential. It shows China's unmatched resilience and endurance in development; robust institutional framework and strong implementation capacity delivers promises with unshakable credibility. It is a giant step towards further strengthening of building a community with a shared future for humanity will make ever greater contributions to world peace and development.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinas-path-ahead-4th-cpc-plenary-communiqué>

The Express Tribune

Shehbaz pushes connectivity as catalyst for regional growth

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday highlighted the significance of the CPEC and transnational rail and road projects, saying that the connectivity initiatives would synergise the economic strengths of regional countries and usher in a new era of enhanced trade, economic and energy cooperation in the region and beyond.

The prime minister, addressing the concluding session of the two-day Regional Transport Ministers Conference held here, said that the cooperation in the trade and economic spheres was a win-win proposition, offering rich dividends to all.

"This would strengthen our common stake in peace, and reinforce efforts for development in the region. Let us together sow the seeds of cooperation so that we may harvest the fruits of development and prosperity for our people, our region and beyond," he said.

Hosted by the Ministry of Communications, with a theme "Regional Connectivity: Opportunities for the Region," the conference was attended by transport ministers and delegates from 20 countries as well as international organisations like Asian Development Bank, Economic Cooperation Organization, International Road Transport Union, and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The prime minister told the gathering that for centuries, the present-day Pakistan had thrived on connectivity, as from the ancient Silk Road to today's Belt and Road Initiative, the region had always been a conduit of connectivity and opportunity.

"Today, shifting geopolitical dynamics and the growing dominance of economic priorities have breathed new life into this ancient corridor, transforming it from a relic of the past into a strategic necessity for our future."

He highlighted that Pakistan's geography linked the warm waters of the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf as the country was located at the confluence of China, the Eurasian land-bridge and the Middle East, calling it a unique tri-junction of economic corridors connecting China, Central Asia and the broader Middle East.

He said that Pakistan's long coastline also made its ports of Gwadar and Karachi key transit points on the maritime Silk Road.

Shehbaz Sharif lauded the vision and foresight of his brother and former Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who also signed China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which had been a transformative experience for the region, connecting markets and people across China, Central Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East, besides opening new routes for trade and energy cooperation.

He told the international gathering that after the success of its first phase, Pakistan was now entering an "exciting" phase of CPEC-2.0 centered on fostering business to business partnerships, strengthening investment opportunities for Chinese companies in Pakistan, and advancing our mutual prosperity.

Besides, he said the country was working on a number of rail connectivity projects, like the Trans Afghan Railways and the Islamabad Tehran Istanbul connectivity, as well as enhanced air links to Central Asian Republics, along with frameworks such as the TIR Convention.

Calling connectivity not just limited to roads, railways and air links but also about data, innovation, and technological integration, Shehbaz Sharif said that Pakistan was investing in digital infrastructure to catch up with the fourth industrial revolution.

As 60% of Pakistan's population was between 15 and 30 years old presenting both a challenge and a great opportunity, he said, "We may not have black gold, but our youth are our greatest asset, poised to become the harbinger of Pakistan's rapid progress and prosperity in the times to come."

Later, the prime minister also visited the exhibition and took a round of different stalls set up by different organisations including National Logistics Corporation, National Highway Authority and Pakistan Railway.

He also interacted with representatives of different Pakistani companies there.

Earlier, in his concluding remarks, Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan said that the participants reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening connectivity as a pathway to shared opportunity and prosperity in the region.

They also reiterated the resolve to pursue a vision of regional cooperation to strengthen economies.

The minister said that the conference recognized the urgent need to create linkages, promote innovative financing, and foster partnerships with international financial institutions.

Moreover, he said the participants also highlighted the importance of liberal visa schemes and the need for road safety measures for vulnerable users.

He expressed the hope that the discussions would serve as a foundation for practical cooperation in the months ahead and that the Government of Pakistan stood ready to facilitate dialogue, joint ventures, and initiatives to pursue the common agenda.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2574123/shehbaz-pushes-connectivity-as-catalyst-for-regional-growth>

China's emerging prominence in high-grade education

Shahid Javed Burki

Writing about China's rapid advancement in training its youth in high-grade science and technology takes me back to 1976, when I was appointed to lead the World Bank's rapidly developing programme. The Bank's involvement covered both policy reform and financing of projects, the Chinese considered vital for the development of their economy. The dam on the mighty Yangtze River at a place called 'three gorges' would double the production of electric power in the country. I was appointed the chairman of the three-member committee that was to examine and approve the feasibility report of this immensely large hydel project.

The World Bank then placed significant emphasis on ensuring that people displaced by large projects were properly resettled. The three gorges project was to displace 1.1 million people, but the Chinese had not provided for them to be settled. On the World Bank's advice, I refused to approve the feasibility report until proper resettlement measures were ensured.

The Chinese said that they lacked people who could design such a programme and asked the World Bank for help in providing needed expertise. The Bank sent in its experts, and the programme they designed created space for them in the country's western provinces, particularly the Autonomous Region of Xinjiang bordering Pakistan. The region needed sea access, which Pakistan offered via the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Since that time, roughly half a century ago, China has invested heavily in developing facilities to train people in advanced science and technology. While I have discussed CPEC progress elsewhere, today I will write about the place China now occupies in training not only its own people but those from friendly nations. Pakistan is one of the beneficiaries; hundreds of its students now attend institutions that offer high-level expertise across various fields of science and technology.

According to Bethany Allen and Wong Leung of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, China, today, is surpassing the United States in science and technology research. According to data from the institute, US universities lag behind their Chinese counterparts in cutting-edge research across dozens of emerging technologies. Researchers analysed millions of papers listed in the Web of Science to rank global universities in 64 key technological fields. Their findings were striking.

China secured the top spot globally in 57 of the investigated fields. In most disciplines, Chinese institutions not only ranked highly but dominated the top ten slots. By these measures, the world's best school on aggregate performance across all technologies is Tsinghua University in Beijing, which ranks among the global top ten in 29 of the 64 domains. In three of them — artificial intelligence algorithms and hardware accelerators, adversarial AI, and autonomous systems operations — Tsinghua tops. America's best performer, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (better known as MIT) makes to the top ten in just ten areas of research and ranks first in just two of them.

