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**December 01, 2022**

**Daily Times**

**Pakistan looks forward to cooperating with China on banana cultivation**

Pakistan is looking forward to cooperate with China on banana cultivation, China Economic Net (CEN) reported it on Wednesday.

” In China, banana has been cultivated since 2,000 years ago. China’s contribution to the international banana market is around 4.5%. However, Pakistan’s contribution is less than 0.5%. We are far behind. I think China and Pakistan can cooperate through collaborative research. We can progress and get benefit from each other,” Noshewan Haider, CEO, Sprouts Biotech Laboratories, said in an interview with CEC.

Up till today, Sino-Pak cooperation on banana is still very limited. Lack of high-quality seeds, advanced cultivation technology and logistic facility remains a large obstacle to boosting banana production and exports in Pakistan, for which Pakistani researchers and farmers are looking forward to getting support from China. “The main problem we have here is the choice of good seeds. And, the rate of fertilizers is very high here. We lack good seeds. Nowadays we have a kind of seeds here known as tissue culture seed, which is also imported from China.

We should choose good seeds. China is helping us in this already. But if we receive more help then we can achieve better results,” Imran Shah, a farmer from NQ Farms said. When it comes to planting technology, research on tissue culture of banana is being carried out in some labs in Pakistan. “The production of tissue culture banana is three times higher than that of our conventional banana. Conventional banana harvests in 16 to 18 months while our tissue culture banana fruits in the seventh month. Tissue culture banana is disease free and harsh weather tolerant.

The production of plants produced in our lab lasts throughout the year. People get a lot of benefit from it,” Noshewan Haider, CEO, Sprouts Biotech Laboratories told CEN. However, as Noshewan Haider sees it, in most areas of Pakistan, the growing of banana is not as per proper method, which makes banana production not as high as it should be. Pakistani researchers long for Chinese technologies that may help Pakistan further improve local banana yield. “A lot of new banana varieties are introduced in China. Flavored bananas are also emerging from China. China is working on high yielding varieties that have high production and the capacity to produce the same kind of fruits in all weathers.

We should exchange technology with China through collaboration with them,” Noshewan Haider said. According to Ibrahim Nizamani, a Pakistani banana exporter, at present they are exporting bananas to Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. China, as a huge market in the world, definitely is a dream destination for Pakistan’s banana exports. But Pakistanis have difficulties in banana preservation and transportation.

“The post-harvest management system should be taught, like how to harvest bananas, how to pack bananas, and how to transfer bananas to markets. 30% to 40 % of our fruits are destroyed during the process of harvesting and transportation. You have also seen in market

that banana has black spots on it or gets soft from some areas. This is how the fruit is wasted,” Noshewan Haider said. “We don’t have cold storage in our farms. If we have a packing house or a cold storage system, the quality of bananas can be improved more,” Ibrahim Nizamani added.

Besides, they all expressed their desire for stable electricity supply to make research and guarantee banana quality during the whole process. Enhancing Sino-Pak cooperation on banana cultivation is expected to bring win-win outcomes to both countries in the days to come. “China and Pakistan can collaborate through joint research. We can progress and get benefit from each other. In Pakistan we have a lot of land. We have good weather. We have labor force. China has technology. We can benefit from China by getting some technologies related to agricultural practices and hybrid varieties.

China will also get benefit and we can export bananas to China through China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC),” Noshewan Haider said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1034073/pakistan-looks-forward-to-cooperating-with-china-on-banana-cultivation/>

### **Dawn News**

#### **14 Pakistanis stranded in Covid-hit China return**

*Jamil Nagri*

GILGIT: Fourteen Pakistani citizens stranded in China for the last two months amid stringent Covid lockdowns were brought home through Khunjerab Pass on Wednesday.

They were brought back after Gilgit-Baltistan’s home secretary took up the matter with relevant officials in the foreign ministry and Pakistan’s embassy in Beijing.

The home secretary, Iqbal Hussein Khan, said he was informed that some Pakistani traders had been trapped for the last two months in the Kashgar city of China’s north-west Xinjiang region due to Covid restrictions. “We are keeping them for quarantine according to the health department and National Institute of Health’s standard operating procedures (SOPs) at a local hotel of Aliabad in Hunza. They can go home after spending the recommended time,” he said.

For transportation, lodging and the well-being of these people, special arrangements have been made with the help of Hunza’s local administration.

Ali Mustafa, a trader in GB and one of the stranded citizens, told Dawn that he and 13 other Pakistani citizens had travelled to China earlier this year, but a Covid lockdown in October left them stranded in Xinjiang. He said they had gone to China to transport goods to Pakistan through the Khunjerab Pass.

Amid the lockdown, all activity remained suspended in Xinjiang, goods purchased in China couldn’t be transported to Pakistan and people’s movement was restricted, he said. He said they could still be in China if a special vehicle of the Chinese government had not dropped them at Khunjerab Pass on Wednesday.

Bilal Khawaja, another trader, said Pakistani traders, particularly GB citizens, had been facing billions of rupees in losses as goods remained stuck in China.

Meanwhile, the suspension of customs clearance at the Sost dry port also caused delays in the transportation of goods from China to Pakistan.

The Khunjerab Pass — the highest paved Sino-Pak border at 15,500 feet above sea level — remains closed for four months from December to March under a border protocol agreement signed between the two countries. The route — closed in November 2019 after the outbreak of Covid-19 in China — was opened two and a half years later in June this year under a new agreement and SOPs only to transport goods from China to Pakistan.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1724034>

## **Beijing relies on Pakistan to project its might, Pentagon report notes**

*Anwar Iqbal*

WASHINGTON: China relies on Pakistan for projecting its military and economic might as Islamabad remains a key Beijing ally, says the US Department of Defence.

The China Military Power 2022 report — released here on Tuesday — examines how China seeks to achieve its “national rejuvenation” objective by 2049 with the help of international partners, such as Pakistan.

According to the report, China ranks Pakistan as its only “all-weather strategic partner” while Russia as its only “comprehensive strategic partner with coordination relations”.

During the last five years, China has expanded ties with both of its historical partners, Pakistan and Russia. Pakistan is also one of the places that China has likely “considered as locations for military logistics facilities”.

China Military Power notes that Beijing ranks Islamabad as its only ‘all-weather strategic partner’, ahead of Moscow

The report notes that China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is associated with pipelines and port construction projects in Pakistan. But with the help of those projects, China “seeks to become less reliant on transporting energy resources through strategic choke points, such as the Strait of Malacca”.

Beijing also attempts to exploit the relationships it builds through BRI to pursue additional economic cooperation with participating countries, the report adds.

It recalls that in 2021, 10 Chinese nationals were killed, and 26 others injured when a suicide bomber targeted a workers’ bus on its way to a BRI infrastructure development project in Pakistan.

The report, however, claims that China used this incident to “extend its ability to project military power to safeguard its overseas interests, including BRI, by developing closer regional and bilateral counterterrorism” cooperation with Pakistan.

Reviewing China's growing military and economic cooperation with Pakistan, the report notes how Beijing helped Islamabad complete the in-orbit delivery of the Pakistan Remote-Sensing Satellite.

China also vigorously pursues its policy of supporting a BRI host-nation's security forces through military aid, including military equipment donations.

The examples of China-Pakistan cooperation cited in the report include joint military exercises. It notes that in 2020-21, China participated in a joint naval exercise with Pakistan and also supplied strike-capable Caihong and Wing Loong Unmanned Aircraft Systems to Pakistan.

China also supplied major naval vessels to its partners, highlighted by Pakistan's 2015 purchase of eight Yuan class submarines for more than \$3 billion. In 2017 and 2018, China sold four naval frigates to Pakistan.

Under the PLANMC, which supports the PRC's military diplomacy, Chinese forces have trained with Thai, Pakistani, Saudi Arabia's, South African, and Djiboutian forces.

Pakistan is also a member of the China-led Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organisation.

The "Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China," commonly known as the China Military Power Report (CMPR), is a Congressionally mandated document. It serves as an authoritative assessment of China's military and security strategy.

The report follows the Pentagon's release of the National Defence Strategy in October, which identified China as the "most consequential and systemic challenge" to US national security and a free and open international system.

The military power report covers the contours of the People's Liberation Army's way of war, surveys the PLA's current activities and capabilities, and assesses its future military modernisation goals.

The Pentagon argues that China's foreign policy seeks to build a "community of common destiny" that supports its strategy to realise "the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation".

Beijing's "revisionist ambition" for the international order derives from the objectives of its national strategy and the Communist Party's political and governing systems, it said.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1724020>

### **The Nation**

#### **'China continues to support Pakistan's health system'**

ISLAMABAD - "After the 14-day aid in Pakistan, we are ready to continue giving full play to our professional strengths and enhance exchanges with Pakistan and contribute to the reconstruction of Pakistan's health system," said Huang Wenxin, head of China (Guangxi) Medical Expert Team for Aiding Pakistan in Flood Relief. The team has concluded its work in Pakistan for post-flood medical treatment and infectious disease prevention. During the trip, the expert team, consisting of experts on gastroenterology,

infectious diseases, respiratory medicine, dermatology, general surgery, nursing, monitoring, analysis and prevention of infectious diseases, drinking water sanitation, mosquito vector monitoring and transmission, environmental elimination, and laboratory testing, visited Islamabad, Karachi, and the badly-hit Khairpur district in Sindh province. In Gambat Relief Camp, the team donated medical supplies to Khairpur, including antibiotics and antiviral drugs for respiratory tract infections and infectious diarrhoea, dermatological topical medication for infection, anti-allergy medicine, anti-diarytic medicine, mosquito repellent medicine, anti-malarial medicine, malaria detection kits, protective clothing, medical masks, etc. Experts in the team together with local doctors provided free medical care to the flood affectees. “We also checked the water source and impact of mosquitoes and flies in the camp, and discussed with the health officials of Heilbul County on how to strengthen health education for the flood victims and promote a healthy lifestyle,” Huang Wenxin told China Economic Net (CEN). “I’m deeply impressed by the patients saying thanks to us, the hospitable local doctors, and the full support from local health officials and security personnel,” Huang Wenxin recalled. It is suggested that national health campaign, medium and long-term plans regarding the construction of hydraulic projects, and epidemic surveillance can be carried out to improve urban and rural sanitation and enhance the capacity for flood control.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-01/page-4/detail-8>

## **Environment-friendly Karot Hydropower Project**

*By Dr Shafaq Shahid*

The United Nations Panel on Climate Change has warned the world that global warming is out of control for that human are to blame. There is no doubt that humans are squandering natural resources, destroying clean air and water, and harming the environment. When coal, oil, or natural gas is burned, carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, where the ocean and plants absorb it. Carbon dioxide is a carcinogenic gas that reaches the ocean. Water becomes more acidic as a result. Environmentalists say that the earth’s temperature is increasing due to the emission of such gases, which is called global warming. The general perception is that global warming is more dangerous than nuclear bombs, because of which the earth will be destroyed. The ozone layer’s protection against hazardous radiation is deteriorating, and the sun’s heat is beginning to fall directly on the earth’s surface. The experiences of experts worldwide and the facts on the ground show that the weather has been changing for several years, indicating that if we do not become attentive and serious in time, the worst repercussions will occur. When beginning work on CPEC projects, Chinese experts have given a great deal of attention to minimizing their impact on the surrounding ecosystem as much as possible. In this way, hydroelectric projects have given the environment top importance. The Karot Hydropower Project is one of these projects that would provide Pakistan with clean and environmentally sustainable electricity. The beginning of the Karot Hydropower Project was a momentous occasion. On November 22, 2021, Wang Ye, the team head of the Karot Hydropower Project, informed the press in a triumphant manner that “The Karot Hydropower Project is a part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. It is the first large-scale hydropower investment and construction project of the Belt and Road Initiative

(BRI) which will provide clean and green energy in Pakistan”. Despite various hurdles, such as the covid-19 pandemic, high temperatures, excessive rainfall, regional security concerns, and complex geological construction conditions, these obstacles were surmounted via collaborative efforts of both countries. China Three Gorges Company (CTG) prepared four charter aircraft to transport 600 Chinese construction workers to the construction site and assure the project’s timely completion. The Karot Hydropower Project began with a \$100,000 investment and had the distinction of being a first hydropower project of the CPEC project. The project is also a sign of CPEC’s clean and green vision, which will make it easier for Pakistan to get clean, cheap, and long-lasting energy. Environmental protection has been given a lot of attention during the project’s development. In this situation, protecting aquatic life, especially fish, was especially important. More than a hundred people have been put in charge of protecting the fish that are stuck on the rocks or at the bottom of the river. A total of \$3 million is being spent on the project, and the local government is working with the project team to carry out the plan for managing biodiversity. Since the project’s inception, strict measures have been taken to monitor and protect the quality of river water and air. Contaminated water is discharged from construction sites, and offices. Streets are sprayed with water to improve air quality. From the Karot Hydropower Project, the annual average electricity production will be 3.2 billion kilowatts per hour, and carbon dioxide emissions will be reduced by 3.5 million tons. Thus, Pakistan is rapidly moving towards renewable energy with the support of friendly countries, of which hydropower projects are a major part. The production cost of hydropower projects is also very low, and effective environmental protection is possible. With Pakistan’s assistance in producing clean energy through projects such as the Karot Hydropower Project, China’s CPEC initiative would promote a green economy and development. In this manner, Pakistan will also be able to pursue green growth. Now let’s take a look at the important points of the project. The Karot Hydropower Project is the first Belt and Road Initiative project to receive funding from the Silk Road Fund. The Chinese company Three Gorges Corporation, which is constructing the largest dam in the world, has invested \$1.7 billion in this project. The Karot Hydropower Project is the fourth of five hydro stations constructed with Three Gorges Corporation funding on the Jhelum River in Punjab. The completion of the project will result in the addition of 720 megawatts of electricity to the national grid. At the same time, five million individuals will benefit from green and clean energy. Annually, the project can produce more than three billion kilowatt-hours of sustainable energy. The yearly electricity production of the project is equivalent to a reduction of 152 million tonnes of conventional coal usage and 5.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. During the construction phase, the project employed approximately 5,000 individuals. The Karot Hydropower Project is an engineering wonder; it is a run-of river hydro project, which means that agricultural canals will not be diverted from this dam.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-01/page-10/detail-4>



**December 02, 2022**

**Daily Times**

**Bilawal visits Chinese consulate to offer condolence over ex-president's death**

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Thursday visited the Chinese consulate to offer condolence over the death of former Chinese President Jiang Zemin, on behalf of the government and the people of Pakistan, APP reported.

In his remarks in the condolence book, the foreign minister said the late former president had five decades old association with Pakistan and with his death, China had become bereft of a great leader.

Bilawal visits the Chinese consulate to offer condolence over the ex-president's death The foreign minister said that Jiang Zemin had a significant role in the development of China.

He said the former Chinese president would be remembered as a great world leader who established his identity at the international level besides promoting world peace and progress.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1034348/bilawal-visits-chinese-consulate-to-offer-condolence-over-ex-presidents-death/>

**Pakistani literatures to release in China, fostering cultural exchanges**

Two imported books from Pakistan were announced to be officially launched in China, during the recently concluded Tianfu book fair in Sichuan, China. The book release will be the maiden voyage of Pakistani women's literature to Chinese readers. According to a report of China Economic Net (CEN) two novels, "I Can Still Live Like the Wind? Pakistani Women's Writing" and "Ginat", are both written from women's perspective. They are the first batch of books imported from Pakistan under the CPC Central Committee's Publicity Department's 'Plan for Translation of Asian Classic Works'.

