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Business Recorder

Relocation of Chinese industries: 7-member panel formed

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal has constituted a seven-member panel to formulate a comprehensive policy framework for relocation of Chinese industries to Pakistan, well informed sources told Business Recorder.

Iqbal has presided over a couple of meetings, as follow up of Prime Minister's directives to firm up strategy on relocation of Chinese industry and other resolution of issues of other CPEC projects.

The composition of Committee on relocation of Chinese industry is as follows:

- (i) Additional Secretary BoI (Convener) ;
- (ii) representative of Commerce Ministry (Member);
- (iii) Ministry of Industries and Production (Member);
- (iv) representative of Finance Division (Member);
- (v) representative of State Bank of Pakistan (Member);
- (v) representative of Federal Board of Revenue (Member); and
- (vii) representative from CPEC Secretariat, MoPD&SI (Member).

Terms of Reference of Committee are to formulate comprehensive policy framework for relocation of Chinese industries to Pakistan, identify major challenges/ bottlenecks hindering Chinese industrial relocation and diagnose an incentive package to make them regionally competitive.

The sources said, with regard to follow on the Prime Minister's directives dated 2nd September, 2024, a meeting on arrangement for year-round opening of Khunjerab Pass was held on September 2024 under the chairmanship of Secretary Communications. FWO reported that, in accordance with the MoU, the border was successfully opened during the winter season for freight crossing from January 2-16, 2023 and again from March 1-2, 2023.

During these periods, approximately 300 vehicles were efficiently facilitated in crossing the border. Chinese side have expressed their intent and readiness to open the border and are planning to issue their concurrence in October 2024, coinciding with the visit of their Premier to Pakistan.

While reviewing progress about signing of document synergizing CPEC with Pakistan's 5Es, it was noted that the draft agenda and schedule of a high level workshop has been shared with Chinese side via Pakistan's Mission in Beijing.

Further, the Ministry of PD&SI, Information Technology, Climate Change and Communications are working on preparation for concept notes for growth, livelihood, innovation, green and openness corridors respectively. The meeting also reviewed

negotiations on the Karachi-Hyderabad segment of ML-1 project for expeditious finalisation with Chinese authorities and to enable announcement during the upcoming high level visit.

It was informed that on August 30, 2024 the Federal Cabinet approved the draft Financing Commitment Agreement with NRA, China and the same has been shared with Chinese side. Response from Chinese side is awaited.

The Chinese side has invited Secretary Railway to attend Global Transport Forum scheduled on September 26, 2024.

Ministry of Railways has requested Chinese side to hold a meeting to finalise the implementation plan of Karachi-Hyderabad Section of ML-1 on side lines of Global Transport Forum.

The response from Chinese side is awaited.

According to sources, Power Division was directed to write a comprehensive letter to the Chinese company to seek their official latest position on future implementation of the power plant.

On supply of electricity to Rashakai SEZ, it was apprised that during meeting chaired by Minister PD&SI on August 21, 2024,

it was decided that Power Division will finalize a policy decision in 5 days for permanent solution of electricity provision.

Further Power Division was to hold a meeting with developer of Rashakai SEZ (CRBC), PESCO and NEPRA for immediate energization of internal network of Rashakai zone to provide short term solution.

During discussion on the issue of Chinese company M/s Hangeng Trade Company with respect to non-issuance of notification of regulatory mechanism for import of vehicles in Gwadar Port, FBR was tasked to expedite the notification of the necessary regulatory mechanism to facilitate the import of vehicles in Gwadar Free Zone.

On M/s Power China, it was noted that the response following PM's meeting with chairman of Power China in Beijing is pending on following issues:

- (i) establishment of joint R&D centre on renewable energy in Pakistan ;
- (ii) signing of an MoU between Power China and Government of Pakistan to carry out joint studies on improving transmission efficiency;
- (iii) resolving the land acquisition of Pozzolan for dam pouring; and
- (iv) interest of Power China in construction of power generation system of Bhasha project.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40322625>

Daily Times

CIFTIS bridges China-Pakistan banking gap

Shaikh Muhammad Shariq, Vice President of National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) and Chief Representative in China Sunday said that China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) had emerged as a pivotal platform, fostering enhanced financial cooperation between Chinese banks and their international counterparts.