To quote again from Allen and Leung, "we found that nine of the top 10 best overall performers are Chinese universities. That's not even factoring in non-university institutions like the state-run Chinese Academy of Sciences, which if included, would be the world's top performer, placing first in 28 of the 64 disciplines. Data based on published scientific papers can't tell the whole story, of course.

Chinese universities still don't provide the well-rounded education in a range of disciplines that keeps US universities like Harvard, Yale and Columbia high on most global ranking. But high-tech research performance often leads to industrial dominance. Chinese institutions hold the highest spots in our rankings in technologies that underpin industries either already dominated by China — including drones, solar panels and electric vehicles — or where the country is making rapid progress, including nuclear energy technology and robotics."

If President Donald Trump aims to compete with China in science and technology, he would have to use state power to aid institutions that develop human capital. Instead, he has taken steps that undermine his goal of surpassing China in science and technology. His style of governance won't help that goal, as the quotes above, using the data collected and analysed by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, suggest China is making spectacular progress.

As part of his campaign to reduce the size of the American government alongside mounting deficits, Trump has developed programmes that would hurt the country's premier science and technology institutes. Harvard University is one of the several institutions that have seen their federal grants severely cut back, reduced as part of the Trump government's reform programmes.

To face the Chinese challenge, the Trump administration is also making it difficult for Chinese students to enrol in major American universities such as Harvard, Yale and Columbia. It has announced heavy fees for granting foreign students to enrol in institutions of higher learning. But keeping Chinese students at home won't reduce the reach of China into higher technical fields.

On October 16, Harvard announced that it ended its fiscal year with a \$113 million deficit. The shortfall would have been worse if not for the outpouring of private donor support. They gave the university more than \$600 million in the 2023-2022 academic year — a record for the nearly 400-year-old university — as its leaders refused to comply with sweeping federal demands and institutional changes. The deficit is small in the context of the university's operating base.

What are the implications of this competition for Pakistan? I myself went to Harvard University to study Economics and Public Finance, with the expenses covered by Ford Foundation. My Harvard education laid the foundations for my subsequent career at the World Bank. The current generation, however, should focus on getting to China and working in the disciplines that are vital for Pakistan to make economic, financial and technical progress.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2574341/chinas-emerging-prominence-in-high-grade-education>

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The Nation

China tops Pakistan's FDI chart in Q1

ISLAMABAD/ BEIJING - China emerged as the leading source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Pakistan during the first quarter of fiscal year 2026, with net inflows of \$188.6 million, accounting for 33.15% of the country's total net FDI of \$568.8 million, Gwadar Pro reported quoting the latest data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of China followed with an additional \$96 million, consolidating the overall Chinese footprint as the dominant foreign investor group during the July–September period.

Other major contributors included Switzerland (\$55.2 million), the United Kingdom (\$53.9 million), the UAE (\$50.1 million), and Canada (\$38.2 million). In September 2025, China once again led the monthly inflows with \$68.2 million, followed by Hong Kong (\$35.9 million) and the United Kingdom (\$30 million). Total net FDI for the month stood at \$185.6 million.

Sector-wise data highlights that electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply attracted the highest net FDI at \$255.2 million during Q1 FY2026, nearly half of Pakistan's total FDI inflows in the quarter.

This is a traditional focus of Chinese investors under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), with several energy projects either operational or under construction.

The manufacturing sector followed with net FDI of \$84.5 million, while construction received \$39 million. Wholesale and retail trade drew \$11.5 million, and agriculture registered \$1.15 million in net inflows.

The mining sector posted net outflows of \$18.1 million, while information and communication recorded a negative balance of \$17.4 million.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's sesame seed exports to China crossed \$68.56 million in the first three quarters of 2025, according to the latest data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC).

During the same period last year, Pakistan's sesame exports totaled \$36.59 million, representing a remarkable year-on-year increase of over 87%. From January to September 2025, Pakistan exported 55.61 million kilograms of sesame seeds to China at an average price of \$1.23 per kilogram. In the same period last year, the figure was 23.95 million kilograms with an average price of \$1.52 per kilogram.

Globally, China's sesame seed imports have continued to grow steadily, driven by rising demand for edible oils and traditional food processing. GACC data further showed that Niger remained China's leading sesame supplier with exports worth \$543.02 million, followed by Togo (\$189.10 million) and Tanzania (\$161.68 million) in the first nine months of 2025. Other key suppliers included Ethiopia (\$144.03 million), Mozambique (\$121.18 million), and Myanmar (\$88.56 million), CEN reported.

Pakistani exporters believe that the country's strong export performance highlights its improving agricultural production and growing competitiveness in the Chinese market. They added that, in recent years, Chinese enterprises have strengthened cooperation with Pakistani traders to enhance value addition and post-harvest processing, significantly improving export quality and consistency.

"In September 2024, we successfully organized the 'Sesame Trade and Investment Opportunities in China' event. A 23-member Pakistani delegation secured deals for 15,000 metric tons and signed a \$28 million MoU with Daming government-backed enterprises," said Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to China. He added that 177 Pakistani sesame companies are now registered in China. Experts noted that sesame seeds are increasingly being used in China's food, oil, and health product industries, driving import demand.

Pakistan's sesame seed quality, favorable climatic conditions, and expanding export capacity offer a promising outlook for further trade growth between the two countries. Analysts stated that the recent floods in Pakistan have impacted exports; however, they anticipate that the country's sesame seed shipments will continue their upward trajectory in the coming years.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/26-Oct-2025/china-tops-pakistan-s-fdi-chart-q1>

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Business Recorder

Jan to Aug 2025: fish meal exports to China jump 17pc YoY

LAHORE: Pakistan's exports of flours and meals of fish, used in animal feeding have shown a notable increase of 17 percent in the first eight months of 2025.

According to the recent trade data of the trade, from January to August this year, Pakistan exported goods worth USD 25.19 million in this category to China, compared to USD 21.56 million during the same period in 2024.

Pakistan exported 23,012.01 tons of flours meals of fish, used in animal feeding in the first eight months of 2025 while in the same period of 2024, it was 18,63.415 tons.

This year's average price was one dollar per kg which is very competitive compared to neighboring countries.

Analysts attribute this increase to stronger trade relations between the two countries, with both governments focusing on expanding bilateral commerce in the food and agricultural sectors.