The plan aims to assist Asian countries to deepen their understanding of one another, and offer a platform for nations to share cultures and gain insight from one another. A warm-up forum titled 'Contemporary Women's Literature and Culture in Pakistan' was organized during the Tianfu book fair, aiming to help the Chinese readers better understand Pakistani culture and women's writing. "As one of the birthplaces of ancient civilization, Pakistan has a rich history and cultural resources. These two books take readers on an exhilarating culture journey through the aesthetics of Pakistani poetry and literature.

The books can also serve as a gateway for Chinese readers to better understand Islamic culture " Xiao Jianmei, Researcher from China Center for South Asia studies, Sichuan University commented during the warm-up forum.

Deng Aili, chief editor of 'I Can Still Live Like the Wind? Pakistani Women's Writing' said that "The stories in this collection mostly deal with ordinary people's daily lives in Pakistan, and the writing style is exquisite, expressing the observations and thoughts of modern female writers in Pakistan." She further stated that the book's publication aims to promote literary

communication between China and Pakistan, and to meet Chinese readers' desire to understand Pakistani women's literature.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1034321/pakistani-literatures-to-release-in-china-fostering-cultural-exchanges/>

### **Chinese enterprises optimistic about Pakistan's electric motorcycle industry**

Chinese enterprises are optimistic about Pakistan's electric motorcycle industry, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Thursday.

Driven by market demand and favorable national policies, a growing number of Chinese electric vehicle companies have come to Pakistan to invest and start their business, and local companies have also started manufacturing electric motorcycle products.

The report stated that industry insiders are confident that electric vehicles in Pakistan will enter a phase of rapid development in the near future.

According to Muhammad Yousuf Shaikh, founder and chairman of Pakistan China Motorcycle Industry Council (PCMIC), Pakistan has produced more than 2.5 million motorcycles annually in recent years, but most of them are older models. The electric motorcycle industry will bring changes to Pakistan's motorcycle industry, he added.

In the spirit of sharing the significant breakthroughs of China's new energy, Jialing Industrial Co., Ltd, China established a branch in Pakistan last month to focus on the introduction of new energy pure electric motorcycles instead of traditional fuels.

Yao Zhen, the responsible person for Jialing Pakistan told China Economic Net in a recent interview that Pakistan is a country where motorcycles are the main means of transport. Rising global oil prices have led to a sharp increase in gasoline prices in Pakistan, making it imperative for consumers to switch to new energy markets.

The price of a pure electric motorcycle is higher than that of a conventional petrol motorcycle. "However, in the long run, electric motorcycles save much more fuel cost than petrol motorcycles," Yao added. Currently, power shortages, incomplete charging facilities, and insufficient production of electric vehicle parts in Pakistan are major challenges facing Jialing in building a local plant.

"We plan to establish a production line of new energy motorcycles in Pakistan and gradually localize the manufacturing of parts, which requires the local power department to ensure a stable industrial power supply for manufacturers," said Yao.

Despite the above constraints, Pakistan's electric vehicle policy 2020-2025 has offered great advantages for enterprises planning to invest in electric vehicles in Pakistan, including 1% of import duty on special parts for electric vehicles, 0 CKD sales tax and 1% sales tax on locally manufactured and locally sold vehicles.

These provisions have greatly reduced vehicle production costs, noted Ning Fengli, operation director of Plum Qingqi.

Founded in 1995, Plum Qingqi was the first company from the Chinese motorcycle industry to invest in Pakistan. The company is mainly involved in the production and sales of two – and three-wheeled motorcycles and has also launched electric vehicles in recent years.

Both companies are highly optimistic about the prospects of electric motorcycles in Pakistan. Yao stressed that market demand led by new energy sources such as pure electricity, hydrogen energy and other high-tech sources will be the trend globally.

He maintained, “I am very optimistic about the potential of Pakistan. As long as the government pays sufficient attention and makes favorable policies, there will be a lot of electric motorcycles on the streets of Pakistan in the future.”

“We believe that electric vehicles in Pakistan will enter a stage of rapid development in the near future, and we hope more powerful Chinese electric vehicle enterprises will invest in Pakistan,” Ning concluded.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1034531/chinese-enterprises-optimistic-about-pakistans-electric-motorcycle-industry/>

### Dawn News

#### **Chinese firm to again operationlise entire PSCA infrastructure**

LAHORE: Ending years-long differences, the Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) and a Chinese technology company signed a new settlement agreement here at the authority’s headquarters on Thursday to operationalise the entire PSCA infrastructure, including cameras.

According to the agreement, the Punjab government will not have to pay any additional amount and the Chinese firm will carry out the maintenance works at the previous dollar rate of Rs104 when the initial agreement was signed.

A spokesperson for the PSCA said Chinese Consul General Mr Zhao Shiren and provincial ministers, the CM’s Adviser on Home Affairs Umar Sarfraz Cheema and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Raja Basharat were present on the occasion of the signing of a new agreement.

Acting Punjab inspector general of police Kanwar Shah Rukh, Huawei Pakistan Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ahmad Bilal Masood and senior officials from the company also attended the event.

Speaking to the media, PSCA Chief Operating Officer (COO) Muhammad Kamran Khan said it was a landmark achievement of the Punjab government and the authority to convince the Chinese company to agree to their terms.

Huawei engineers would visit Pakistan to fully functionalise the project in around four months. The Chinese firm would provide all the necessary hardware and software for the project on its expense.

Mr Khan said the foreign company would be responsible for introducing innovation to the Safe Cities project according to the needs of modern technology, and the PSCA would run the project with a new commitment in accordance with public aspirations.

After Lahore, the project had been installed in Kasur and Nankana Sahib, he said, adding work was under way on similar projects in Muridke and Sialkot. The Safe Cities Authority was also setting up a modern centre in Rawalpindi as per the directions of the Punjab government.

Mr Ahmed Bilal Masood said the company would provide all possible support to make the Safe Cities project fully operational.

He said the PSCA was a state-of-the-art project that played an exemplary role in the eradication of terrorism, crime control and traffic management. Safe Cities was not only a surveillance project with cameras, but also a revolution of technology, data and analytics facilities.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1724176/chinese-firm-to-again-operationlise-entire-psca-infrastructure>

## **Test run of Chinese train coaches conducted in Karachi**

*Shazia Hasan*

KARACHI: The 46 fully-furnished high-speed train coaches, or complete units, received from China last week experienced their first test run on Thursday from Karachi's Cantonment railway station to Rohri station.

The coaches, designed to run on local tracks at a speed of 160 kilometers per hour, were pulled at a much lower speed of 120km/hr and even lesser to test their movement, brakes etc in the trial run.

The coaches are supposed to make travel more comfortable and safe while helping Pakistan Railways to improve its services. It is said that after the trial, the coaches will be added to the Green Line that will run between Islamabad's Margalla Station and Karachi in December only.

The Chinese coaches are painted in PR's traditional green colour from the outside. The interior of the various coaches has air-conditioning and heating systems. Some coaches are meant for the economy class and some others for parlour with nice comfortable seats.

Besides luggage cars, there is extra space within the coaches in the shape of racks for hand-carry luggage. Provision of dining car and more kitchens and kitchenettes is available in the coaches, too.

If the AC coaches had purple and blue seats and bunks, the parlour coaches have burgundy and pink seats with plenty of legroom, folding tables. There are LED screens fixed on the back of each headrest to help passengers beat boredom during their journey. From inside, the coaches look more like the business class of a luxurious passenger aircraft.

Speaking to Dawn, the train driver, Safeer Ahmed, said: “Actually, it is also a test of our rail tracks. If the tracks can take it, we should be moving at 160kms per hour”.

His assistant, Raza Ahmed, hoped that the new coaches would also open the way for more improvement in the PR infrastructure. “Hopefully, we will also have new tracks soon to enable PR to run bullet trains as well,” he said.

As per the contract with the China Railway Construction Corporation (CRRC) Tangshan Locomotive and Rolling Stock Company, there are going to be 230 high-speed coaches to be supplied to Pakistan. Out of them, these are only the first 46. The remaining 184 coaches will be manufactured Pakistan Railways engineers and technical staff under the supervision of Chinese experts.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1724257/test-run-of-chinese-train-coaches-conducted-in-karachi>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **Highest Chinese govt award for Pakistani scientist**

The People’s Republic of China has awarded the Chinese Government’s Friendship Award to the famous Pakistani scientist Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary.

In a statement, spokesman of the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), University of Karachi on Thursday said, “The Friendship Award is the highest award of the Chinese Government to commend foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to China’s modernization drive.”

His Excellency Mr. Nong Rong, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China in Pakistan presented the Chinese Government’s Friendship Award to Prof. Iqbal Choudhary, Director of the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences, and Coordinator General COMSTECH, in Chinese Embassy in Islamabad on Monday (November 28, 2022).

It is also worth mentioning here that Prof. Iqbal Choudhary has recently received the 2021 Mustafa (PBUH) Prize, the most prestigious prize of the Muslim World, for his services in the field of bio-organic chemistry. He has published 1,175 research papers in the fields of organic and bio-organic chemistry in international journals, 76 books, and 40 chapters in books published by major US and European press. He has secured 40 US patents so far. He has established several new centers for the support of industries and government organizations.

Dr. Iqbal’s work has been cited by researchers from around the world — 32,000 times in total — and his h-index is 70. As many as 94 local and international scholars have completed their Ph.D. degrees under his supervision so far.

Dr. Iqbal has been awarded by different Pakistani governments with the Hilal-e-Imtiaz, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, and Tamgha-e-Imtiaz. He has been elected a fellow by renowned academies, including the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World, Islamic World Academy of Sciences,

Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Royal Society of Chemistry, and Chemical Society of Pakistan.

Prof Iqbal has previously been honoured by the president of Iran with the Khwarizmi International Award; president of Azerbaijan with the ECO Award in Education; and the prime minister of Pakistan with COMSTECH Award in Chemistry.

Vice Chancellor University of Karachi Prof. Dr. Khalid Iraqi and Prof. Atta-ur Rahman, ICCBS Patron-in-chief and former Federal Minister for Science and Technology, congratulated Prof. Choudhary for his outstanding achievement.

<https://pakobserver.net/highest-chinese-govt-award-for-pakistani-scientist/>

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**Business Recorder**

### **PM urges Chinese co to invest in renewable energy sector**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has invited China Construction Third Engineering Bureau to invest in Pakistan's renewable energy sector.

A delegation of the China Construction Third Engineering Bureau led by Tan Guofu, Vice Chairman met the Prime Minister on Friday.

The Prime Minister said that the mutual relations between Pakistan and China have been very reliable and exemplary in all eras. He also welcomed the Chinese delegation and mentioned the meeting with the president of the company during his previous visit to China.

Shehbaz appreciated the company's vice chairman Guofu's commitment to invest more in infrastructure and energy projects in Pakistan.

He invited the China Construction Third Engineering Bureau to invest in renewable energy projects in Pakistan, especially solar energy.

The Prime Minister thanked the company for donating various items to help the flood victims.

Special Assistants of Prime Minister Tariq Fatemi, and Zafaruddin Mehmood, and relevant senior government officials also participated in the meeting.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2022/12/03/1-page/948930-news.html>

**Daily Times**

### **Men's apparel exports from Pakistan to China surges by 17% in Jan-Oct 2022**

Pakistani men's apparel exports to China amounted to \$21.03million, up more than 17% in the first 10 months of 2022 as compared with the same period in 2021, as per the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).

According to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, men's or boys' apparel (commodity code 61034200), increased by 15.29% worth \$11.85

million while last year in the same period it was \$ 10.28 million. Data further showed that men's or boys' trousers, and breeches, nest, of cotton (commodity code 62034290) were up 16.42% and crossed \$6.49 million in the first 10 months of 2022, whereas in the same period last year it was \$5.58million. The bilateral trade in textile sectors improved very fast. Women's garments exports from Pakistan to China crossed \$8.32 million while home textiles crossed \$6.74 million, witnessing an increase of 29% as compared with last year in the same period which was \$5.25 million.

Asif Muhammad Sulehri CEO of Brizbane Group of Companies and textile exporter told China Economic Net that three major factors are behind the increasing export of Men's clothing to China. Pakistan is a major producer of cotton crops, and it is cheaper as compared to China so it has a benefit over them, he said, adding that Pakistan has cheap labor compared to China which is cost-effective for men's apparel exports to China.

"In January 2020, Pakistan and China entered into the second phase of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA2), under which China has eliminated tariffs on 313 priority tariff lines of Pakistan's export and out of the 313 high-priority products that Pakistan can now export without duty payments to China, 130 are from the textiles sector," he stated. Sulehri said that the reduced tariffs on textile products, an expected surge in Chinese investment into Pakistan, and the potential shift of production base from China to Pakistan, may change the regional dynamics of textile trade.

"Under the CPFTA2, many Pakistani textile products will now enjoy duty-free access to China, which has extended similar tariff reductions to other trading partners. Tariffs on ready made cotton garments (HS codes 61, 62, and 63), have been massively reduced, and men's ensembles of cotton (HS code – 62032200), Pakistan's top world export, were traded with China at 17.5 percent (MFN rate) which was reduced to 12 percent under Phase-I of FTA and has dropped to 0 percent in Phase-II of FTA," Asif mentioned. "Pakistani government's target is raising the country's textile and clothing exports from USD 13.5 billion in 2018 to USD 25 billion by 2025. As China has the world's largest textile industry-in terms of both production and export-it is an inevitable trading partner for Pakistan to meet this 2025 target", he added. It is to be noted that Pakistan's cotton yarn exports to China are one of the major items of Pakistan's exports to the Chinese market.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1035058/mens-apparel-exports-from-pakistan-to-china-surges-by-17-in-jan-oct-2022/>

### **\$500m loan by China-led AIIB to help Pakistan strengthen social safety net**

The \$500 million loan to Pakistan will provide critical countercyclical financing to strengthen social protection, food security, and support for businesses. This was stated by the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral lender, in a post, according to Gwadar Pro. Pakistan's government said on Tuesday that it had received the funds from AIIB. The funds were provided under the Building Resilience with Active Countercyclical Expenditures (BRACE) Program of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

AIIB is co-financing the program under its COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility. According to AIIB, the program will finance expenditures for strengthening the social safety net and fiscal

measures to support the Pakistani government's response to deal with the triple crises of COVID-19 pandemic, conflict and flood disaster.

The Program will specifically support measures for social protection to increase the number of beneficiaries for cash transfer under the national social protection program from 8 million to 9 million households, and fuel subsidies for the vulnerable, it said. It will also support food security measures to provide grants for food security including food transportation and subsidization for the urban poor, subsidy for fertilizers, subsidy on imported urea; and agriculture relief initiative (for seeds and tractors). This component will also support Kamyab Jawan Program (a youth vocational training, entrepreneurship, and employment initiative) as well as provide support for exporters, AIIB said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1035029/500m-loan-by-china-led-aiib-to-help-pakistan-strengthen-social-safety-net/>

## **The Nation**

### **Railways receives 46 coaches to modernise train operations**

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan Railways has received the first batch of around 46 of the total 230 high-speed modern coaches from China which would not only help to modernize the railway operations but also generate enhanced revenue for the department.

“The new coaches will have the capacity to run at a speed of 160 kilometres per hour whereas the current maximum speed limit of trains is about 120 kilometres per hour. These coaches will significantly improve train service,” an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP on Friday.

The official said that the modern coaches would offer an improved train travel experience in the country to 220 million people, many of whom rely on trains for long journeys. He said that Pakistan Railways would carry out a test run of the new coaches on the Main Line-I (ML-I) starting from Karachi to Peshawar via Rohri, Sukkar, Bahawalpur, Khanewal, Lahore and Rawalpindi before beginning the commercial travel.