Addressing a seminar titled ‘Investment in Pakistan’, he said, “This year’s fair not only showcases innovative financial services but also facilitates meaningful dialogues and partnerships to strengthen global financial ties, particularly for NBP.”

“As the National Bank of Pakistan seeks to navigate an increasingly interconnected world, CIFTIS offers a unique opportunity to explore collaborative ventures that can drive mutual growth and stability in the financial sector,” he added. He said, “NBP can leverage the opportunity to showcase its services, connect with potential business partners, and explore new avenues for collaboration with Chinese financial institutions.”

“We are constantly working on technology upgradation to position ourselves as a digitally competitive, agile, and secure bank driven by data and innovation. The upgrade of the core banking application will continue through 2024, alongside the strengthening of our cyber security. Substantial investment in hardware and software will continue this year,” he stated.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226332/ciftis-bridges-china-pakistan-banking-gap/>

SK joins CPEC’s roster of successes: Ahsan Iqbal

In a significant breakthrough for Pakistan’s energy sector, the 884 MW Suki Kinari Hydropower Project (SKHPP), a cornerstone of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), reached its Commercial Operation Date (COD), Gwadar Pro reported.

The project, a key contributor to Pakistan’s clean energy future, boasts an investment of \$1.7 billion and is one of the largest private-sector energy initiatives under CPEC. Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives (PDSI), Professor Ahsan Iqbal, shared the milestone on his official X account, calling the project “another achievement of CPEC.”

“We extend warm congratulations to the Chinese Government, the Sponsors (Energy China), Pakistani officials, teams working on the project, and all other stakeholders,” said Mr. Iqbal. He emphasized the significance of the accomplishment, highlighting the shared dedication of Pakistan and China toward sustainable energy and economic growth. “Through clean, green, and renewable power, Pakistan will achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and pave the way for industrial rejuvenation,” the minister added.

The SKHPP began filling its reservoir earlier this year in February, and by August 12, the first unit had been successfully connected to the national grid, marking the project’s operational phase.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226331/sk-joins-cpecs-roster-of-successes-ahsan-iqbal/>

Sino-Pak teaching resource hub launched

Chinese universities, colleges, institutes and enterprises took participation in the developments of Major Standards of elder care health and wellness for Pakistan.

Furthermore, the Chinese side jointly developed curriculum standards, digital resources, practical training software and equipment, etc. of the elder care major and established teaching resource database in collaboration with the Pakistani counterparts.

Now, this Sino-Pak cooperation has been promoted and applied in Pakistani colleges and universities. Taking it as an opportunity, the vista of cooperating further in smart elder care in a more refined, standardized and professional way for the two countries seems alluring.

According to the recognition certificates by Pakistan National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) and Pakistan Nursing & Midwifery Council (PNMC), faculty team members from China's Jiangsu Vocational Institute of Commerce, Anhui Vocational College of City Management, Xuzhou Open University, Beijing Youth Politics College, Dezhou Vocational and Technical College, Changsha Social Work College, Guangxi Vocational & Technical College, Pingxiang Health Vocational College and ITMC Technology Co., Ltd. and UNI Services International (Pvt.) Limited contributed to developing the Major Standards.

There has long been close cooperation between China and Pakistan in the field of standardization. In 2022, National Standardization Administration of China (SAC) and Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation on mutual recognition of standards, provide support to each side in international standardization organizations such as ISO and IEC, enhance standardization information exchange, etc, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226380/sino-pak-teaching-resource-hub-launched/>

The News

Will China rule the world?