Experts believed that the continued growth in exports can be linked to Pakistan's competitive pricing and the rising global demand for high-protein products, including meat and seafood. China's vast market and expanding consumer base are playing a crucial role in boosting demand for such products Gawadar pro reported.

It is further added that Pakistani enterprises are regularly participating in exhibitions and trade fairs in China, as both nations look to further strengthen their economic ties, this uptick in exports not only reflects Pakistan's growing presence in China's food import market but also signals positive trends in bilateral trade, which is expected to continue expanding in the coming months.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40389364/jan-to-aug-2025-fish-meal-exports-to-china-jump-17pc-yoy>

The Nation

Pakistan's home textile exports to China up 31pc in Jan-Sept

BEIJING - Pakistan's home textile exports to China recorded a strong upswing in the first three quarters of 2025, crossing \$4.36 million from January to September. This is a 31% year-on-year increase from the \$3.32 million recorded during the same period last year, according to the latest data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC).

Between January and September, Pakistan exported a wide range of textile products, including cotton bed sheets, blankets, and printed cotton bed linen, reflecting growing Chinese demand for Pakistan's high-quality textile goods.

Among the key performers, printed cotton bed-linen (not knitted or crocheted) topped the list, growing from \$0.849 million in 2024 to \$1.577 million in the first three quarters of 2025.

According to GACC data, Pakistan exported 190,463 kilograms of printed cotton bed-linen (HS code 63022190) to China and remained the top exporter in this category, followed by Bangladesh with exports worth \$1.12 million.

As per GACC data, blankets and traveling rugs of cotton also witnessed remarkable growth, surging from \$0.018 million in 2024 to \$0.353 million in 2025. Similarly, cotton bed sheets (not knitted, crocheted, printed, or embroidered) climbed from \$0.406 million to \$0.544 million, showing consistent performance.

Industry experts attribute the surge to enhanced production capacity, quality improvements, and Pakistan's stronger market access under the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA). The experts noted that Pakistan's zero-tariff advantage under CPFTA has significantly strengthened its competitiveness in the Chinese market.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/27-Oct-2025/pakistan-s-home-textile-exports-china-31pc-jan-sept>

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jointly organised by the Chinese Consulate Karachi and the Economic Diplomacy Forum (EDF). Yang said that China's long-standing partnership with Pakistan continues to drive regional prosperity and connectivity, adding that both countries are "drawing a brand-new blueprint for sustained development, contributing to regional and even global peace and stability."

The Consul General underlined that Chinese leadership attaches great importance to its relations with Pakistan and has repeatedly proposed to assist Pakistan in consolidating its positive economic momentum and strengthening its internal growth capacity.

Professor Yao Weiqun, speaking via video link from Beijing, highlighted China's 55-year plan, underscoring its focus on high-quality development, scientific innovation, and mutually beneficial cooperation with partner countries, including Pakistan. He said China's long-term planning approach continues to serve as a foundation for sustainable economic and social progress across regions.

Speaking at the fourth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, held in Beijing last week, Professor Yao had said the meeting compiled the committee's 55-year plan for economic and social development.

Professor Yao emphasised that the five-year plans serve as a vital guarantee for the sustainable implementation of the national development strategy — uniting sectors of society to strengthen confidence, align direction, and achieve shared goals over successive generations.

He added that China aims to build a modernized industrial system, reinforce the real economy, and achieve greater self-reliance in science and technology. The country also seeks to foster a robust domestic market, establish a new pattern of development, and accelerate the creation of a high-standard socialist market economy.

Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Irfan Soomro, highlighted Pakistan's commitment to self-reliance, reform, and innovation, while reaffirming the country's enduring friendship with China.

He said Pakistan remains proud of China's steadfast support during floods, earthquakes, pandemics, and conflicts. "But today," he emphasized, "Pakistan must stand tall by its own strength — through reform, resilience, and renewed purpose."

Soomro underscored that economic development must become Pakistan's top priority, calling for a shift "where trade replaces aid, and markets replace emissions." He stressed that Pakistan must innovate rather than imitate, investing in research, industrial modernization, and education aligned with enterprise.

"Pakistan will not rise by seeking permission from the world, but by finding purpose within itself," he said, adding that the nation's destiny is to lead, not to follow.

In his welcome address, Dr Muhammad Farooq Afzal, Founder President of the Economic Diplomacy Forum (EDF), said that diplomacy today must move beyond traditional political engagement to focus on economic partnerships, investment facilitation, trade, and technology

cooperation. He emphasized that Pakistan's prosperity depends on its ability to align diplomacy with economic priorities.

Other notable speakers at the seminar included Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr Huma Baqai, and Zubair Motiwala.

The event brought together diplomats, economists, and policy experts, who discussed China's model of economic diplomacy and its lessons for developing economies navigating the evolving global order.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40389734/cpec-entering-a-new-phase-of-high-quality-uplift-chinese-cg>

Daily Times

LCCI President stresses need for economic diplomacy to expand exports

LAHORE, October 29 – President of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol emphasized that the diplomatic community plays a significant role in advancing Pakistan's economic interests and effectively representing the business potential of the country across international markets. He acknowledged the diplomats as the true face of Pakistan in promoting trade linkages and private-sector cooperation.

The diplomatic community in Lahore has expressed strong confidence in the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) for promoting bilateral trade with their respective countries. During A Dinner hosted in their honor by LCCI, the Honorary Consul Generals unanimously acknowledged that trade bodies are the true representatives of the private sector and their contribution to economic well-being is unparalleled.

LCCI Senior Vice President Tanveer Ahmad Shiekh, Vice President Khurram Lodhi, Vice President SAARC Chamber Mian Anjum Nisar, former Senior Vice President Ali Hassam Asghar, LCCI Executive Committee member were also present on the occasion.

Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol highlighted the need for Pakistan to diversify its exports and access new markets, noting that the government has prioritized high-potential sectors including agriculture, information technology, tourism, and mining. With nearly 65 percent of the population below the age of 30, Pakistan holds a strong competitive advantage in human resources that can be strengthened through skill development and utilization in global value chains.

He pointed out concerns over the rising trade deficit, which has reached USD 9.37 billion in the first half of the current fiscal year, showing a 34 percent increase compared to the previous year. He stressed the urgency of introducing new products, expanding market outreach, and developing rare earth minerals to improve Pakistan's export performance and strengthen the national economy.