After receiving 46 completely built units (CBUs) manufactured in China, Pakistan Railways would soon begin manufacturing 184 similar coaches at its carriage factory in Islamabad with the assistance of Chinese engineers under the technology transfer agreement. To a question, the official said that Pakistan Railways had signed a contract with major Chinese high-speed train manufacturer CRRC Tangshan Co Ltd in August 2021 for 230 modern, high-speed passenger coaches. He said the passenger trains included 80 economy coaches and 80 air-conditioned standard trains, 30 lounge-type trains and others.

The manufacturing of 184 coaches in the country would be under the technology transfer project as the Chinese firm will provide spare parts, raw materials and expertise for the coaches planned to be manufactured at Pakistan Railways Carriage Factory in Islamabad, he added.

He said Pakistan has signed another similar contract with a Chinese firm to manufacture 800 freight wagons and 20 brake wagons. After receiving 200 modern freight wagons from



China, the country would begin manufacturing 620 modern wagons at its Mughalpura workshop and the carriage factory in Risalpur, he added.

The official said that with the new coaches and technology transfer, Pakistan Railways aimed to improve its operation system and the condition of its railway tracks that along with other issues such as poor maintenance, and official negligence led to some of the most fatal railway accidents in the world.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-03/page-8/detail-2>

### **Pakistan's rice exports to China increase by 41pc in Jan-Oct**

BEIJING-Pakistan's rice export to China in the first 10 months of 2022 surpassed \$425.90 million with a volume of 1,121,592.571 tons, China Economic Net (CEN) reported it on Friday quoting the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).

Data showed that during the first 10 months of 2022, bilateral trade in agriculture products increased significantly and China imported more than one million tons of different types of rice, increasing 41% y-o-y. Last year in the same period it was more than 705,931.676 tons by volume and \$301.21 million by worth. This year has witnessed an increase of \$124.69 million.

According to GACC, the import of Broken Rice (Commodity Code 10063020) from Pakistan increased by 3.65% by worth from \$192.57 million to \$199.62 million and 20.50% by volume from 408,194.590 tons last year to 491,878.156 tons. The Commercial Counsellor at Consulate General in Guangzhou, Muhammad Irfan told China Economic Net that Pakistan is striving to increase its exports to China, particularly in the agriculture sector. Pakistani rice is getting popular in the Chinese market due to its good taste and quality.

"China is the largest importer of the world and Pakistani products are getting a place in this market while Chinese hybrid seeds and technology helped Pakistani farmers increase their yield. Good prices here also helped rice exporters to export rice to China", Irfan added.

Zaheer Ahmad, a Pakistani rice exporter to China, told CEN that Pakistan needs to import Chinese technology to further enhance rice exports to China because much rice has been wasted while polishing and shifting.

He further said that Pakistan has high-quality land that is suitable to cultivate diverse varieties of rice, ample young labor, and good environment for agriculture. But due to a lack of technologies previously, the low average yield and degraded seeds were the main reason for less export to China.

"Due to the floods, more than 45% of crops have vanished, which would impact our export to the world. Pakistani farmers face frequent natural disasters but we can learn from China to solve these issues through the latest technologies and techniques", he stated.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-03/page-8/detail-3>

## The News

### **Better Sino-Pak cooperation emphasised**

Islamabad: Experts have called for better China-Pakistan support and cooperation in the field of agriculture, especially for banana cultivation.

Nosherwan Haider of the Sprouts Biotech Laboratories told reporters that China's contribution to the international banana market was around 4.5 percent but Pakistan lagged far behind with less than 0.5 percent contribution.

Regretting limited Sino-Pak farming cooperation, he called for better collaboration between the two countries on banana production. "We [Pakistan] lack high-quality banana seeds, advanced cultivation technology, and logistic facility, so China can help boost our banana production and exports," he said.

Imran Shah, a farmer from NQ Farms, complained about the unavailability of good seeds and high fertilizer rates and said Chinese support could address the issue. Haider said some Pakistani labs were researching banana tissue culture, which increased production three times compared with that of conventional farming and yielded disease-free and harsh weather-tolerant crops.

He said Pakistani researchers wanted Chinese technologies to improve local banana yields. "We should exchange technology with China through better collaborations," he said. According to exporter Ibrahim Nizamani, Pakistan is sending bananas to Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan with China being a dream export destination, but the local farmers struggle to preserve and transport bananas.

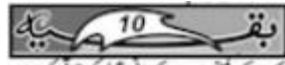
"Our people should be taught how to harvest and package bananas and send them to the market as our 30-40 percent banana production is destroyed during harvesting and transportation," he said. He complained about a lack of cold storage in farms, which, he said, harmed banana quality.

The experts also called for a smooth electricity supply to ensure the good quality of bananas. They said enhancing Sino-Pak cooperation on banana cultivation was expected to bring win-win outcomes to both countries in the days ahead.

"China and Pakistan can collaborate through joint research. We can progress and get benefit from each other. Pakistan has a lot of land. We have good weather. We have a labour force. China has technology. We can benefit from China by getting some technologies related to agricultural practices and hybrid varieties. China will also get benefit and we can export bananas to China through China-Pakistan Economic Corridor," Haider said.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=153405>

## K2 Daily



کہ چونکہ نئی اپنے پاکستانی نسل کی ترقی کو زیادہ اہمیت دیتی ہے، اس لیے ملازمین کی تعلیمی زبان کی اصلاحیت کو بھتر بنانا اور ان کی پیشہ ورانہ صلاحیتوں میں اضافہ کتنی کی اشد ضرورت ہے۔ زرغام مہاس نے امید لگا ہر کی کہ تربیت کے بعد تمام ملازمین کے علم، مہارت اور کام کے طریقہ کار میں نمایاں بہتری آئے گی۔ ڈوگ گوان پولی ٹیکنیک کے صدری ڈوگ شیو نے کہا کہ انہیں امید ہے کہ اس طرح کی تربیت باقاعدگی سے جاری رہے گی۔

**چین، ڈوگ گوان کا پاکستان میں  
چینی کاروباری اداروں کے لئے  
ملازمین کی تربیت کا انعقاد**

گوانگ زو (شہور) چین کے جنوبی صوبہ گوانگ ڈوگ کے ووکیشنل تربیتی اسکول ڈوگ گوان پولی ٹیکنیک نے پاکستان میں چینی کاروباری اداروں کے لیے ملازمین کی آن لائن تربیت کا آغاز اس امید کے ساتھ کیا ہے کہ اس سے پاک چین ووکیشنل تربیت میں اضافہ ہوگا۔ سائنو مال (پرائیویٹ) (لیٹل کے 134 ملازمین نے اپنی تکنیکی صلاحیتوں کو کھلانے کے لئے اعلیٰ ترین میں شرکت کی۔ سائنو مال (پرائیویٹ) لیٹل کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر زرغام مہاس نے تقریب سے خطاب میں کہا (باقی صفحہ 6 بجہ نمبر 10)

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**Daily Times**

### **Chinese electric buses to help cut public transport pollution in Pakistan by 43%**

Taking advantage of robust China-Pakistan collaboration on electric vehicle (EV) ventures, Pakistan has launched a decarbonization plan in Public Transport Sector, as 43 percent carbon emission emitting from petrol-run transport vehicles on roads, Gwadar Pro reported it on Saturday.

As part of the plan, Punjab government is gearing up to introduce 500 Chinese buses in the first phase in the province, house of more than 100 million people that are desperately in want of environment-friendly public transport.

According to sources in Punjab Secretariat, in order to make it possible for running Chinese electric buses in Lahore, government has green lighted Punjab Transport Company (PTC) and Punjab Mass Transit Authority (PMTA) to proceed with administrative, technical and financial procedures and viabilities.

Lahore, capital of Punjab, is one of the worst polluted cities in the world. The Chinese Electric Buses plying on roads will help mitigate environmental hazards especially smog that often keeps engulfing the entire city, said by Environmentalist Ayub Minhas.

On the back of 2022 budget's major allocations on Electric Vehicle, Pakistan will switch over to 30 per cent electric vehicles by 2030 under the National Electric Vehicles Policy that will reduce the import bill by \$2 billion every year, cut pollution, fulfil "Clean Green Pakistan" and realize commitments on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on environment.

Talking to Gwadar Pro, Punjab Mass Transit Authority (PMTA) General Manager Syed Uzair Shah said that thorough deliberations to examine financial viability of electric buses is in full swing. After Punjab Transport Authority succeeds to launch them, PMTA will step forward accordingly, he added.

On a query regarding the fleet of 500 buses, he said that in this regard plan is on go as it has been decided already in principle by Punjab government.

In collaboration with BYD China, the world's largest producer of electric vehicles, Pakistan has already piloted the EV buses initiative in Lahore. Previously, the same bus did experimental trips in Islamabad. An electric bus with zero smoke emission has begun running on Lahore roads as a test project. Every day, the bus makes two trips from the Punjab Transport Company's (PTC) main station to Valencia Town. Last month, Pakistan's first electric buses hit roads in Karachi, again credit goes to China-manufactured electric buses. The Sindh government conducted a test trial of electric buses.

Talking to media after the test run, Sindh Transport Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the buses will be available to commuters soon. Chinese buses can cover 240 kilometres on a single charge of 20 minutes. The electric passenger vehicles ran between Sindh Archive Complex and Sea View during the trial run. The Sindh transportation authority received a fleet of 50 electric buses.

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement, the Pakistan government recently approved an ambitious National Electric Vehicles Policy (NEVP). The policy aims for an almost complete replacement of Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles (ICEVs) with Electric Vehicles (EVs) in new car sales by 2040. Since the EV policy comes into operation, many Chinese enterprises in e-buses manufacturing have entered Pakistan promising the Pakistani government to reduce carbon emission on roads.

Chinese auto manufacturer Skywell Automobile also planned to invest \$50 million to launch electric buses in Pakistan. Under the agreement, Skywell Automobiles China and Daewoo Express Pakistan will collaborate to introduce electric buses and other electric vehicles in Pakistan and create a technical support base in the country.

Recently, under Chinese brand HAVAL, the leading automotive manufacturer, Sazgar Engineering Works Limited (SEWL) launched Pakistan's first locally assembled hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) .

With an estimated foreign direct investment (FDI) of Rs663 million and local investment worth Rs637 million, Chinese company "MG JW Automobile" is also set to establish an electric car manufacturing plant in the first private special economic zone (SEZ) in Raiwind, Punjab.

In partnership with China, Topsun Motors (Pakistan), the first-ever electric car company has been launched in the country. The Joint Venture cut the ribbon on its showroom called Topsun MR Motors on in Jail Road Lahore.

Chinese Electric Car called "Wuling Hong Guang Mini EV", is also in phase of preparation to get launched in Pakistan market. The Wuling Hong Guang Mini EV is manufactured

through a joint venture between China's Wuling, Chinese state-owned automaker SAIC Motor, and General Motors.

DEZHOU-Pakistan's EV sector is embracing Chinese investor as a group of five local enterprises signed a MoU with China's Songuo Motors on the Songuo-Pakistan e-Trike & BSS Pilot Project. The move is to export Songuo electric bicycles, electric tricycles and EVs to the project site.

A Chinese company RNL Technologies is also gearing up to start manufacturing Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers in Pakistan. Eight Chinese companies have partnered with the Crown Group in joint ventures.

Crown Group is a new player in the electric vehicles market and has invested Rs2 billion to set up its manufacturing plant to produce environmentally friendly EVs.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1035481/chinese-electric-buses-to-help-cut-public-transport-pollution-in-pakistan-by-43/>

### **The Express Tribune**

#### **Learning from China**

*Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan*

We need powerful leadership and only under such a leadership can the country progress

The current political situation in Pakistan represents both risks as well as opportunities. Superfluous, unnecessary and untidy politics has consumed us as a society; and politics, instead of being the art of the possible, has become a playing field in which mediocrity is ruling supreme. Direct pressures, bribery and blackmailing are the proffered tools being used to turn around and shape political preferences. Ironically, it is Pakistan's younger generation which is also witnessing how politicians can be coerced and induced to make political choices that may not necessarily be their own. What does this mean for the future of this country and the generation which has to participate in that future and take this country forward?

We need powerful leadership and only under such a leadership can the country progress. Whosoever considers himself to be that leader must clearly take position on some of the factors that we have been zigzagging about? Our close ally and friend China is a superpower but its Chinese Communist Party under the leadership of President Xi Jinping has taken clear position on some of the factors that ultimately define their core national interests and basing on which China formulates its foreign policy. China is very clear about what it fears. Its greatest fear is subversion — it does not want the power and authority of its political system to be subverted. President Xi considers that Western countries are constantly conspiring to infiltrate, subvert and overthrow the CCP. To protect it, China goes to any length, and what to the outside world looks like coercive measures are actually its way of dealing with what it considers is the outside world's propaganda and interference in its internal matters and how the outside world wants the Chinese political system to fail. What is our fear? Our greatest fear comes from extremism and radicalisation that has gradually crept into our society. Like

China we also are threatened more internally than externally. We must as a state take a clear position against extremism and radicalisation for if we continue to suffer from this fear, we should forget about making any progress in becoming a modern welfare state.

China is clearly sympathetic about Russia. The reason of its sympathies is historical and much to do with the question of why Soviet Union disintegrated and why the Soviet Communist party collapsed. China sees in past Soviet Union a future that it wants to avoid at all costs. President Xi considers Mikhail Gorbachev as the person who was responsible for setting the stage for the dissolution of Soviet Union. Had it not been for Gorbachev's perestroika (reconstruction) and glasnost (opening), the Soviet Union might still have survived.

When I think about my own country and whom we should sympathize with, the only thing that comes to my mind is our people. The people of Pakistan have long been mistreated by the state and unless the state doesn't realise this soon and throws up a powerful leadership to address the woes with which the people suffer, we may have bigger problems on our hands than the ones that we are currently dealing with.

Then there is this core desire that China has the desire to unify Taiwan with mainland China. Our core desire is also the unification of the Indian-occupied Kashmir with the state of Pakistan or an independent Kashmir depending upon the wishes of the people of Kashmir. The only difference in attainment of this desire is that China is biding time and hasn't so far aggressed against Taiwan but we have fought three wars with India on the question of Kashmir. Every time we did that we were thrown backwards in time and only struggled to run our subsequent economy and the country.

There is also this Chinese hostility against the US. China questions all American trends and considers most of them as false. Chinese values, it considers, are at tangent with the western values including its constitutional democracy and the concept of civil society, independent media and economic neoliberalism. Pakistan's hostility against India is also not built on false notions. Indian attempts to isolate us and consistently accuse us of executing terrorism are acts of propagandising something that India itself very cleverly employs as statecraft. India's use of the Afghan land for fanning separatist movement in Balochistan and pushing proxies into Pakistan is no more a secret. What Pakistan can learn from China and its continued hostility towards the US is that China has not brought this hostility to a point where it starts negatively affecting its economy and growth. In case of Pakistan, we have Kargilled ourselves into global isolation and have lost our credibility at the global stage.

China also demonstrates complete confidence in the ultimate victory of communism over the capitalist west. All policies framed by CCP are aimed at achieving this end. Speaking to the members of the CCP's Central Committee, President Xi said, "Facts have repeatedly told us that Marx and Engels' analysis of the basic contradiction of capitalist society is not outdated, nor is the historical materialist view that capitalism will inevitably perish and socialism will inevitably triumph outdated. This is the irreversible overall trend of social and historical development, but the road is winding. The ultimate demise of capitalism, and ultimate triumph of socialism, will inevitably be a long historical process."

China is working on the Marxist political philosophy of step-by-step accumulation of quantitative increases which will eventually lead to a qualitative leap. Its strict adherence to the policy of non-interference in other countries' matters and also its step-by-step reach-out to the outside world including the Latin American and African countries through its BRI initiative are indicative of its adherence to this Marxist political philosophy. In case of Pakistan — considering that we are neither an economic giant like China nor do we have an economic and military power like China — scope of our conclusion unlike China should be limited. For the sake of our politicians and our leaders, I can define this conclusion for Pakistan as seeking to become a modern welfare state. This conclusion is not global like China but is clearly something that we can reach out to and which is within our grasp.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2389321/learning-from-china>

**December 05, 2022**

**Business Recorder**

### **SAU inks MoU with Chinese varsity**

HYDERABAD: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Sindh Agriculture University (SAU) Tandojam and Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications, (CQUPT) China regarding research, academic and exchange of students and faculty members.

Dr Fateh Marri, Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University and Prof GaoXinbo, President of Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications (CQUPT) China, signed the memorandum and shared the documents online.

Under this agreement, bilateral cooperation between the faculty and students of Information Technology Centre (ITC) of Sindh Agriculture University and Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications will be promoted for the development of IT.

Addressing the online signing conference of the agreement, Dr Marri thanked CQUPT China and appreciated the efforts of the Director, Information Technology Centre, and faculty members to initiate the links between the both universities for research and academia.

He said that this agreement will encourage the students and faculty members of ITC to take maximum advantage of collaboration between the two universities.

Professor GaoXinbo of CQUPT China said Pakistan and China are friendly countries, and we are working jointly with Pakistani universities on science, research and agriculture fields and through this MoU the students and experts will work together and good results will be achieved.

Dr. Mukhtiar Memon, Dr. Zulfikar Mahar, Dr. Muhammad Yaqoob Koondhar, Dr. Kavita, faculty members and students of both universities were present at the online ceremony.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2022/12/05/3-page/949057-news.html>

## Pakistan Observer

### **Chinese intangible cultural heritage exhibition tomorrow**

As part of measures to enhance and enrich China-Pakistan cultural relations, China's intangible cultural heritage exhibition is all set to be held on 6th December (Tuesday) at Art Gallery, Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore.

According to Gwadar Pro, the intangible cultural heritage exhibition is organised under the aegis of the Chinese Consulate Lahore.

Talking to Gwadar Pro, China's Consul General Lahore Zhao Shiren said that the exhibition is an endeavour to offer an insight to the people of Lahore about the essence of Chinese intangible heritage spanning over thousands of years that consists of non-physical intellectual wealth relating to beliefs, traditions and customs.

He said that the exhibition will enlighten the people about the rich civilisation of China which is the proud history of China.

In October of the same year, Chinese Consul General Lahore also unveiled the ceremony of "China Intangible Cultural Heritage" Exhibition at the Pakistan (China) Shandong Chamber of Commerce (PCSCC) Building in Lahore.

The event was attended by Cao Ke Deputy Consul General of China, Cheng Xiaonong Vice President PCSCC, P.J. Mir Senior Media person,

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani-Secretary General Pakistan China Friendship Association (PCFA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Usman Shahjehan General Secretary PCFA Punjab apart from Senior Members of PCSCC.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-intangible-cultural-heritage-exhibition-tomorrow/>

## The Nation

### **660MW unit of Shanghai Thar coal power plant connected with national grid**

ISLAMABAD - The first 660-megawatt unit of Shanghai Electric 1,320MW Thar coal-based power plant has been connected to the national grid.

These views were expressed by Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan in a tweet, according to Gwadar Pro.

The minister termed the addition of low-cost electricity from indigenous resources as good news and added that it was the fruit of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative. Shanghai Electric is the sponsor of 2,660MW ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plants in Block-I of the Thar desert in Sindh province. The project also includes an integrated coal mine of 7.8 million tons per annum capacity.

According to another tweet retweeted by the Federal Minister for Power, the other 660 MW unit will also be connected to the national grid on Monday (Dec 5) after which both units will collectively start contributing 1,320 MWs electricity to the national grid. At this stage, the



power plants will start contributing electricity to the national grid for testing purposes before commencing commercial operations, a source said.

According to the Thar Coal Block-1 Generation Co. (TCB-1), the power plants are capable of providing affordable energy to four million households. TCB-1 is a subsidiary of Shanghai Electric and the owner of the power plant.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-05/page-3/detail-5>

### Express News

شنگھائی الیکٹرک کا پہلا 660 میگاواٹ یونٹ پاور پلانٹ کو نیشنل گرڈ سے منسلک کر دیا گیا۔ اسلام آباد

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گواڈر پروکے مطابق وفاقی وزیر برائے بجلی خرم دستگیر خان نے ایک بیان میں کہا ہے کہ مقامی وسائل سے کم لاگت بجلی کے اضافے کو خوشخبری قرار دیتے ہوئے مزید کہا کہ یہ چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) اقدام کا ثمر ہے۔

گواڈر پروکے مطابق شنگھائی الیکٹرک صوبہ سندھ کے صحرائے تھر کول بلاک ون میں 2660 میگاواٹ کے الٹرا سپر کریٹیکل کونکے سے چلنے والے پاور پلانٹس کا اسپانسر ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2410629/6/>

### December 07, 2022

#### Daily Times

#### **President visits Chinese Embassy to condole Jiang Zemin's death**

President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday paid a visit to the Chinese Embassy to extend his heartfelt condolences, on behalf of the Government of Pakistan and the people, to the Chinese leadership and the people over the passing away of former Chinese president Jiang Zemin.

While signing the condolence book, the president wrote that he was deeply saddened and grieved, and his thoughts and sincere prayers were with Jiang's family, friends and the people of China over the passing away of Jiang Zemin, the former president of the People's Republic of China and General Secretary of the Communist Party of China.

Condoling with Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong later, the president said Jiang Zemin was a remarkable leader, a visionary and a statesman, who promoted global peace and stability at bilateral, regional and international levels, the President Secretariat Press Wing stated.

President Alvi said the former Chinese president was a great and trusted friend of Pakistan who made invaluable contributions to strengthen the bilateral all-weather strategic cooperative friendship between the two countries and played a key role in further strengthening and cementing people-to-people relations. He said the time-tested friendship between Pakistan and China was based on exceptional trust, understanding, strategic communication and wide-ranging practical cooperation.

The president expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Government of Pakistan and its people for the generous and meaningful Chinese support during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the devastating climate change-induced super floods which affected most parts of the country, and resulted in the loss of precious lives and livelihood of people, loss of livestock and destruction of physical infrastructure. He said Pakistan was firmly committed to the successful completion of projects under CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor), which reflected high-quality development and contributions to the socio-economic development of its remote areas.

“The flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), CPEC, had transformed the economic landscape of Pakistan,” he added, and expressed the hope that the early development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) would serve as a catalyst for accelerating investment flows, and continued to remain a priority.

Later, in his press statement given to official Pakistani and Chinese media, the president expressed his deepest condolences over the sad demise of the former Chinese president and said in the fast-changing world, the role of China had assumed immense importance for global and regional economic and financial stability and lasting peace.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1036365/president-visits-chinese-embassy-to-condole-jiang-zemins-death/>

### **Dawn News**

#### **Chinese firm to invest \$100m in digital payments sector**

*Khalid Hasnain*

LAHORE: Opay, a Chinese company present in various countries including Nigeria, plans to invest \$100 million in Pakistan’s digital payments sector by increasing points of sale (POS) from 10,000 to 100,000, its country president told Dawn on Tuesday.

It also plans to buy a microfinance bank and has applied for the requisite licence, Ali Mubashir Kazmi said. “Opay entered Pakistan with an initial investment of \$4m but now plans to invest up to \$100m,” Mr Kazmi said. As for points of sale, the company would attain the 20,000 POS target in the first phase, he said.

Opay fintech raised \$400m from international investors led by Japan’s Soft Bank, and the company is valued at \$2 billion. The investment was aimed at capturing emerging markets like Pakistan.

With a changing financial landscape amid technological development, fintech and digital banks in Pakistan are working to tap the immense potential in a large unbanked market.

“Opay has a long-term view on Pakistan. There is a great opportunity in the financial sector development, and we are geared to play our role. Opay has digital expertise and plans to penetrate the unbanked segment. The commercial view is to bring an investment of \$100m into Pakistan as [foreign direct investment],” he said.

Opay Pakistan is already operating with over 200 employees and now plans to increase the number significantly. It is providing financial services as a third party and has already

installed over 10,000 POS. Its parent has already invested \$4m in POS machines and related infrastructure and is now waiting for a licence from the State Bank of Pakistan.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1725082>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **Pakistan's seafood exports to China up 41pc in Jan-Oct 2022**

Pakistan's seafood exports to China topped \$166.56 million, an increase of 41% in the month of January-October year-on-year, while last year it was \$118.07 million, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday quoting the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).

GACC's data shows that in the first ten months this year, Pakistan's exports of frozen fish, commodity code (03038990), to China, crossed \$45.47 million, which were \$21.80 million during the same period last year.

In terms of volume, in January-October more than 22331.728 tons of frozen fish were exported to China.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistans-seafood-exports-to-china-up-41pc-in-jan-oct-2022/>

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#### **Daily Times**

#### **China condemns attack on Pakistan's embassy in Kabul**

China on Wednesday strongly condemned the attack on the Pakistani embassy in Kabul last week and said it firmly opposed all forms of violence and terrorist acts. "China strongly condemns and firmly opposes all forms of violence and terrorist acts," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said during her regular briefing in response to a question raised by APP. Pakistan's embassy in Kabul came under attack on Friday, leaving one security guard critically injured. "We extend sympathy to the injured (person) in the attack," the spokesperson said. Mao Ning remarked that China had been closely following the security situation in Afghanistan, and added, "China will continue to firmly support Afghanistan in combating all forms of terrorism and violence to safeguard its national security and stability."

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1036937/china-condemns-attack-on-pakistans-embassy-in-kabul/>

#### **Dawn News**

#### **2023 to be 'China-Pakistan year of tourism and exchanges'**

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren says that 2023 will be the "China-Pakistan Year of Tourism and Exchanges."

He was addressing China's intangible cultural heritage exhibition under the aegis of the Chinese Consulate at Alhamra Arts Council here on Wednesday.

He said China was also scheduled to host the Gandhara Art Exhibition in Beijing.

“I wish this small exhibition will make a good start for the China-Pakistan Year of Tourism and Exchanges, and make our peoples’ hearts beat together,” he said.

Mr Shiren said, “Cultures are diversified, and civilizations are different. But they are, by nature, not for conflicts, nor are they confrontational. The ultimate goal for cultures and civilizations is dialogue, tolerance, peaceful coexistence, harmony, and shared growth. Diversity spurs interaction among civilizations, which in turn promotes mutual learning and mutual understanding.”

The exhibition, according to Zhao Shiren, is a step toward greater cultural harmony between the peoples of Pakistan and China because “the more we were integrated, knowing each other’s heritage, craftsmanship, culture, as well as intangible intellectual wealth, the better we would be doing in lockstep.”

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1725182/2023-to-be-china-pakistan-year-of-tourism-and-exchanges>

### **The Nation**

#### **China’s intangible cultural heritage exhibition begins**

LAHORE - Under the auspices of the Chinese Consulate Lahore, a two-day “Intangible Cultural Heritage Exhibition” of China is ongoing at Art Gallery, Al Hamra Arts Council Lahore. The theme of the exhibition is “Chinese Culture and Traditional Handicrafts” which aims to raise awareness of China-Pakistan cultural relations and steps to further improve. Former Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri, Chairman Arts Council Lahore Razi Ahmed and important business, social and journalistic personalities participated in the opening ceremony. Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chinese Consul General Mr Zhao Shiren said this exhibition is an endeavor to offer an insight to the Lahorites and the Punjabis about the essence of Chinese intangible heritage spanning over thousands of years, to enlighten them about the rich civilization and proud history of China. I would first thank the Alhamra Arts Council and Pakistan (China) Shandong Chamber of Commerce for their contribution, and also thank the relevant departments of the Punjab Government for their efforts. Zhao Shiren said, Lahore, known as a city of rich culture and heritage in Pakistan, also enjoys the fame of the City of the Art, in addition to the City of Gardens. It is a charming city with a long history and profound cultural heritage. As the former capital of the Mughal Dynasty, Lahore is also acclaimed as the “Heart and Soul of Pakistan”. Since I took office in May, I have visited many historical sites such as the Lahore Fort, Badshahi Mosque, Shalimar Garden and the Lahore Museum. Half a month ago, the Chinese diplomats were also invited to attend the International Islamic Art Festival 2022 at this same venue.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-08/page-15/detail-0>

## Nawaiwaqt News

### جزل اسمبلی نے جی 77 اور چین کی طرف سے پاکستان کی پیش کردہ قرارداد منظور کر لی

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نامہ نگار) اقوام متحدہ کی جزل اسمبلی نے ترقی پزیر ممالک کے اتحاد پر مشتمل گروپ جی 77 اور چین کی طرف سے پاکستان کی پیش کردہ قرارداد منظور کر لی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق اقوام متحدہ میں پاکستان کے نائب مستقل نمائندہ عامر خان نے یہ قرارداد پیش کی۔ اقوام متحدہ 193 رکنی جزل اسمبلی نے قرارداد کی شرائط کے تحت قدرتی آفات کے دوران انسانی ہمدردی کی بنیاد پر بین الاقوامی تعاون اور امداد کے ساتھ ساتھ ہنگامی اقدامات، بحالی اور پیش رفت کے درمیان تعلق اور تین مراحل میں ہموار منتقلی کو یقینی بنانے کی ضرورت کو تسلیم کیا۔ پاکستانی مندوب نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ متاثرہ ممالک کے لیے ہنگامی امداد کو طویل مدتی مدد کی صورت میں یقینی بنانا چاہئے۔

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### وزیر خزانہ سے چینی، سعودی، ہالینڈ کے سفیروں کی الگ ملاقاتیں