Vice President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Former President LCCI, Mian Anjum Nisar said that enhancing bilateral trade, tourism, and technical cooperation is essential for Pakistan's economic improvement. The Honorary Consuls are requested to share business information and trade opportunities of their respective countries with the Lahore Chamber, so

that Pakistani products can gain access to new markets. Through agricultural technology and joint ventures, not only can employment be generated, but per-acre productivity can also be increased to address the growing challenge of food security.

He said that companies are moving out of Pakistan, and the government must understand the realities and improve the investment climate. The law and order situation is now better than before, and there are immense opportunities in tourism and several other sectors. We must keep pace with the world — the exchange of information and technology is crucial to lay a stronger foundation for the national economy.

The Honorary Consul of Portugal, Iftikhar Firoz said that Pakistan enjoys a favorable trade balance with the European Union, with exports standing at around 11 billion dollars compared to 3.9 billion dollars in imports. He stressed that despite the EU's GSP Plus status for Pakistan being renewed, there is still significant room to increase Pakistan's export share in European markets. He urged the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) to work with EU countries to raise Pakistan's export quota from the current 6.4% to at least 12–15%. He highlighted the need to diversify Pakistan's export portfolio beyond textiles and called for a stronger focus on labour-intensive industries such as footwear, leather, and sports goods to generate more employment. He said that Pakistan should learn from Bangladesh's successful garment sector and also enhance output in promising sectors like information technology. He appreciated LCCI for organizing a productive event aimed at strengthening bilateral business cooperation.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1391408/lcci-president-stresses-need-for-economic-diplomacy-to-expand-exports>

Dawn News

China to build hospitals in Balochistan: envoy

Bakhtawar Mian

ISLAMABAD: China intends to build 100 hospitals and establish economic zones in Balochistan in order to generate job opportunities and improve water resource management, China's Ambassador Jiang Zaidong said while talking to senators during a meeting of the Pakistan-China Friendship Group at Parliament House on Tuesday. Senator Sherry Rehman chaired the meeting. The ambassador also hinted at introducing more student exchange and technical training programmes to deepen collaboration in the education sector. Jiang Zaidong said Beijing was keen to boost the "all-weather, time-tested iron-clad friendship between China and Pakistan". Senior parliamentarians from across the country and a high-level delegation from China attended the meeting. The Chinese ambassador appreciated the participation of senators from all regions of Pakistan and expressed confidence that the strategic partnership between the two countries would grow stronger with the passage of time.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1951898/china-to-build-hospitals-in-balochistan-envoy>

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Business Recorder

NUST event screens world's first 8K film recorded in space: Minister seeks benefit from China's experience in advancement

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Investment, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, on Wednesday, attended a special premiere event as the Chief Guest titled "Gazing Back from the Cosmos: Outside the Window Is the Blue Planet" at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad.

The event was jointly organized by China Media Group (CMG) and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan.

The premiere featured the screening of the world's first 8K film recorded in space, documenting the Shenzhou-13 mission and presenting the extraordinary achievements of Chinese astronauts in global space exploration.

While addressing the audience, the Federal Minister stated that he has been in politics for the past 32 years and has witnessed China's remarkable transformation first-hand. He emphasized that Pakistan can greatly benefit from China's experience in poverty alleviation, technological innovation, and scientific advancement.

He highlighted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir, the Government of Pakistan has undertaken significant initiatives to advance education, skills development, and technical growth in the country. These national efforts are aligned to strengthen Pakistan's human capital and ensure inclusive economic progress.

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh appreciated the contributions of China Media Group in effectively showcasing technological milestones and promoting deeper cultural and media cooperation between Pakistan and China. He reaffirmed that Pakistan places a high priority on modern technology adoption, scientific progress, and investment-driven economic stability.

The Minister reiterated the Board of Investment's commitment to expanding foreign investment, especially in high-tech sectors, and further strengthening Pak-China strategic economic cooperation. He encouraged students and researchers at NUST to play an active role in elevating Pakistan's position in science and technology on the global stage.

He concluded that Pakistan and China have always supported each other and that this continued cooperation will keep expanding, opening new avenues for shared development and prosperity.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40389972/nust-event-screens-worlds-first-8k-film-recorded-in-space-minister-seeks-benefit-from-chinas-experience-in-advancement>

K2 Daily

بقیہ 32

شیبے میں تھکان کے فروغ کے لیے ایک مقامی
یادداشت (ایم او ای) پر دستخط کیے گئے ہیں۔ ایسی
آئی ایسی کے تعاون سے ہی بیک ٹرن کے تحت
پیشہ ورانہ کارکنان کی کھپانگ کے قیام کا فیصلہ کیا گیا
ہے۔ یہ مرکز تحقیق و تربیت، جدت اور ماہرین کے
چارٹلے کے (رہنے کو) قائم کیا گیا ہے۔ میدان میں
پاکستان کو جدید ماحول پر استوار کرنے کا معاہدے
کے مطابق، دونوں ممالک تحقیق و ترقی، جینالوجی
فرانسفر اور جدید صنعتی عمل کی تیاری میں اشتراک عمل
کو فروغ دیں گے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق کوآپ
کھپانگ مستقبل میں صحت، توانائی، موسمیاتی
تبدیلی، اور سائبر سکیورٹی جیسے اہم شعبوں میں
انقلاب برپا کرے گی۔ جدید کوآپ جینالوجی نہ
صرف صنعتی اور سائنسی میدان میں ترقی کی ضمانت
ہے بلکہ ذہنی شہرہ اور ایک جمہوریت اور لائسنس میں
بہتری راہیں کھولے گی۔ جینی جینالوجی کمپنیوں کی
شہرت سے پاکستان کی معیشت کا احکام بنے گا اور
مقامی مصنوعات کو جدید عالمی رجحانات کے مطابق ترقی
دینے میں مدد ملے گی۔ ایسی آئی ایسی نے واضح
کیا کہ کھپانگ انکھاب کو پاکستان کی پائیدار ترقی کی
بڑھانے کے لیے جدید جینالوجی کا فروغ کوآپ کی
اوپر ترجیحات میں شامل ہے۔

پاکستان اور چین کا کوآپ ٹیکنالوجی میں تعاون کا معاہدہ

ایسی آئی ایسی کے تعاون سے ہی بیک ٹرن کے تحت پیشہ ورانہ کارکنان کی کھپانگ کے قیام کا فیصلہ