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سے پاکستان میں سعودی عرب کے سفیر، ہالینڈ کے سفیر اور دراز کے ایم ڈی نے الگ الگ ملاقاتیں کیں۔ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ و محصولات محمد اسحاق ڈار نے سعودی سفیر نواف بن سعید المالکی کا پرتپاک استقبال کیا۔ وزیر خزانہ نے سعودی عرب کے سفیر کو سیلاب کے بعد جاری تعمیر نو اور بحالی کے پروگرام کے بارے میں آگاہ کیا۔ سعودی فنڈ فار ڈویلپمنٹ (ایس ایف ڈی) کی جانب سے سٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان میں 3 بلین امریکی ڈالر ڈپازٹ کی مدت میں توسیع پر سفیر کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ سعودی سفیر نواف بن سعید المالکی نے کہا مملکت سعودی عرب کا مقصد پاکستان کے ساتھ اقتصادی اور تجارتی تعلقات کو مزید گہرا کرنا ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اور ریونیو سینیٹر محمد اسحاق ڈار سے پاکستان میں ہالینڈ کی سفیر بینی فوکل ڈی وریس نے ملاقات کی۔ وزیر اعظم کے معاون خصوصی برائے خزانہ طارق باجوہ اور فنانس ڈویژن کے دیگر سینیٹر افسران بھی موجود تھے۔ محترمہ بینی فوکل ڈی وریس نے کہا کہ نیدر لینڈ کی حکومت کا مقصد پاکستان کے ساتھ مختلف اقتصادی محاذوں پر دو طرفہ تعلقات کو بڑھانا ہے۔ پاکستان سرمایہ کاری کے لیے بہترین ملک ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ نے ہالینڈ کی سرمایہ کاری کی تجاویز کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا کہ کاروبار دوست ماحول کی فراہمی موجودہ حکومت کی ترجیح ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اور ریونیو سینیٹر محمد اسحاق ڈار سے دراز کے ایم ڈی احسان ساییا کی سربراہی میں وفد نے ملاقات کی۔ وفد نے اپنے مسائل حل کرنے کی درخواست کی اور اس سلسلے میں حکومت سے تعاون طلب کیا۔ ایم ڈی دراز نے وزیر خزانہ کو یہ بھی بتایا کہ میسرز علی بابا دراز کے ساتھ مل کر پاکستان میں سیلاب متاثرین کے لیے 0.5 بلین امریکی ڈالر کی انسانی امداد فراہم کر رہا ہے۔ آئی این پی کے مطابق وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سے چین کے سفیر ٹونگ روٹنگ نے ملاقات کی۔ دو طرفہ امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے چین کے سفیر کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان دیرینہ تعلقات ہیں۔ وزیر خزانہ نے چین کے سابق صدر جیانگ زیمین کے انتقال پر دکھ کا اظہار کیا اور مشکل گھڑی میں چینی حکومت کی امداد کو سراہا۔ اسحاق ڈار نے کہا حکومت آئی ایم ایف پروگرام مکمل کرنے کیلئے پرعزم ہے۔ چینی سفیر نے کہا کہ چینی حکومت پاکستان سے مسلسل تعاون جاری رکھے گی، ہم پاکستانی عوام کے ساتھ کھڑے ہیں، ہر ممکن مدد فراہم کرنے کو تیار ہیں۔ وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے مسلسل تعاون اور مدد پر چینی سفیر کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ دریں اثناء وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے پاک سیکرٹریٹ کے مختلف کیڈرز سے تعلق رکھنے والے احتجاجی افسران کو 150 فیصد ایگزیکٹو الاؤنس کا مسئلہ 14 دسمبر تک مساوی بنیاد پر حل کرنے کی یقین دہانی کرائی ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ کی یقین دہانی کے بعد سیکرٹریٹ کے مختلف کیڈرز کے 100 ملازمین نے 14 دسمبر تک اپنا احتجاج ختم کر دیا ہے۔ دو ہفتے کی قلم بند ہڑتال کے بعد وفاقی وزیر خزانہ نے عہدیداروں کے نمائندوں پر مشتمل کمیٹی کے ساتھ اجلاس کیا۔ مسئلے کو حل کرنے کے عزم کا یقین دلایا۔ مزید برآں وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے کہا ہے کہ بات چیت میں ہماری طرف سے کوئی ہچکچاہٹ نہیں مگر مشروط بات چیت نہیں ہو سکتی۔ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے نجی ٹی وی انٹرویو میں کہا کہ بات چیت پر ہماری طرف سے نہیں دوسری جانب سے تاخیر ہو رہی ہے، صدر مملکت سے ملاقات ہوئی ہے۔ پی ٹی آئی نے اسمبلیوں سے استعفیے دینے کا فیصلہ کر لیا ہے تو دے دیں، قوم کا اس

معاملے پر وقت ضائع کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اسحاق ڈار نے پنجاب میں حکومت بنانا اور وزارت اعلیٰ ن لیگ کا حق قرار دے دیا۔ جبکہ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اور محصولات سینیٹر محمد اسحاق ڈار نے فنانس ڈویژن میں گورنر سٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان جمیل احمد سے درچونل میٹنگ کی۔ وزیر خزانہ نے ملک کی مجموعی اقتصادی صورتحال، اقتصادی ترقی اور استحکام کو برقرار رکھنے کے لیے مختلف مالیاتی اور مانیٹری اقدامات پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔

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**Unilateral hike in rates of SEZs' plots disallowed**

*MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN*

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Approvals (BoAs) of Board of Investment (BoI) has disallowed unilateral price increase in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which have not been supported by any business survey, well informed sources told Business Recorder.

In this regard a meeting presided over by Minister for Investment, Ch. Salik Hussain was apprised that certain zone developers, without seeking approval of the Board of Approvals (BoAs), increased the price of plots in SEZs, or are seeking to increase price while deviating from the approved pricing strategy as stated in their respective applications.

The meeting was also informed that certain developers have also submitted proposals for sharp upward revision in prices of industrial plots of public sector SEZs. These proposals have not been endorsed by the concerned SEZ Authority Boards. Moreover, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Pakistan in China, Chinese and local business community have also raised strong reservation on sharp increase in prices. These proposals were put up before the BoA for necessary direction as certain developers, in anticipation of price increase have halted further allotments.

The sources said SEZ Secretariat proposed that any revision in price may not be allowed retrospectively and the earlier zone enterprise applications that have been received so far be allotted plots at the same rates based on which they had submitted their applications. It was also apprised that owing to changes in cost estimates and related revisions in the PC-1 of Hub SEZ the developer has sought revision in land pricing strategy from Rs 10 million per acre to Rs 15 million per acre. The revision has been endorsed by SEZ Authority Balochistan in its 10th meeting held on July 25, 2022, which was also placed before the BoA for approval.

On a reservation by the Government of Sindh that BoA should not be regulating land pricing and developers be allowed to administer it, the Secretary BoI said that land pricing strategies are submitted by the developers and SEZs to the BoA as part of zone application.

He further contended that if the proposed plan is to allot land at a certain rate or a plan and the same is approved by the BoA, then it is the prerogative of the BoA to ensure that the terms of SEZ approval are being followed including the land pricing strategy.

Secretary BoI highlighted that the principled stance of BoI is that the land pricing of SEZs is a provincial subject and provinces should take decisions based on their commercial interests. However, while setting the land prices, they should also factor in the PSDP funding provided for the development of SEZs, as well as, the tax revenue that are being foregone by the Federal Government to promote industrialization in the region through SEZs. Therefore, it is expected that the commercial interest is curtailed in favour of industrialization and larger economic interests while formulating the pricing policy and setting a reduced price. The Chair also endorsed the proposal saying that the developers and provincial governments must also ensure that infrastructure and amenities committed in master plan are provided. He further said that the mere fact that apart from Balochistan, SEZ Authority Board has endorsed the sharp increase in prices which is evident that the provinces are also aiming to promote investment.

He maintained that the requirement was of ‘first come first served’ and to display prices in case zone enterprise entry application is to protect the interest of the investors and provide them with assurance that their application will achieve finality in a transparent and judicious manner provided it meets the requirements of the law.

The BoA took exception to the unilateral price increase and disallowed price revisions which have not been supported by any business survey and endorsed by the respective provincial SEZA.

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## **President for tapping full potential of CPEC**

*NAVEED BUTT*

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a strategic project having economic, financial, logistics and connectivity value for Pakistan and China, regional and other countries of the world.

While talking to the Chinese ambassador, the president said that the full operationalisation of the CPEC and the planned Special Economic Zones (SEZs) was an important milestone. He urged the Chinese IT sector to invest in SEZs and benefit from Pakistan’s cost-effective human resources, liberal investment regime, cyber data protection policy, and tax incentives.

The president was talking to the People’s Republic of China’s Ambassador in Pakistan, Nong Rong, who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, on Friday.

During the meeting, the president emphasized the need to fully operationalise road linkages between China and Gwadar port in all weather conditions, to fully utilise their capacity and achieve their fullest potential.

He further said that Pakistan had taken tangible steps to ensure the safety and security of Chinese workers and nationals who were contributing to the development of various strategic projects.

The president said that Pakistan was learning from the steps taken by the Chinese leadership to bring millions of people out of poverty and provide health facilities at the grassroots level

by adopting out-of-box solutions which multiplied the quality and efficiency of human resources and led China towards progress and prosperity.

The president also made a special reference to the Chinese Barefoot doctors who were trained and equipped with the necessary skills and tools in a record period of six months and played a pivotal role in improving the health indicators of China.

While referring to the meeting of the higher leadership, the president said that during these meetings, the friendship and cooperation in the economic, financial, communication, trade and investments were further strengthened. He appreciated that sizeable progress had been made to complete the already commissioned projects, launch new projects and move forward the ML-1 project to put the country on a fast trajectory of development.

The president said that in the current changing world scenario, China had assumed great importance in the region where Pakistan was a close partner of China to pursue peace and stability in the region. He said that close cooperation between the two countries in marketing JF-17 Aircraft in the world market would help in expediting the export of state of the art fighter aircraft and meet the security needs of the buying countries.

He further said that both countries should explore options to use local currency for bilateral trade and investment, which would not only reduce the cost but also increase the volume and quality of the trade and investment between the two countries.

The president appreciated the investment by the Chinese company in a garment factory in Lahore, which was producing garments for internationally reputed brands. The factory was established in a record period of five to six months and had started the exports of value-added products and is earning substantial foreign exchange. He also emphasised the need for upscaling this facility and copying the project in other regions of the country, as well.

The president encouraged the Chinese companies to set up their outlets and manufacturing plans for semiconductors in Pakistan and benefit from the trained and cost-effective human resources, tax incentives and other benefits offered by the Government of Pakistan.

The Chinese ambassador conveyed greetings of the Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang to the president and said that the Chinese government was fully committed to completing CPEC as fast as possible, envisaging new projects and reaching out to the Government of Pakistan to meet its immediate financial and economic needs.

The president also appreciated the continuous financial and economic support and assurances of President Xi Jinping and said that it would help bring financial stability to the country.

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### Daily Times

#### **2022 China-Pakistan folk music concert to highlight ironclad friendship held**

2022 China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert “Online” was broadcasted on Friday to promote China-Pakistan cultural exchanges and cooperation, China Cultural Center in Pakistan and Hebei Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism of China in collaboration with Pakistan



National Council of Arts jointly produce a China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert to highlight the bilateral ironclad friendship.

This folk music concert was performed by Chinese Orchestra of Hebei Song & Dance Theater and Pakistani Folk Band of Salman Adil /National Performing Arts Group of Pakistan National Council of the Arts. It is supported by China News Network, CNS Hebei Branch and Hebei Arts Center (Hebei Foreign Cultural Exchange Center)

In this 80 minutes Live online concert, artists from Chinese Orchestra of Hebei Song and Dance Theater performed different musical performances. These include “Battling Against Typhoon” played on Guzheng by Zhang Pei, musical ”Date Harvest” by Zhang Guoming, Wu Yahui, Wang Haiyun using Suona, which is a traditional Chinese musical instrument with double-reed horn as well as Musical performance by Pakistani artist such as Pakistani Folk tune of Rubab and Tabla, “Man di mauj vich” by santoor artist Ali Raza and Flute performance “Heer Ranjha & Mast Qalandar” by Salman Adil.

Concert also includes various different musical performance by other well-known artists from China and Pakistan.

Hebei Provincial Song and Dance Theater National Orchestra is affiliated to Hebei Provincial Song and Dance Theater Performing Arts Co., Ltd., established in 1960, is the only professional national orchestra in Hebei Province. After years of practice and development, especially after 2018, it has gradually developed into a full-staffed national orchestra with many high musical literacy. It has performed in the United States, Japan, Singapore, Italy, Greece, North Korea, Mongolia, Malaysia, Thailand and other countries as well as Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan.

Salman Adil is a famous Pakistani musician who is good at playing bansuri, flute and singing. He has published many albums such as “Dream Journey”. Salman Adil is a member of the National Arts Council of Pakistan and has toured in many countries and regions or participated in cultural exchange activities on behalf of Pakistan.

The participating members also include Pakistani folk instrument players such as Pakistani sitar player Arsalan Nizami, tabla drum player Amos Khan, and keyboard player Obaid Baber and dancers from the National Performing Arts Troupe of the National Arts Council of Pakistan.

The concert was broadcasted Live Online via chinanews.com and the Official Facebook Page of China Cultural Center in Pakistan from 16:15 to 18:00 Pakistan Standard Time on 09 December, 2022, with culture and tourism promotion films of both countries broadcast from 16:15-17:00 as warm-up. It should be mentioned that video speeches by senior officials from each country will also be given before the Concert.

Pakistan Television Network (PTV) has also broadcasted live the China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert at a proper time and with PNCA to physically exhibit the recorded China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert in its auditorium at 17:00 hours Pakistan Time on 09 December, 2022.

China News Network, Hebei Branch of China News Service, and Hebei Provincial Art Center (Hebei Foreign Cultural Exchange Center) are the supporting units for this China-

Pakistan folk music concert. On the evening of the 9th December, China News Network will broadcast the event live on an all-media platform, so stay tuned.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1037681/2022-china-pakistan-folk-music-concert-to-highlight-ironclad-friendship-held/>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **President: CPEC is a project of economic, logistics, connectivity value**

President Dr Arif Alvi, while talking to the Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong has termed CPEC a strategic project with long-term economic, financial, logistics and connectivity value for Pakistan and China, regional and other countries of the world.

This is why we would welcome other countries to partner and benefit from this project, the president said.

The president said that the full operationalization of CPEC and the planned Special Economic Zones was an important milestone and urged the Chinese IT sector to invest in SEZs and benefit from Pakistan's cost-effective human resources, liberal investment regime, cyber data protection policy and tax incentives.

Mr. Nong Rong conveyed greetings of the Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang to the President and said that the Chinese government was fully committed to completing CPEC as fast as possible, envisaging new projects and reaching out to the Government of Pakistan to meet its immediate financial and economic needs.

During the meeting, the president emphasized the need to fully operationalize road linkages between China and Gwadar port in all weather conditions, around the year, to fully utilize their capacity and achieve their fullest potential.

He further said that Pakistan had taken tangible steps to ensure the safety and security of Chinese workers and nationals who were contributing to the development of various strategic projects.

The president said that Pakistan was learning from the steps taken by the Chinese leadership to bring millions of people out of poverty and provide health facilities at the grassroots level by adopting out-of-box solutions which multiplied the quality and efficiency of human resources and led China towards progress and prosperity.

The president also made a special reference to the Chinese Barefoot doctors who were trained and equipped with the necessary skills and tools in a record period of six months and played a pivotal role in improving the health indicators of China.

While referring to the meeting of the higher leadership, the president said that during these meetings, the friendship and cooperation in the economic, financial, communication, trade and investments were further strengthened. He appreciated that sizeable progress had been made to complete the already commissioned projects, launch new projects and move forward the ML-1 project to put the country on a fast trajectory of development.

The president said that in the current changing world scenario, China had assumed great importance in the region where Pakistan was a close partner of China to pursue peace and stability in the region. He said that close cooperation between the two countries in marketing JF-17 Aircraft in the world market would help in expediting the export of state-of-the-art fighter aircraft and meet the security needs of the buying countries.

<https://pakobserver.net/president-cpec-is-a-project-of-economic-logistics-connectivity-value/>

### **The Express Tribune**

#### **Pak-China sign MoU for medical innovation**

To promote cooperation on medical equipment products, innovative devices

SHANGHAI: An agreement on medical cooperation has been signed between three Chinese and Pakistani associations at a conference on medical device innovation and application held on Thursday in Shanghai.

The agreement was inked between the Shanghai High-end Medical Equipment Innovation Centre, the China-Pakistan Medical Association (CPMA) and the Journal of Economic Affairs Pakistan.

At the ceremony, CPMA President Muhammad Shahbaz said that it is “a great pleasure” to enter into the triparty deal for cooperation on the medical equipment industry as part of the China-Pakistan Medical Corridor, adding that the parties will “actively build an integrated innovation system of ‘government, industry, university, research, medicine, and application’.”

The CPMA president said that the agreement is intended to promote cooperation on medical equipment products and innovative medical products between China and Pakistan.

Efforts will also be made to cooperate in the training of medical personnel, mainly in applying high-end medical equipment.

The agreement is one of the eight deals signed at the conference.

THE ARTICLE ORIGINALLY APPEARED ON THE CHINA ECONOMIC NET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2390430/pak-china-sign-mou-for-medical-innovation>

### **The Nation**

#### **Chinese firms help Pakistan manufacture export-quality ceramics tiles**

ISLAMABAD-Till a few years ago, Pakistan had been spending approximately \$2 billion to import ceramics tiles from different parts of the world. However, today, with the assistance of Chinese companies, ceramics tiles of the finest quality are being manufactured at the special economic zone (SEZ) in Faisalabad in a cost-effective way, thus curtailing their imports to a great extent.

Mian Kashif Ashfaq, a former chairman of Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development & Management Company (FIEDMC) and a pioneer in establishing Allama Iqbal Industrial City (Special Economic Zone Faisalabad set up under CPEC), told WealthPK that with the

objective to attract foreign investment in the country, Chinese companies are being provided with best facilities and incentives to invest in SEZs. He said Faisalabad M-3 Industrial City, Value Addition City and Allama Iqbal Industrial City are the major special economic zones of Pakistan, offering the best available facilities and infrastructure to attract foreign investors.

Kashif Ashfaq said about 25 Chinese companies with millions of dollars of investments had set up their factories and started operations in Allama Iqbal Industrial Zone, creating thousands of jobs and boosting ceramics business.

He said besides China, companies from Germany and the Netherlands also took a keen interest in establishing units in this priority SEZ. He added that all industries, including textiles, pharmaceuticals, paints, steel, chemicals, automobiles, and motorcycles manufacturing were being provided with customs duty exemption for 10 years.

Citing the emerging market potential of ceramics in the country's construction sector, the former FIEDMC chairman said a notable reduction was witnessed in the imports of high-quality ceramics after the establishment of ceramics manufacturing units in Pakistan with the assistance of the Chinese firms.

Meanwhile, SM Naveed, Chairman of Special Economic Zones Authority, Punjab, said the SEZs were attracting foreign investment led by Chinese companies. He said Pakistani textile, leather, pharmaceutical, ceramics and surgical products were 'the best' in the world.

A spokesperson of the All-Pakistan Ceramic Tiles Manufacturers Association said the locally-produced ceramics tiles were cost-effective and of good quality. He said the Chinese investments in the sector had created employment opportunities. He also said the government had promised to provide incentives like subsidised electricity and gas supply, and ensure smooth supply of water and raw material to these special zones. He said with the fast-paced development of the sector, Pakistan can also be able to earn foreign exchange by exporting ceramics.

It is to mention here that the government is facilitating investments in the SEZs through one-window operations.

An official of Pak-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) told WealthPK that investment from China was being made in different sectors to boost production of export-oriented sectors. He said the Chinese firms were investing in ceramics, textile, glasswork energy and pharmaceutical sectors.

He said during the last two years, nine ceramics units had been established with the assistance of Chinese firms in the Faisalabad's SEZ. It is worth mentioning here that Allama Iqbal Industrial City has been designed as per international standards, covering an area of 3,217 acres.

The FIEDMC spokesperson said the cost of the land in Allama Iqbal Industrial City was Rs10.40 million per acre, adding industrialists could get possession of the land with only 15% down payment. He said the remaining 85% can be paid in 12 equal quarterly installments.

He said Yongzhao Import and Export Liability Co. Ltd had made an investment of \$600 million in steel industry, while Oreal Ceramic (Fujian), Wenzhou Yanhui Industrial Co. Ltd. and Brother Ceramic had made investments of \$70 million each in the ceramics sector.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-10/page-8/detail-2>

## Nawaiwaqt News

### سی پیک علاقائی رابطہ کیلئے ضروری: صدر علوی: جلد مکمل کرنے کیلئے پر عزم ہیں: چینی سفیر

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) صدر عارف علوی سے پاکستان میں چین کے سفیر نوگ روگ نے ملاقات کی۔ اس موقع پر دو طرفہ تعلقات اور باہمی دلچسپی کے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری ایک تزویراتی منصوبہ ہے۔ دوسرے ممالک کو بھی سی پیک میں شراکت اور اس سے فائدہ اٹھانے کا خیر مقدم کریں گے۔ چینی آئی ٹی سیکٹر خصوصی اقتصادی زونز میں سرمایہ کاری کرے۔ پاکستان نے چینی شہریوں کے تحفظ کیلئے ٹھوس اقدامات کئے ہیں۔ پاکستان خطے میں امن و استحکام کیلئے چین کا قریبی ساتھی ہے۔ چینی سفیر نوگ روگ نے صدر مملکت سے چینی صدر اور وزیر اعظم کی طرف سے نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کرتے کہا کہ چینی حکومت سی پیک کو جلد مکمل کرنے کیلئے پوری طرح پر عزم ہے۔ دوسری طرف صدر عارف علوی کی زیر صدارت فصولوں کی انشورنس کے حوالے سے اجلاس ہوا۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا فصولوں کی انشورنس غذائی تحفظ اور کسانوں کی مالی حالت بہتر کرے گی۔ پاکستان میں فصولوں کی انشورنس کا حجم ایک فیصد سے بھی کم ہے۔ پولٹری جیسے شعبے میں انشورنس مصنوعات متعارف کرائی جانی چاہئیں۔ صدر نے زرعی شعبے میں جدید ٹیکنالوجی کے استعمال کی ضرورت پر بھی زور دیا۔ دریں اثناء انسداد بدعنوانی کے عالمی دن پر اپنے پیغام میں صدر نے کہا کہ کرپشن کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے کیلئے پر عزم، ٹھوس اور مخلصانہ کوششیں کر کے ہی ایک مضبوط اور خوشحال پاکستان ابھر سکتا ہے۔ معاشرے کے تمام طبقات کی کوششوں کے بغیر کرپشن کا خاتمہ ممکن نہیں، کرپشن عدم استحکام اور غربت کے فروغ میں اہم کردار ادا کرتی ہے، کرپشن کمزور ممالک کو ریاستی ناکامی کی طرف لے جاتی ہے۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں بدعنوانی کے خاتمے اور احتساب یقینی بنانے کے لیے بہت کچھ کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

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## December 11, 2022

### Business Recorder

#### **China achieved over 10-fold rise in GDP in last four decades: speakers**

KARACHI: China has tremendously improved the living standard of its people during last three decades and alleviated poverty to a remarkable extent.

These views were expressed by speakers at a ceremony for awarding the certificates recognizing the contribution made by friends in Pakistan, held at the Chinese Consulate Friday evening.

They said China has achieved over tenfold increase in its GDP during last four decades. China was an underdeveloped country in first three decades, however this country made a dramatic improvement under its visionary leadership with the help of its hardworking population.

Due to this progress, China has now become the world's largest exporter and is the second largest economy in the world.

Speaking on the occasion, Li Bijian, Consul General of China said that China is not only biggest country in terms of its area and population, but also second largest economy in the world.

With the total area of 10 million square kilometers and over 1.4 billion population, the per capita income has also increased to \$12,000, he added.

The Consul General said China has very strong governance system. The leadership comes from grass-root level. He said China has very good relations with Pakistan and other countries in the region.

Former Ambassador Syed Hasan Javed said China was the largest underdeveloped country till 1980. The poverty level was high and a large portion of its population was living below poverty line.

However, China made dramatic and tremendous progress in the last four decades. Now, China has become the largest exporter in the world, he added.

Wamiq A Zuberi, Editor Business Recorder said Pak-China relations are based on mutual respect. He said China has developed its strong governance system that led this nation to achieve development goals.

He said Pakistan and China enjoy strong relations. China has always supported Pakistan on every platform of international and regional level.

He said China Pakistan Economic Corridor initiative is also a great example of Pak-China relations.

Aamir Zia, Manzar Naqvi, Mubashir Mir and others also spoke on the occasion. They shared their views about the tremendous development and progress of China. They also discussed bilateral diplomatic and trade relations between Pakistan and China.

Later, the Consul General of China, Li Bijian presented recognition certificates to the friends in Pakistan who contributed to strengthening Pak-China ties.

A large number of people from different walks of life attended the event.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2022/12/11/5-page/949564-news.html>

### **Daily Times**

#### **Chinese and Pakistani universities develop heat-resistant hybrid rice**

An online session of the 2nd International Cooperation and Development Forum on Honglian Type Hybrid Rice was held in Wuhan, China.

Scientists and officials from China and Pakistan attended the Forum online to explore Sino-Pak cooperation on hybrid rice in the future. The session was sponsored by Wuhan University, Hubei Association of Science and Technology, and the University of Punjab, China Economic Net (CEN) reported. Honglian Type Hybrid Rice is the original scientific and technological achievement of Wuhan University.

Honglian Type Hybrid Rice is characterized by its excellent quality, disease and insect multiple resistance, high-temperature tolerance, and high nitrogen use efficiency, which is applicable to be cultivated in countries of high temperature, frequent plant diseases and insect pests and crude grain production along the Belt and Road route like Pakistan. Incomplete statistics show that the accumulated acreage of Honglian hybrid rice globally so far has exceeded about 30 million hectares.

According to Zhu Renshan, Director of Wuhan University-The University of Punjab Honglian Type Hybrid Rice Joint Research Center, Honglian Type Hybrid Rice was introduced to Pakistan in 2018 and has achieved promising harvests in various demonstrative plots in Lahore, Gujranwala, Vehari, Pakpattan in Punjab, Shikar Pur and Larkana in Sindh, etc., basically covering main rice planting regions in Pakistan. The field trials and demonstration in Pakistan in 2022 exhibited that the yield of Honglian HP3 is 12.5% higher than that of the control group.

This summer, Pakistan was hit by unprecedented floods and suffered huge losses. “Developing high-yield hybrid rice is of great significance to resume grain production and economic growth after the flood disaster. We sincerely hope Wuhan University – The University of Punjab Honglian Type Hybrid Rice Joint Research Center could become a long-term platform for China-Pakistan agricultural science and technology cooperation to safeguard mutual food security and deepen Pak-China friendship,” Shahzad Sabir, Director, Agriculture Headquarters, Punjab said in the forum.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1038093/chinese-and-pakistani-universities-develop-heat-resistant-hybrid-rice/>

### **The Express Tribune**

#### **Chinese, local artists highlight Pakistan-China friendship**

Folk musicians enthrall audiences through live performances

A number of seasoned musicians from China and Pakistan enthralled online audiences through live folk music performances.

The concert was organised by the China Cultural Centre in Pakistan and Hebei Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism in collaboration with the Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA).

The jointly produced folk music concert aimed to promote the folk cultures of both nations and highlighted the bilateral friendship.

A statement issued in this regard said the concert went live online via chinanews.com and the official Facebook page of the China Cultural Centre in Pakistan.

Video speeches by senior officials from each country were also broadcasted before the concert, it said.

Chinese Orchestra of Hebei Song and Dance Theatre and a Pakistani folk band performed at the concert.

The performances by the Chinese artists included "Battling Against Typhoon," "Date Harvest" by Zhang Guoming, Wu Yahui, and Wang Haiyun.

Concert also included various different musical performances by other well-known artists from China and Pakistan.

The statement further read that Hebei Provincial Song and Dance Theatre National Orchestra is affiliated with the Hebei Provincial Song and Dance Theatre Performing Arts Co. Ltd.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2390511/chinese-local-artists-highlight-pakistan-china-friendship>

## Nawaiwaqt News

### سی پیک، دشمنوں پر بھی نظر رکھی جائے

چائنا پاکستان اکنامک کارپوریشن (سی پیک) پاکستان چین کی عشروں پر محیط دوستی کا مظہر ہے۔ یہ ایسا اقتصادی منصوبہ ہے جس پر عمل کر کے نہ صرف دونوں ممالک کی معاشی ترقی اور عوامی خوشحالی کی راہیں کھلیں گی بلکہ خطے کیلئے بھی مثبت نتائج برآمد ہوں گے، لیکن جس قدر عوامی اہمیت کا حامل یہ منصوبہ ہے، اسی قدر یہ ہمارے دشمنوں کی آنکھ میں کانٹے کی طرح کھٹکتا ہے۔ اس حقیقت کا ادراک پاکستان اور چین دونوں ممالک کی قیادتوں کو بخوبی ہے۔ اسی لئے وہ اس حوالے سے وقتاً فوقتاً اظہار خیال کرتے اور ضروری اقدامات بھی کرتے رہتے ہیں۔ جمعہ کے روز پاکستان میں چین کے سفیر لونگ لونگ نے صدر مملکت ڈاکٹر عارف علوی سے ملاقات کی اور دوطرفہ تعلقات اور باہمی دلچسپی کے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا۔ صدر مملکت کا کہنا تھا کہ چین پاک اقتصادی راہداری ایک تزویزی منصوبہ ہے۔ دوسرے ممالک کی بھی اس میں شرکت اور اس سے فائدہ اٹھانے کا خیر مقدم کریں گے۔ پاکستان خطے میں امن و استحکام کیلئے چین کا قریبی ساتھی ہے۔ چینی سفیر لونگ لونگ نے کہا کہ چینی حکومت سی پیک کو جلد مکمل کرنے کیلئے پرعزم ہے۔ صدر مملکت ڈاکٹر عارف علوی اور چینی سفیر لونگ لونگ کے درمیان ہونے والی ملاقات میں چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کے اس گیم پلان پر منصوبے کے حوالے سے ہونے والی پیش رفت پر بھی بات چیت کی گئی۔ یہ اپنی نوعیت کا واحد منصوبہ ہے جو اپنے اندر ترقی کے وسیع امکانات لئے ہوئے ہے۔ یہ منصوبہ خطے میں امن کے مستقل قیام کا بھی ضامن ہے کیونکہ اس کی کامیابی کیلئے خطے میں امن و سلامتی بنیادی شرط کا درجہ رکھتی ہے، تاہم دونوں ممالک کو اس حوالے سے اپنے مشترکہ دشمنوں پر بھی کڑی نگاہ رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے جو اس منصوبے کی کامیابی کی راہ میں ہر ممکن رکاوٹیں کھڑی کرنے اور اسے ناکام بنانے کی سعی نامشکور کرنے کیلئے ہمہ وقت تیار بیٹھے ہیں۔ ان عناصر کے مذموم عزائم بہر صورت کامیابی سے ہمکنار نہیں ہونے دینے چاہئیں۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-11/page-6/detail-10>

## December 12, 2022

### Business Recorder

#### **SEZs provide scope for developing export-oriented sector: SEZA chief**

BEIJING: Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are significant for shaping Pakistan's new industrial identity, under which Pakistan is supposed to stand side by side with Chinese companies to embark on contemporary economic projects, said S.M. Naveed, Chairman, Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA), Punjab.

In an interview with China Economist Net (CEN), he said that nine SEZs under CPEC would be a lifetime opportunity for Pakistani companies to collaborate with Chinese companies for the development of export-oriented manufacturing sectors. It will also enable firms to cluster



and tap the benefits of external economies, and will thus provide an opportunity to put domestic industries on a higher learning curve.

The chairman believes that SEZs under CPEC has the potential to enhance productivity, integrate Pakistan with global value chains and revive its manufacturing industry in the long run.

“The development of SEZs must be aimed at improving the overall business climate in the country. This can be done through improved infrastructure and trade facilitation to attract investment from foreign and domestic firms in the zones.”