دونوں ممالک تحقیق و ترقی، جدید صنعتی عمل کی تیاری میں مل کر کام کریں گے

اسلام آباد (آئی این بی) پاکستان کی (ایسی) کی کاروں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ ایسی
معیشت کے استحکام اور جدید جینالوجی کی ترقی کے میں پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان کوآپ ٹیکنالوجی اور
لے آؤٹس اور سائنس ٹیکنالوجی کوآپ (ایسی آئی) جدید جینالوجی کے (باقی صفحہ 7 پر نمبر 32)

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بقیہ 22

دن کی مشن کیلئے کیے گئے، مقامی سرکاری میڈیا کے
مطابق پاکستانی خلا باز گیتی خلا بازوں کے ساتھ
تربیت حاصل کرے گا۔ یہ خلائی تعاون چین اور
پاکستان کے درمیان ایک تاریخی پیش رفت ہے۔
پاکستانی خلا باز گیتی خلا بازوں کے ساتھ تربیت دی
جائے گی، اور پاکستانی خلا باز گیتی خلا بازوں کے ساتھ
ایکپورٹ کے طور پر خلائی مشن میں حصہ نہیں
کے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق پاکستانی خلا باز کی شہریت
خلائی مشن کے درمیان مشترکہ طور کے لیے ہوگی، مگر
میں پاکستانی ماہر کی شہریت دونوں ممالک کے
درمیان منسوبے کا حصہ ہے۔ رواں ماہ کے شروع

چین کا اسپیس مشن

میں پاکستانی خلا باز کو

شامل کرنے کا اعلان

بیجنگ (آئی این بی) چین نے اعلان کیا ہے
کہ وہ اپنے اسپیس مشن کے تحت ایک
پاکستانی خلا باز کو شامل (باقی صفحہ 7 پر نمبر 22)

میں پاکستانی حکام نے بتایا تھا کہ وہ پاکستانی خلا
بازوں کو چین کی میڈیا اسپیس ایجنسی کے تحت مختلف
مرحلے کی ایک سالہ تربیت دی جائے گی۔ اس تربیت
کے بعد اکتوبر 2026 میں پاکستانی خلا باز گیتی
خلائی مشن میں ایک ہفتہ گزاریں گے۔

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People's Daily

Pakistani ambassador seeks expanded China cooperation in culture, education and investment

Huang Kechao, Zhang Kaiwei

"Silk Road Elegance: Two Nations, One Runway," a fashion show featuring Chinese and Pakistani designs, was held Oct. 19, 2025, at the Badaling Great Wall in Beijing. The event aimed to showcase the fashion artistry of both countries and strengthen cultural exchanges between the two nations. After the show, Khalil Hashmi, Pakistani ambassador to China, spoke with People's Daily Online. He expressed hope that China and Pakistan would further deepen their long-standing friendship and use this bond as a foundation to expand bilateral cooperation across more sectors in the future. As an iconic symbol of traditional Chinese culture, the Great Wall has drawn visitors from around the world and fostered mutual understanding between China and other nations. "I would say the Great Wall is one of the

world's greatest wonders, and it has been astoundingly preserved by the Chinese government," he said.

For Hashmi, the Great Wall's significance extends beyond tourism. "In some ways, we are seeking to blend traditional cultures with modern styles," he said, adding that "by jointly organizing engaging cultural events such as fashion shows, we can make traditional cultures more accessible to the younger generation."

This is not a one-off initiative. Hashmi revealed that more diverse cultural exchange activities will be launched to deepen mutual understanding between the two nations.

"We plan to organize food and music festivals across multiple Chinese provinces, and will collaborate with Chinese artists to produce films and documentaries to showcase the long-standing China-Pakistan partnership," he added.

In Hashmi's view, cultural events like fashion shows hold significant commercial potential. "They require investment to develop innovative designs and rely on a broad consumer market for product sales," he explained.

While culture is a core pillar, Hashmi emphasized that Pakistan is ready to deepen cooperation in multiple fields, including investment, agriculture, education and cutting-edge technologies.

Education and agriculture are priority areas. "For instance, Pakistan aims to expand bilateral cooperation in education and agriculture by launching vocational education programs," he said.

He noted that China has a large pool of skilled agricultural professionals, while Pakistan is building more vocational schools. "We welcome Chinese professionals and students to Pakistan for academic exchanges and participation in vocational training programs," he added.

On investment and business, Hashmi recalled the second China-Pakistan B2B Investment Conference, held in Beijing last month, and praised its success.

"It was a highly successful business and investment event that demonstrated the enormous potential of China-Pakistan cooperation," he said, noting that "at the conference, enterprises from both countries signed cooperation agreements covering key sectors such as electric vehicles, solar energy, steel, and health care — a clear sign of our growing economic ties."

When discussing the future of China-Pakistan friendship, Hashmi noted with pride that the two countries have established an all-weather strategic cooperative partnership.

"Our bilateral cooperation is underpinned by high-level strategic trust and mutual respect, which are core principles supporting the China-Pakistan partnership," he said.

With 2026 marking the 75th anniversary of China-Pakistan diplomatic relations, Hashmi shared a heartfelt wish for the years ahead: "Pakistan is a young country, and I sincerely hope that through diverse channels like music, food and films, the China-Pakistan partnership will be cherished and passed on to the younger generations of both nations."

The fashion show, co-hosted by the Embassy of Pakistan in Beijing and the China International Cultural Communication Center, was attended by over 300 participants, including ambassadors of Argentina, Jordan, Bahrain, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and other countries to China, Chinese and Pakistani fashion figures, corporate representatives, and media representatives.

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People's Daily

China–Pakistan relations: A timeless friendship and everlasting partnership

Zamir Ahmed Awan

The friendship between China and Pakistan stands as one of the most enduring and exemplary relationships in modern international diplomacy — built on mutual respect, trust, and shared principles of sovereignty, equality, and peaceful coexistence. From its very inception, this relationship has reflected deep political foresight and a genuine sense of brotherhood between the two nations.

Just three months after the founding of the People's Republic of China in October 1949, Pakistan sent an official delegation to Beijing on Jan. 4, 1950. It became one of the first countries to recognize the new Chinese government and sever ties with Taiwan — a bold and principled decision at a time when many nations hesitated to engage with the young Chinese state. Formal diplomatic relations were established on May 21, 1951, marking the beginning of an extraordinary journey of friendship that continues to grow stronger with each decade.

Unlike many of China's other neighbors that have experienced fluctuating relations, Pakistan has consistently enjoyed smooth and friendly ties with Beijing. This stability stems from shared values, mutual non-interference, and complementary national interests. Both countries have always treated each other as equals and stood by one another through political changes and global transformations.

When China faced isolation and hostility from the West during the 1950s, Pakistan stood firm as one of its few supporters. Despite pressure during the Cold War, Pakistan maintained trade and diplomatic warmth with China — even while it was part of Western alliances such as SEATO and CENTO. This balancing act reflected Pakistan's independent foreign policy and its commitment to China's friendship.

One of Pakistan's most notable contributions to global diplomacy was its role in facilitating the rapprochement between China and the United States in the early 1970s. At a time when Washington and Beijing had no direct communication, Pakistan served as a trusted intermediary. It was through Pakistan that U.S. National Security Adviser Dr. Henry Kissinger secretly traveled to China in 1971 — paving the way for President Richard Nixon's historic visit the following year. This event not only transformed U.S.–China relations but also reshaped global geopolitics, underscoring Pakistan's importance as a facilitator of peace.

Over the decades, despite political transitions in both countries, China–Pakistan relations have remained consistent and resilient. From Chairman Mao to President Xi Jinping, and from successive Pakistani civilian and military governments, every leadership has nurtured this friendship with sincerity and strategic vision. The relationship has never been person-dependent; it is driven by public sentiment, shared destiny, and long-term mutual interests.

The partnership today spans politics, defense, economics, science, culture, and education. Both countries support each other's core national interests at global forums such as the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Pakistan steadfastly upholds the One-China Principle, while China supports Pakistan in safeguarding its national sovereignty and territorial integrity. The phrase often used to describe this relationship — "higher than the mountains, deeper than the oceans, stronger than steel, and sweeter than honey" — truly reflects its depth and endurance.

Under Xi's visionary leadership, China–Pakistan relations have entered a new era of economic and strategic cooperation. The launch of the BRI in 2013 opened a new chapter, with Pakistan emerging as one of its strongest partners and beneficiaries. The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the BRI, has transformed Pakistan's economic landscape — improving infrastructure, enhancing energy production, and fostering industrial growth. For China, CPEC provides a reliable partner in regional connectivity and a gateway for mutual development.

Beyond economics, the China–Pakistan partnership also flourishes in education, science, and culture. Thousands of Pakistani students are pursuing higher education in China, while cultural exchanges continue to strengthen people-to-people bonds. Both nations emphasize peace, dialogue, and regional cooperation — contributing to a stable and prosperous South Asia.

As the world undergoes profound changes, the China–Pakistan partnership stands as a beacon of stability and trust. Both nations share a vision of a peaceful, interconnected Asia built on mutual respect and collective progress. Pakistan regards China not only as its closest friend but also as a partner in its national development journey. China, in turn, considers Pakistan an indispensable partner in its vision of shared prosperity and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Over seven decades of unbroken friendship, China and Pakistan have demonstrated that international relations built on sincerity and equality can withstand every test of time. From Pakistan's early recognition of the People's Republic of China to the pioneering success of CPEC, their partnership remains a model of cooperation, respect, and mutual benefit. Truly, it is a "friendship for all seasons" — one that continues to inspire hope, unity, and shared progress across Asia and beyond.

A call for responsible and constructive media engagement in recent months, an unusual and troubling phenomenon has been observed: a segment of the media, particularly on social media, circulating misleading and fabricated stories about Pakistan. These narratives, though limited and unrepresentative of mainstream official opinion, risk undermining the historic bond of mutual trust between the two "iron brothers." Such content, often based on rumors or

distortion, has generated unnecessary misunderstanding and must be addressed through calm, constructive, and responsible media engagement.

Given the deep-rooted friendship, the emergence of anti-Pakistan sentiments in certain media spaces is surprising and concerning. China has long been recognized for responsible media regulation and a commitment to social harmony; therefore, the circulation of unverified or divisive content contradicts the principles that underpin media policy. Such narratives not only misrepresent Pakistan but also mislead the public and risk eroding people-to-people goodwill that has been cultivated through decades of cooperation.

It must be recalled that Pakistan's own media landscape has shown exemplary restraint and responsibility regarding China. In Pakistan, China is viewed not just as a partner but as a brotherly nation — a sentiment reflected in political, public, and cultural life alike. Every successive government in Islamabad, irrespective of political ideology, has placed China at the center of Pakistan's foreign policy and national development vision.

In this context, the rise of anti-Pakistan narratives within segments of media is not only unfortunate but inconsistent with the spirit of China's global engagement. The Chinese media, known internationally for its discipline and professionalism, must ensure that malicious or misleading content — whether originating domestically or externally — is identified, corrected, and prevented from spreading.

Fortunately, both China and Pakistan maintain robust communication mechanisms to prevent misunderstandings. Regular consultations between their foreign ministries, media cooperation committees, and security coordination bodies ensure that any misinformation or misperception can be swiftly addressed. High-level contact between leaders also reinforces this coordination. Both sides have consistently reaffirmed their commitment to the "all-weather strategic cooperative partnership."

Recent developments further underscore this mutual understanding. Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Senator Ishaq Dar, speaking in the National Assembly earlier this month, categorically dismissed speculation that Pakistan's cooperation with the United States would harm ties with China. He emphasized that China remains central to Pakistan's foreign policy and that the relationship is "exceptional and time-tested." Similarly, China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian reaffirmed on Oct. 13, 2025, that Pakistan keeps Beijing fully informed about its cooperation with the U.S. in the mining sector. He clarified that Islamabad had assured China that its interactions with the U.S. "will never harm China's interests or its cooperation with China."

Lin went further to reject rumors circulating on social media that sought to misinterpret a photograph of Pakistani leaders meeting U.S. officials. He clarified that the samples that the Pakistani leaders showed and gave to the U.S. leader are gem ores purchased by staff in Pakistan. "The reported stories are either misinformed or invented, or even designed to drive a wedge between China and Pakistan. They are just baseless." This official clarification reflects both sides' vigilance against misinformation and their determination to safeguard the integrity of bilateral relations.