He further mentioned, “it is also important to note that Pakistan has a weak legal regime, which is also a major hurdle to attract foreign investment in the country. In this regard, Pakistan can learn from China to strengthen its security legislation.”

Over the past few decades, China has experienced the largest economic expansion of any country in history, largely as a result of its efforts to launch and develop SEZs.

“China has made an incredible triumph in establishing SEZs to achieve remarkable economic growth. It is worth mentioning that China employed 30 million workforces in SEZs that have brought down inequalities and alleviated poverty.” underscored S.M. Naveed.

China’s SEZs have grown rapidly in cultural, economic, and trade terms. The products from the SEZs are mainly sold to foreign countries. By improving and promoting their economic conditions and preferential policies, they attract foreign investment to set up factories in China to produce those products.

S.M. Naveed said that Pakistan should focus on cluster-based industrialization, which is a key factor in China’s progress.

Regarding the interaction between Pakistani and Chinese SEZs, the chairman concluded that they are contemplating arranging roadshows, conferences, and single-product exhibitions in China to impart first-hand knowledge about the special incentives given to SEZs in Punjab coupled with a peaceful and harmonious environment.—APP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2022/12/12/7-page/949636-news.html>

### **Post-flood construction: China offers \$112.33m grant**

ISLAMABAD: China has offered Pakistan, a cash grant worth US\$112.33 million for post-flood reconstruction activities, besides sending the in-kind support worth of \$14.06 million (100 million RMB).

Besides the Chinese government grant and in-kind support, the additional support also came from China including 100 million RMB (\$14.05 million) from the Chinese Army, 125 million RMB (\$17.57 million) from the Chinese People’s Association, 17 million RMB (\$2.39 m) to Embassy of Pakistan in China, 2.1 million RMB (\$0.3 million) by Red Cross Society of China and US\$0.067 million were provided by All Pakistani Chinese Enterprises Association, according to official documents.

In September the Chinese government committed to provide grant assistance of \$42.13 million (300 million RMB) under the agreement on Economic and technical cooperation

signed on March 30, 2022, between the governments of China and Pakistan for post-disaster reconstruction.

Similarly, another MoU was signed on November 02, 2022, in China for the provision of a grant worth \$70.2 million for post-disaster reconstruction in flood-hit areas of Pakistan.

As per details of the in-kind support, the documents show that so far China has dispatched 8 flights, and 9 commercial consignments carrying 13000 tents, 10,000 blankets, 1000 boxes of cookies, and 10 tons of tomatoes. The consignments were received on August 30 to September 23 and the receiving authority was National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). By land, China send 200 tonnes of onions on September 11 through the Khanjarab border, GB, the document added.

Likewise, by sea China sent three ships in the first batch carrying 15 containers with 77,000 blankets, 9000 boxes of compressed biscuits, and 3,300 water purifiers in the first batch. In the second batch, China sent 15 containers carrying 5000 tents while in the third batch the country dispatched 60 containers carrying 23,000 blankets, 10,000 emergency sleeping bags, 8000 tents, 15000 folding beds, 500 gasoline generator sets, and 1500 cotton tents. —APP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2022/12/12/13-page/949693-news.html>

### The Nation

#### **CPEC to take trade coop to optimal level: SCCI chief**

PESHAWAR - Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) president Muhammad Ishaq on Sunday said that CPEC is an important agreement between Pakistan and China that would take bilateral trade and cooperation to the optimal level. Similarly, it will help the population of China and Pakistan to upgrade their lives by taking advantage of the project.

The SCCI chief expressed these views during his visit to China Window, a Chinese cultural and information centre established in Peshawar. He visited various galleries of the centre and expressed deep interest, especially in the gallery related to CPEC. Muhammad Ishaq signed the friendship wall and also recorded his comments in the guest book.

Speaking to the media, the SCCI chief said the businessmen of the province have seen very difficult times, but if the provincial and federal governments provide facilities, the business community of Peshawar and KP would continue to play a positive role in the development of the country.

Muhammad Ishaq said the CPEC would start a new era of development and prosperity in the country, but Chinese investors have to prioritise investments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Peshawar. He said that Peshawar is the gateway to Central Asia. He said that Rashakai Economic Zone would not only provide employment to the local people but also help Pakistan get valuable foreign exchange through exports.

The SCCI chief expected that a delegation of businessmen from Peshawar would soon meet Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong and invite him to visit the SCCI. He also expressed his belief that the China Window will play a positive and constructive role in strengthening the people-to-people contact between two brotherly countries.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2022-12-12/page-4/detail-10>

**December 13, 2022**

**Business Recorder**

**Chinese firm opens ‘solution factory’ for wind energy plants in Pakistan**

KARACHI: Goldwind Corporation, a Beijing based multinational wind turbine manufacturer, launched a first of its kind solution factory in Pakistan this Monday in the presence of a wide range of energy sector representatives and energy developers. The solution factory aims at developing indigenous solutions for Pakistani wind power plants. The event was attended by Sindh Minister for Energy Imtiaz Ahmed Sheikh, as well as the Chinese Economic & Commercial Counsellor to Pakistan Yang Guangyuan. Mirza Umer, Business Development Manager of Goldwind introduced the company’s portfolio and emphasized the need for this local technical solution centre to reduce extensive shipping delays and costs for wind developers.

Umer also highlighted the aim of the solution factory to promote localization, technology transfer and capacity building of employees.

Yang Jianyong, the Service Director of Goldwind for the MENA region, introduced the structure of the solution factory which will include a repair centre and a training centre to provide both technology and manpower for regional wind power plants.

CEO of Tapal Wind Energy, Adnaan Tapal, praised the performance of Goldwind’s turbines and service team in Pakistan. Tapal also reiterated the adverse conditions faced by wind power developers in Pakistan but remained optimistic about the sector’s growth in lieu of expected competitive bidding process by AEDB, for which developers have been waiting for quite some time now.—PR

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2022/12/13/3-page/949733-news.html>

**Daily Times**

**China’s mega water diversion project benefits 150m people**

More than 150 million people have directly benefited from a massive water-diversion project that has been pumping water from major rivers in the south to the drought-prone north over the past eight years, authorities said Monday. The South-to-North Water Diversion Project has diverted 58.6 billion cubic meters of water to arid regions in the north through its middle and eastern routes, according to the Ministry of Water Resources. Annual water transfers have risen from more than 2 billion cubic meters to nearly 10 billion cubic meters. The project has helped 42 large and middle-sized cities to bolster the local economy. In terms of the ecological environment, the middle route of the project supplied over 9 billion cubic meters of water for ecological water replenishment, effectively curbing the decline in groundwater level in the north. The South-to-North Water Diversion Project has three routes. The middle route, the most prominent of the three due to its role in feeding water to the nation’s capital, starts from the Danjiangkou Reservoir in central China’s Hubei Province and runs across Henan and Hebei before reaching Beijing and Tianjin.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1038831/chinas-mega-water-diversion-project-benefits-150m-people/>

### Pakistan Observer

#### **Pak-China SEZ collaboration to boost Pakistan's economy: Chairman SEZA**

At the critical moment when Pakistan's economy is passing through an era of stagflation, SEZs are significant for shaping Pakistan's new 'industrial identity', under which Pakistan is supposed to stand side by side with Chinese companies to embark on contemporary economic projects.

This was stated by S.M. Naveed, Chairman, Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA), Punjab in a interview with China Economic Net (CEN).

The global experience suggests that SEZs are an important source for diversification of the economy, reduction in regional disparities, clustering of economic activities for complementarity generation with local industries, skill development of local labour force, transfer of technology and dissemination of know-how, attraction of local and foreign direct investment especially in the under-privileged regions, he said.

The chairman added that nine SEZs under CPEC would be a life-time opportunity for Pakistani companies to collaborate with Chinese companies for the development of export-oriented manufacturing sectors.

It will also enable firms to cluster and tap the benefits of external economies, and will thus provide an opportunity to put domestic industries on a higher learning curve.

<https://pakobserver.net/pak-china-sez-collaboration-to-boost-pakistans-economy-chairman-seza/>

### Nawaiwaqt News

#### **چین کی الیکٹریک بائیک پاکستان آنے کیلئے تیار، معاہدہ طے**

نے پاکستانی کمپنی پاک سٹار آٹوموبائل پرائیویٹ لمیٹڈ Yadea بیجنگ (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) دنیا بھر میں مشہور برانڈ کا چینی الیکٹریک سکوٹر جلد پاکستان میں تیار کیا جائے گا۔ چینی کمپنی کے ساتھ معاہدہ کر لیا۔

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#### **گواڈر پورٹ: ملحقہ علاقوں کو جدید سکیورٹی نظام کیلئے دو میگا سکیورٹی منصوبے شروع**

گواڈر (این این آئی) حکومت نے گواڈر پورٹ اور اس سے ملحقہ علاقوں کو جدید سکیورٹی نظام اور جدید ترین حفاظتی میکانزم سے لیس کرنے کے لیے گواڈر میں دو میگا سکیورٹی منصوبوں کا آغاز کیا ہے۔ دو حفاظتی منصوبوں میں سے ایک گواڈر پورٹ اتھارٹی نے شروع کیا ہے اور دوسرا منصوبہ بلوچستان حکومت نے وفاقی وزارت منصوبہ بندی، ترقی و اصلاحات کے تعاون سے شروع کیا ہے۔ گواڈر پورٹ اتھارٹی کے پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر کے مطابق میرا تھن برین اسٹارٹنگ سیشنز کے بعد اتھارٹی کے دائرہ کار میں آنے والے تمام دفاتر کی اندرونی اور بیرونی سکیورٹی ضروریات کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے سکیورٹی منصوبے کو حتمی شکل دی گئی ہے۔ بلیو پرنٹس کے تحت اتھارٹی کے دفاتر

کے تمام داخلی اور خارجی راستوں پر 90 سے 100 سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے نصب کیے جائیں گے۔ اس کے لئے پیشہ ور فرموں کو بولی کے عمل میں حصہ لینے کی دعوت دی گئی ہے جسے 20 دسمبر کو حتمی شکل دی جائے گی اور درخواست گزار کمپنیوں کی تکنیکی، مالی اور انتظامی صلاحیتوں کا جائزہ لینے کے بعد انہیں منصوبے کا کام ایوارڈ کیا جائے گا۔ دوسرے منصوبہ بلوچستان کی صوبائی حکومت نے وفاقی حکومت کی وزارت منصوبہ بندی، ترقی و اصلاحات کے ساتھ تعاون کے تحت ”گوادر سیف سٹی پروجیکٹ“ کے نام سے شروع کیا ہے۔ وفاقی وزارت کے ایک اہلکار کے مطابق گوادر سیف سٹی پروجیکٹ کے پی سی ون پر نظر ثانی کی جارہی ہے تاکہ اسے مزید مسابقتی اور ہم آہنگی کے مطابق بنایا جاسکے۔

اس منصوبے کو اگلے سال مکمل کرنے کا منصوبہ ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ اس منصوبے کے تحت گوادر کے مختلف حصوں میں 675 سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے نصب کیے جائیں گے تاکہ علاقے کو محفوظ بنایا جاسکے۔ گوادر کے ایک مقامی ٹریول ایجنٹ نے کہا کہ گوادر کی اقتصادی پیداوار کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے دونوں سیوریجی منصوبے وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہیں جس کے 30 ارب ڈالر سے تجاوز کرنے کی توقع ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ منصوبے آنے والی ترقی، سیاحت کی صنعت، ہوٹل انڈسٹری، تفریحی مقامات اور بڑے شاپنگ پلازوں کی انشورنس پالیسی ہیں۔

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**The Express Tribune**

### **CPEC fruit: 1,320MW project initiated**

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan's energy import bill touched an exorbitant \$27 billion, Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif underlined the need to explore indigenous resources including hydel, solar, air and coal to produce cheap electricity.

Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan stated that a 1,320MW project has been initiated by the Shanghai Electric Group in Thar to use indigenous coal for electricity production.

“The plants have been connected to the national grid,” and that the initiative “was borne from the fruit of CPEC projects,” he observed.

Pakistan is suffering from the impact of the greenhouse effect, so green power generation is the trend. PM Sharif also revealed that the incumbent government has prepared a plan to generate 10,000MW of electricity through solar energy.

“We know that Pakistan is rich in solar and wind resources,” said Wang Haowei from Shanghai Electric, the Business Manager of the Zhang Jiakou Green Power Project. “The installed capacity of the project is 150 MW wind power, 30 MW photovoltaic power and 10 MW energy storage.”

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2390979/cpec-fruit-1320mw-project-initiated>

## The Nation

### **China's cultural diplomacy**

*Yasir Habib Khan*

Cultural diplomacy is the best form of public diplomacy and soft power that centres on the exchange of ideas, information, art, language, and other aspects of culture including tangible and intangible among nations and their peoples to foster mutual understanding. Through cultural diplomacy, consciously and subconsciously, the people of one nation integrate their minds and hearts with those ideas and perceptions disseminated by other nations. This paves the way to sow the seeds of love, respect and harmony among peoples despite their different religions, traditions, languages, and civilisation. China has been championing “soft cultural diplomacy” globally. Since efforts are being exerted under the guidance of Chinese President Xi Jinping, soft cultural diplomacy is in full swing. The beauty of Chinese's cultural diplomacy is that it anchors on the philosophy of coexistence with conscious strenuousness not to overpower or hegemonise other's cultures and civilisations, believing that all are equal and none is superior to another on the basis of race, culture, creed, religion, language, and region. President Xi said during his visit to the EU in 2019 stated, “No civilisation is superior over others. The thought that one's race and civilisation are superior and the inclination to replace other civilisations is just stupid. To act them out will only bring catastrophic consequences.” While people invoke fear of a threat from an “alien” value system to rally support for a harder stance against China, Xi upheld the vision that exchanges and mutual learning are important drivers for human progress and global peace and development. From the Pre-Covid era to post, Xi missed no opportunity to highlight the cultural aspects of bilateral and international relations. China has also been promoting soft culture diplomacy in Pakistan, China's all-weather friend, and strategic partner. Recently, the Chinese consulate in Lahore held a two-day cultural heritage exhibition with the theme “Chinese Culture and Traditional Craftsmanship” in Lahore, known as the city of culture and heritage in Pakistan. Historically, the people of Lahore have witnessed many regimes and cultures. They were ruled but their minds were never enslaved. They always welcome ideas and perceptions disseminated through poetry, music, literature, fine arts, drama, and other forms of art.

This means that the ground-breaking of Chinese soft cultural diplomacy in Lahore is going to make a difference. From my perspective, the art-loving people of Lahore desperately need such festivity to understand the colours and shades of China, its essence of friendliness, peaceful philosophy, mutual respect, and vision. As the President of the Institute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR), I got the opportunity to attend the China Intangible Cultural Heritage Exhibition held at the Art Gallery of Alhamra Arts Council Lahore. During the function, Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren agreed with my opinion that if such kinds of exhibitions continue to happen with frequency, desirable results of creating a deeper understanding of China will yield fruit. In October this year, Chinese Consul General Lahore also unveiled the ceremony of the “China Intangible Cultural Heritage” Exhibition at the Pakistan (China) Shandong Chamber of Commerce (PCSCC) Building in Lahore. Let me mention here that besides Lahore, China also launched China Soft Culture Diplomacy in Islamabad and other parts of the country. In 2020, the China Cultural

Centre in Pakistan organised an exhibition titled “Chinese Intangible Cultural Heritage” which provided insight for Pakistanis into China’s rich art and intangible culture. The exhibition took place at the Art Gallery of Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA), where the latest development in achievements of Chinese handicrafts was showcased which was the most intuitive expression of the vitality and charm of the traditional Chinese culture.