These coordinated responses from senior officials in both countries illustrate the resilience of the China–Pakistan friendship. Despite attempts by certain actors — possibly external — to create friction, the relationship remains grounded in mutual confidence and shared vision.

The media plays a vital role in this context. Rather than amplifying falsehoods or divisive narratives, journalists and digital content creators should focus on positive, factual stories that highlight the strength of bilateral cooperation. The success of CPEC, the growing number of Pakistani students in China, joint technological ventures, and humanitarian collaboration all offer powerful examples of shared progress.

To promote responsible journalism, both sides can enhance professional cooperation through media exchange programs, joint training workshops, and direct channels for fact-checking. Building such collaborative networks between Chinese and Pakistani journalists will strengthen understanding, prevent misreporting, and reinforce people-to-people trust.

As this episode reminds us, responsible media engagement is essential for protecting a relationship built over generations. The China–Pakistan partnership has weathered every challenge and continues to stand as a beacon of brotherhood and solidarity. With wisdom, restraint, and mutual trust, both nations can ensure that their "iron bond" remains unshakable — a model for peace, stability, and understanding in an era of uncertainty.

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Premier Pakistan-China fashion show staged at the Great Wall

Dong Feng

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in China staged the premier Pakistan-China Fashion Show at the Great Wall in Beijing on October 19, marking the 60th anniversary of the first visit of a Pakistani dignitary to the Badaling section of the Great Wall. In an exclusive interview with the Global Times, Pakistani Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi, said that from his point of view, this was not just a symbolic occasion to celebrate 60 years of friendship, but also to utilize this occasion as another platform - another springboard to write another chapter of Pakistan-China friendship in the area of culture, as fashion is one of the very significant mediums of culture.

Pakistani designers presented their collections that were designed specifically as a fusion between Pakistani and Chinese fashion, along with a China-based Pakistani designer's jewelry collection. The event also featured collections by famous Chinese designers.

In his speech, regarding the special occasion, Ambassador Hashmi stated that the majestic Badaling section of the Great Wall provided a befitting venue to celebrate the living spirit of the Silk Road connection, now manifested as a modern bridge of fabric, art, and friendship. The ambassador emphasized that the showcase driven by fusion, commercial sense, and the strength of Pakistani fashion demonstrated the natural synergy between Pakistani creativity and the Chinese market, thereby building new commercial bridges for a shared future. "Under

this historic sky, we are both surrounded by ancient stones, and the living spirit of connection and civilization. It is a spirit that once guided caravan traders along the Silk Road," said Ambassador Hashmi.

The year 2025 marks the 60th anniversary of the first visit by a Pakistani president to this very Great Wall, "looking out from this symbol of resilience and grandeur," he said to the audience.

"Today, we continue that legacy. We come not just as visitors, but as partners, bringing a piece of Pakistan's soul to stand in harmony with China's enduring spirit," Ambassador Hashmi noted.

Talking about the significance of the fashion show, the ambassador said that the show is a testament to the fact that Pakistani design is not confined to tradition; it is a dynamic force, reinterpreting heritage for the global stage.

Titled "Silk Road Elegance: Two Nations, One Runway," the fashion show aims to serve as a celebration of a shared spirit, cross-cultural artistry, and the enduring brotherhood. In his speech, the ambassador elaborated that the original Silk Road was not just a path for silk and spices, but also for ideas, art, and innovation. "We reignite that exchange. We celebrate two nations, connected by a shared history and a mutually bright future, walking forward on one runway," he said.

The day after the fashion show, the ambassador hosted a thank-you session for the designers at his residence. He told the Global Times that the unique values of this form of exchange with fashion as the carrier, could deepen people-to-people bonds between China and Pakistan.

"One of the fundamental values through this exchange is empathy. Empathy toward each other, but also toward the arts and artists because they bring a lot of creativity and a lot of imagination, and bring imagination and creativity to life. And for the joy of the people, I think that is one of the core values that we wanted to promote," said Ambassador Hashmi.

The Great Wall is a great iconic symbol of China, and "I think the 60th anniversary of this occasion provides us both a look back of our friendship but also a look ahead," he told the Global Times.

By staging the fashion show, "we bring the communities of our two countries together. They can learn more about how our artists design, especially clothes, and then also get to know how the Chinese counterparts do it," said Ambassador Hashmi.

Talking about the embassy's promotion of cultural exchanges between the two countries from official cooperation to in-depth people-to-people resonance, the ambassador shared his ambitious outlook. "An exchange and connectivity are two-way traffic. We have taken the first step. Our designers have come to China and showcased their work. I think we would be very happy and willing to encourage Chinese designers to come to Pakistan and showcase their products and their fashion," he told the Global Times.

The ambassador sees the embassy as a link, facilitator, bridge, and driver of people-to-people exchanges among fashion industries, designers, and artists in this field, between our two

countries. "So that's how we see our role and we will continue to explore other mediums within the larger cultural canvas to promote this."

Over recent months, the embassy has launched a slew of cultural festivals such as the food festival and mango festival.

From his outlook, the ambassador mentioned many other options in the range of artistic expressions: paintings, calligraphy, poetry, literature, comedy, plays, and films.

"There are so many forms of art and culture that I think we are willing to exert more effort and to do as much as we can to promote this part of our relationship," said Ambassador Hashmi.

Pakistani designer Moazzam Abbasi told the Global Times that it is very important to keep the tradition alive and educate the consumers about the fabric and fusion of both traditional and modern elements. Abbasi shared that fashion has to be practical, creative, and environment-friendly.

Adnan Ansari, curator of the fashion show, told the Global Times that going to China and going to the Great Wall are on his bucket list. Calling the show a feather in his cap, Ansari said the show was all about fashion, passion and fantasy.

Pakistani designer Syed Mohanmad Rizwanullah told the Global Times that working on the fashion show was a phenomenal experience for him. "I absolutely love China. I love the people, and I love the culture," he said. With his sharp observation, Rizwanullah has already started collecting Chinese elements in his next fashion design.

"I already started sketching a collection called 'Story of a thousand cranes.' I'm also very fascinated by Qipao [a close-fitting woman's dress with high neck and slit skirt]," he said.