Because China has continued with cultural diplomacy throughout the world, it has achieved remarkable results in protecting, inheriting, and carrying forward cultural heritage, and promoting the creative transformation and innovative development of fine traditional Chinese culture. By the end of 2021, China had 108 million pieces or sets of state-owned movable cultural relics, 767,000 immovable cultural relics, 5,058 cultural relic units under key national protection, and 6,183 museums on record. In the same year, China had more than 100,000 representative items of intangible cultural heritage at all levels, including 1,557 at the national level. There were more than 90,000 representative inheritors at various levels, including 3,062 at the national level. China had 13,026 national rare ancient books and 203 ancient book units under key national protection. China had 56 world heritage sites, ranking second in the world; and had 42 items inscribed on UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage List and Register, ranking first in the world. China has fully rolled out projects exploring the origin of Chinese civilisation, protecting cultural relics, as well as protecting and utilising cultural relics with revolutionary legacies. China has carried out the major “Archaeology in China” project and implemented plans to protect ancient Chinese books and revitalise traditional Chinese crafts. Steady progress has been made in the construction of national cultural parks for the Great Wall, Grand Canal, Red Army’s Long March, Yellow River, and Yangtze River. The recovery and return of cultural relics lost overseas have yielded fruitful results, with more than 1,800 pieces or sets of lost cultural relics returning to the motherland. Cultural heritage has been further brought to life, with enthusiasm for archaeology, museums, intangible cultural heritage, and ancient books thriving.

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### **The News**

#### **Bilawal in NY, to chair special moot of G-77, China**

*Mariana Baabar*

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has reached New York to host the special G-77 and China ministerial meeting at the United Nations headquarters on December 15-16.

He was received by Ambassador Masood Khan and Permanent Representative at the UN Munir Akram and will be in US till December 21.

The foreign minister’s programme includes multiple multilateral and bilateral engagements in New York and Washington, DC.

”The foreign minister will host and chair the Ministerial Conference of G-77 and China, the largest negotiating bloc of developing countries within the UN system. Agenda of the conference includes discussion on multiple challenges facing the developing countries in

attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the face of Covid-19 pandemic, climate-induced disasters and geopolitical developments,” said Foreign Office.

Bilawal will also meet UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and participate in a high-level debate at the UN Security Council on the theme of “Maintenance of International Peace and Security: New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism” to be held on December 14.

The Foreign Office did not mention details about the December 14 event which the Indian media says is an open debate allowing any country to participate and the session will be chaired by Indian Minister for External Affairs Dr S. Jaishankar. Another session by him is related to counter terrorism.

The News reached out to FO spokeswoman and her team about the December 14 session, but they declined to respond. This will probably be the first time that Pakistan participates in a session presided over by India.

While both Pakistani and Indian foreign ministers will be under one roof, it is unlikely, that they will have bilateral talks. Certainly a far cry from bilateral relations when on September 27, 2011, Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna attended a reception hosted by then Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar at a local hotel during a UN session in New York and they met briefly.

The foreign minister will travel to Washington, DC, on December 19 where he will hold meetings with high-level government officials, congressional leaders, Pakistani-American businessmen and community members. He will also engage with think-tanks and the media.

The Foreign Office did not confirm whether Foreign Minister Bilawal will meet his US counterpart Anthony Blinken or others at the State Department.

During his official meetings, bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest will be discussed to carry forward the momentum in Pakistan-US bilateral relations, particularly in areas of trade, investment, climate resilience and economic development.

The foreign minister will also share Pakistan’s perspective on climate change and sensitise his interlocutors on the colossal damage inflicted by climate-induced floods in Pakistan and the post-flood reconstruction and rehabilitation plan of the Government of Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Tajik President Emomali lands in Islamabad today (Wednesday). Pakistan expects this very important visit will impart a renewed impetus to deepening cooperation between the two countries in diverse fields and further strengthen the growing geo-economic partnership.

Tajikistan is the closest neighbour of Pakistan in Central Asia separated only by the narrow Wakhan Corridor. This proximity makes Tajikistan an important partner of Pakistan in Central Asia.

Emomali will here for a two-day official visit on the invitation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, announced the Foreign Office.



During the visit, the two sides will exchange views on further strengthening bilateral cooperation in a wide range of areas. A number of bilateral agreements and MoUs are expected to be signed.

Though the Foreign Office did not mention it, Afghanistan should be an important item high on the agenda in the face of unacceptable law and order situation, which is allowing different shades of militants to operate freely from Afghan soil. Pakistan has recently been attacked by terrorists both in Kabul and across the Pak-Afghan border at Chaman, resulting in fatal casualties.

Being in close proximity with Afghanistan, Tajikistan is also apprehensive.

“Pakistan and Tajikistan are brotherly countries linked through longstanding historical, cultural and religious bonds. These ties are marked by mutual respect and exceptional cordiality. The two countries have commonality of views on various regional and international issues,” adds the Foreign Office. 9

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**Nawaiwaqt News**

**پاکستان چین کی سیڈ آئی ڈی ٹیکنالوجی متعارف کرائے گا**

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) پاکستان چین کی سیڈ آئی ڈی ٹیکنالوجی متعارف کرائے گا، بیجوں کے معیار کا زیادہ آسانی اور موثر طریقے سے پتہ لگایا جائے گا، یہ نئی (PARC) اقسام کی منظوری، بیج کی افزائش کی رہنمائی، اور بیج کے معیار اور تحفظ کو فروغ دے گا۔ چائنا اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق پاکستان ایگر بیکنچرل ریسرچ کو نسل رواں ماہ وہاں چنگفاہیشینگ سیڈ کمپنی لمیٹڈ کے ساتھ پاکستان میں ایم این پی مارکر ٹیکنالوجی کو فروغ دینے کے لیے ایک یادداشت پر دستخط کیے جو کہ پودوں کی اقسام کی شناخت کا طریقہ ہے۔ چائنا اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق جیانگان یونیورسٹی، چین کی طرف سے تیار کردہ طریقہ، سالماتی سطح پر بیجوں کی اقسام کی شناخت کر سکتا ہے اور بیجوں کا ڈی این اے ڈیٹا بناسکتا ہے، اس طرح مالکان کے دانشورانہ املاک کے حق کو بہتر طریقے سے تحفظ فراہم کرنے اور بیجوں کی جعلی اور ملاوٹ کو کم کرنے میں مدد کرتا ہے۔ کمپنی کے پاکستان بزنس کے ڈائریکٹر زوشوشینگ کے مطابق جعلی، کم معیار کے بیج پاکستان میں فصلوں کی پیداوار کو نقصان پہنچا رہے ہیں۔ ایم این پی مارکر کے طریقہ کار کے ساتھ، بیجوں کی صداقت کا زیادہ آسانی اور موثر طریقے سے پتہ لگایا جائے گا۔ چائنا اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق اہم جرم پلازم وسائل کے لیے ٹیکنالوجی فوری طور پر دانشورانہ املاک کے مالکان کو واضح کر سکتی ہے، بنیادی طور پر اخذ کردہ اقسام کو جعلی سے الگ کر سکتی ہے، اور سیڈ انڈسٹری میں اختراع کی حوصلہ افزائی کر سکتی ہے۔ چائنا اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق اس ایم این پی ٹیکنالوجی کو متعدد فصلوں پر لاگو کیا جاسکتا ہے، چاہے وہ نباتاتی ہو یا پیداواری پھیلاؤ، جیسے کہ آلو، گنے، چاول، مکئی، سویا بین، کپاس، مونگ پھلی، باجرا، اور سبزیاں وغیرہ۔ مزید برآں زو کے مطابق یہ نئی اقسام کی منظوری، بیج کی افزائش کی رہنمائی، اور بیج کے معیار اور تحفظ کو فروغ دے گا۔

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**سی پیک، چینی سفارت خانے میں بلوچ نوجوانوں کو آگاہی دی گئی**

اسلام آباد (دو قانع نگار) پاکستان چائنا انسٹیٹیوٹ کے پوتھ انگلجمنٹ پروگرام میں بلوچ نوجوانوں نے سی پیک کے بلوچستان پر مثبت اثرات جاننے میں بڑھ چڑھ کر حصہ لیا۔ پاکستان چائنا انسٹیٹیوٹ چینی سفارتخانے کے تعاون سے پوتھ انگلجمنٹ پروگرام کے ایک حصے کے طور پر اسلام آباد میں یونیورسٹی آف گوارڈر کے 12 طلباء کی میزبانی

کر رہا ہے۔ اس اقدام کا مقصد بلوچستان کے نوجوانوں کو چانپا پاکستان اکنامک کوریڈور کے فوائد سے آگاہ کرنا اور چین اور سی پیک کے بارے میں منفی دقیا نوسی تصورات کا مقابلہ کرنا ہے جو صوبے میں پھیل رہے ہیں۔ وفد نے اسلام آباد میں سفارت خانے میں چینی حکام سے ملاقات کی جہاں انہوں نے سی پیک اور اس کے ممکنہ فوائد کے بارے میں سوالات دریافت کیے۔ دو دستاویزی فلمیں بعنوان 'ڈیویڈنڈز آف سی پیک فار بلوچستان' اور 'ہاؤ شینزن ایمر جڈ آف گلوبل انڈسٹریل ہب' پیش کی گئیں۔ ان دستاویزی فلموں میں طلباء کو دکھایا گیا کہ سی پیک بلوچستان کے عوام کو کس طرح فائدہ دے رہا ہے۔ اس دستاویزی فلم نے بلوچستان کے لوگوں پر سی پیک کے معاشی، سماجی اور سیاسی اثرات کے بارے میں معلومات فراہم کیں۔

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### **Global Times**

#### **China 'willing to work with Pakistan' to accelerate energy development under CPEC**

China is willing to join hands with Pakistan to ensure that energy projects being built under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will be completed on schedule and established energy projects will run smoothly, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said on Thursday, expecting the flagship program of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to improve the South Asian nation's energy structure and lower power generation costs.

Energy cooperation is one of the areas under the CPEC with the largest amount of commitments, fastest headway and most conspicuous achievements, Zhao told a regular press conference, in response to recent remarks by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) of Pakistan.

"CPEC energy projects have improved the power industry in Pakistan and contributed to economic growth by increasing power supply with high efficiency at lower cost," according to China Economic Net, citing an interview with Tauseef H. Farooqi, chairman of the NEPRA.

The Karot Hydropower Plant, the first hydropower investment project under CPEC, and the second phase of the Thar Block II power station project both went into commercial operations in succession this year. The hydropower plan provides Pakistan with clean yet low-priced electricity while the coal-power project taps into Pakistan's coal resources for power generation, economizing local precious foreign exchange resources, Zhao said.

And, the energy projects that are technically advanced and cost-efficient help in addressing Pakistan's electricity shortages. They also serve to improve local energy restructuring and lower electricity generation costs, making significant contributions to local economic development and improving local people's livelihoods, Zhao noted.

China stands ready to join hands with Pakistan to implement the consensus reached by both leaderships, ensure that CPEC energy projects being built will be finished on time and completed energy projects will go as planned, consolidating the corridor's role as a growth

contributor, the spokesperson remarked, hoping for the CPEC to be built into a flagship project exemplifying the BRI's high-quality development.

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**People's Daily**

**CPEC beneficial to Pakistan's socio-economic development, regional connectivity: experts**

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**Shanghai Daily**

**Chinese university provides e-commerce talent training for Pakistani students**

Welcomed by applause from the other end of the network, Wu Wenying sat down at the computer and began the lecture. Unlike previous classes, her students are from Pakistan this time.

Wu is a lecturer at the School of Finance and Business of Lanzhou Resources and Environment Vocational and Technical University in northwest China's Gansu Province. She teaches Pakistani students Consumer Behavior, a course under the China-Pakistan cross-border e-commerce talent training program.

"I also teach hands-on knowledge of e-commerce platforms in class, such as how to run a business on Alibaba and Amazon platforms, and introduce to them live streaming marketing, a prevalent way of selling goods in China," said Wu.

"Pakistani students are very enthusiastic and interested in Chinese business models. I hope the course will be useful and students can learn more about marketing," added Wu.

Besides Wu, about 20 teachers from the University have participated in the training program.

In late November, the University signed with the Sindh Board of Technical Education of Pakistan an agreement on China-Pakistan cross-border e-commerce talent training and international exchange and cooperation.

According to the agreement, the Chinese part is in charge of developing a core curriculum for cross-border e-commerce vocational education and providing e-commerce training courses for students from institutions under the Board.

Zheng Shaozhong, president of the University, said that the cooperation will enable Pakistani students to learn about Chinese businesses and improve their self-employment skills through e-commerce platforms as well as strengthen economic ties between the two countries.

The Belt and Road countries have seen an increasing demand for high-quality cross-border e-commerce talents with international perspectives, including Pakistan, said Zheng.

"By working together, the University can introduce the latest model of e-commerce operations to Pakistani students. Besides, their efforts will lay a foundation for more comprehensive international exchange and cooperation between China and Pakistan in the future," Zheng said.

According to Dr. Masroor Ahmed Sheikh, chairman of the Sindh Board of Technical Education, the signing marks a deeper cooperation between Pakistan and China in the joint training of transnational talents under the background of the Belt and Road Initiative.

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**Xinhuanet News**

**Feature: Pakistan, China celebrate friendship through folk music concert**

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ISLAMABAD, Dec. 10 (Xinhua) -- On the dark Friday night when the air in Islamabad was getting chilly in the light winter drizzle, the hearts of people inside the Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) were feeling the warmth of friendship between Pakistan and China by watching mesmerizing performances of Pakistani and Chinese artists.

The weekend night celebrated the friendship between the two countries, for which the China Cultural Center in Pakistan and China's Hebei Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism with the collaboration of PNCA jointly produced a China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert to highlight the bilateral ironclad friendship.

The Chinese artists sang folk songs and performed in Chinese orchestras whereas the Pakistani artists narrated folklores through dance performances and played melodies of famous folk songs on traditional musical instruments.

Acting director General of PNCA Ayoub Jamali believes that folk music connects people to their roots, and by listening to the folk music of each other, the people of Pakistan and China developed a spiritual connection with each other's roots.

"In today's fast life and loud music, the soft folk melodies not only soothe hearts but also give a better understanding of culture and history. Today's performances gave a glance at the

cultural roots of Pakistan and China, and the audience got a better understanding of the history and traditions of both countries," Jamali told Xinhua.

In the 80-minute long online concert, performances of "Battling Against Typhoon" on Guzheng, and musical "Date Harvest" using Suona were highly appreciated by Pakistani audiences whereas musical performances by Pakistani artists such as Pakistani folk tunes of Rubab and Tabla also received applause.

In a conversation with Xinhua, Nauman Khan, a 25-year-old visitor, said that it was the first time when he got the chance to listen to and watch a Chinese-style orchestra, adding that he is looking forward to seeing Chinese troupes in Pakistan and performing them live for the Pakistani audience.

"Pakistanis take a great interest in Chinese cultural performances because it connects them with China, and are unique in manner. With ease in restrictions of COVID-19 in China, we are also hoping to receive Chinese troupes again so that Pakistanis can enjoy it again," Jamali said.

The Pakistani and Chinese artists also collaborated on two songs "Jasmine Flower" of China and "Rim Jhim" of Pakistan.

"The artists were playing melodies of folk songs by using their traditional musical instruments, but the notes being heard were of friendship, which are the sweetest notes of all," Khan said to Xinhua.

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