In his eyes, fashion is a universal language and fashion is such a beautiful way to connect. "I really enjoy mixing up different cultures, and the showcase we did in China was a fusion of the East and the West," said Rizwanullah.

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Global Times

Profits of China's major industrial firms up 3.2 pct in first nine months

Profits of China's major industrial firms increased 3.2 percent year on year in the first nine months of 2025, official data showed Monday. Industrial firms with an annual main business revenue of at least 20 million yuan (about 2.8 million U.S. dollars) saw their combined profits totalling 5.37 trillion yuan during the nine-month period, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). In September, profits of major industrial firms recovered remarkably, rising 21.6 percent from the same period last year, according to the NBS.

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Xinhua News

China-built Balakot Hydropower Project achieves river closure in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 27 (Xinhua) -- The China-built Balakot Hydropower Project in Pakistan achieved river closure on Saturday, marking the start of the dam's main construction phase.

Located on the Kunhar River in the northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province, the 300-megawatt hydropower project is contracted by China Energy Engineering Corporation (CEEC) and constructed by its subsidiary, China Gezhouba Group Third Engineering Co., Ltd. The project officially commenced in September 2021.

Syed Habib Ullah Shah, chief executive officer of the Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization, as well as the person-in-charge of the owner of the project, said at the ceremony that the project is the largest hydropower scheme currently under construction in KP.

Once completed, it will help meet Pakistan's growing energy demand, support the country's economic goals, contribute to climate change mitigation, and promote green and low-carbon transition, he said.

The project, Shah added, will also reduce Pakistan's dependence on energy imports and enhance its energy security and economic resilience.

Mao Huigang, general manager of China Gezhouba Group Third Engineering Co., Ltd, said that the project has so far created more than 2,000 local jobs and boosted related industries such as power, construction materials, and services.

He added that the Chinese company will continue to strengthen cooperation with its Pakistani partners in the fields of energy, power, and water resources, and make all-out efforts to advance the main dam construction, building the project into a model of China-Pakistan energy cooperation.

Once operational, the Balakot Hydropower Project is expected to generate an average of 1.144 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, sufficient to meet the power needs of around 1.8 million people.

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Xinhua News

Pakistani astronaut to enter Chinese space station as payload specialist

JIUQUAN, Oct. 30 (Xinhua) -- Two Pakistani astronauts will undergo training alongside Chinese astronauts, and one of them will be selected to participate in a short-duration spaceflight mission as a payload specialist, the China Manned Space Agency announced at a press conference on Thursday.

The selection process for Pakistani astronauts has officially commenced following a cooperation agreement between China and Pakistan signed in February this year, said Zhang Jingbo, spokesperson for the agency.

Similar to the selection process for Chinese astronauts, this process is divided into three stages: preliminary selection, second round of selection and final selection. The preliminary selection is currently being conducted in Pakistan, while the second round and final selections will take place in China.

Preparations for the second round of selection are already underway, including developing training programs, preparing teaching materials and equipment, and ensuring logistical support during the training period, Zhang said.

Following the final selection, two Pakistani astronauts will undergo training alongside Chinese astronauts as planned. One Pakistani astronaut will be chosen to join a short-duration space mission as a payload specialist and conduct scientific experiments for Pakistan, as well as perform routine crew duties during the flight.

Since its inception, China's manned space program has consistently adhered to the principles of peaceful utilization, equality, mutual benefit and shared development, Zhang noted.

China actively recruits foreign astronauts to participate in its space station missions, promotes international cooperation and exchange in its manned space program, advances space technology development, and works to benefit all humankind, he said.

"We welcome our global counterparts to join the flight missions of the Chinese space station," Zhang added.

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Global Times

Xi puts forward five-point proposal for building Asia-Pacific community

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday put forward a five-point proposal for promoting a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization and building an Asia-Pacific community.

Xi made the proposal in his speech titled "Building an Inclusive Open Asia-Pacific Economy for All" at the first session of the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

Over the past 30-plus years since its founding, APEC has been spearheading the region's rise to the forefront of global open development, and has made the Asia-Pacific the most dynamic part of the global economy, Xi noted.

Currently, changes unseen in a century are accelerating across the world, and the Asia-Pacific faces growing uncertainties and destabilizing factors in its development, he said, adding that the rougher the seas, the more the APEC members must pull together.

Xi called on APEC members to stay true to APEC's founding mission to promote economic growth and improve people's lives, and champion open development where everyone shares

opportunities and emerges a winner. He also urged efforts to promote a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization, and build an Asia-Pacific community.

Xi put forward a five-point proposal.

Firstly, Xi called for joint efforts to safeguard the multilateral trading system. He urged APEC members to practice true multilateralism, enhance the authority and effectiveness of the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization at its core, and update international economic and trade rules to reflect the changing times, so as to better protect the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries.

Secondly, Xi called for building an open economic environment in the region. He urged APEC members to keep promoting trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, deepen fiscal and financial cooperation, steadily push for regional economic integration, foster mutual alignment and collaborative progress, so as to inject impetus into the development of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific.

Thirdly, Xi called on APEC members to work together to keep industrial and supply chains stable and smooth.

APEC members should join hands rather than part ways, strengthen their links rather than sever them, vigorously expand common interests and support the open development of supply chains, strive for concrete and tangible results in physical, institutional and people-to-people connectivity, so as to further consolidate the foundations for open development in the Asia-Pacific region, Xi said.

Fourthly, Xi called for advancing the digital and green transformation of trade. He urged efforts to make digital technologies a strong catalyst for cross-border trade, remove various green barriers, and expand cooperation in green industries, clean energy and green minerals.

Fifthly, Xi urged the Asia-Pacific to work together to promote universally beneficial and inclusive development. Xi called for joint efforts to adhere to the people-centered development philosophy, focus on imbalances in development, and foster an economic globalization that is more inclusive, sustainable and beneficial to all peoples in the region.

China is working with various parties to promote the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative, and is committed to common development and shared prosperity with all countries, he said.

Xi emphasized that China always pursues the basic state policy of opening up and has taken real steps to promote an open world economy.

Noting that the recommendations for formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan were adopted at the fourth plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Xi said that China will take this opportunity to further deepen reform comprehensively and expand high-standard opening up, and create new opportunities for the Asia-Pacific and the world through the latest achievements of Chinese modernization.

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