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The Chinese rise has given birth to numerous theories, hypotheses and assumptions. Friends and foes (opponents) are equally involved in devising these theories. The opponents blame China for threatening the global rule-based system. They have come up with many assumptions to support their hypotheses.

They constructed the allegation China is negating the global trade and economic governance system. It is doing so to devise a new system run by Chinese rules. China is not fulfilling its obligations as a great power and is avoiding responsibility. China does not support Western so-called human rights or democracy adventures like an attack on Iraq or Israel's genocide. China challenges liberal ideology by presenting a successful example of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and so on.

On the other hand, friends' high expectations further complicate the situation and strengthen Western assumptions. Friends try to equate Chinese rise with change in the global system or

China's desire to rule the world. The books like "When China will rule the world," "Has China won?" and many others have further enhanced expectations. We can find a plethora of literature arguing these dimensions and suggesting Chinese way of ruling the world.

During President Xi's tenure, the level of expectation regarding China's global role surged, mainly due to two key factors. First, China launched a series of ambitious global initiatives, including Global Development Initiative (GD), Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Global Security Initiative (GSI), Global Civilisation Initiative (GCI), China International Import Expo (CIIE), etc.

Second, China bolstered its existing diplomatic, economic and security initiatives, such as Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, China-Africa Cooperation Forum, China-ASEAN Cooperation, China-Arab, China-GCC cooperation forums, etc. Third, China became more active globally and enthusiastically pursued the reform agenda.

In this context, it is necessary to analyse the situation and try to determine whether China wants to rule the world or not. For that purpose, we must analyse Chinese actions from a historical perspective. The analysis of Chinese civilisation shows China always worked to maintain peaceful relations with all countries. It avoided collusion or conflict. It remained committed to non-interference and respect for sovereignty. When China was a formidable power in the old days, it never attacked any country and followed a win-win cooperation formula. Moreover, China preferred tributary ties and living in peace. The analysis clearly shows China never intended to rule the world.

Now, the question is if China does not want to rule the world, then why has it launched numerous initiatives of global relevance? These initiatives further contributed to the Western belief that China is working to replace the existing international system. Again, to find the answer, we need to look into history.

China has learned it made three strategic mistakes, which gave birth to a century of humiliation. First, in old times, China thought it was a secure country due to its geography, as it was not facing threats from three sides of its boundaries. The Pacific Ocean protected the eastern side and the China South Sea secured the southern side. Tibet plateau acted as a guard on the Western side, as the Tibet area was not livable due to low oxygen. The only exposed territory was Northern side, and China erected the Great Wall to minimise the threat. Thus, it did not invest in developing modern defence technologies.

Second, China trusted its philosophy of international relations based on peaceful coexistence and sharing prosperity. It assumed others also believed in this. Moreover, it cultivated tributary relationships in its sphere over the period.

Third, China stopped investing in modernisation, innovation and technology. This greatly hampered Chinese economic development and global status and led to its fall. Moreover, China did not focus on engaging at the global level according to the status of international powers, which made it easy for Western powers to isolate China and compelled it to follow the Western terms.

China does not want to commit the same mistakes. The birth of modern China took place in an entirely different world. The Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea do not present more

sophisticated protection. Advancement in the Navy has turned Sea into major threat element. Tibet's plateau is also unsafe, as technological advancement has enabled humans to survive and thrive in low-oxygen areas of Tibet.

The dynamics and threats of modern China are entirely different from the past. Besides, the emergence of non-traditional security threats, such as AI, climate change, food insecurity, etc., further complicate the situation, and no one can face it alone. There is a need for closer cooperation.

The world has become highly connected and dynamic. Economies are driven by value and supply chains. No country can dream of growing without building strong linkages with the world. Besides, Western hegemony and the dominance of dollar-based financial systems make pursuing independent economic and growth policies extremely difficult.

As an emerging global power, China has become the West's prime target, and the Western countries are doing everything to check its peaceful rise. Therefore, China must build economic networks and strong partnerships to counter opposition and shield itself against isolation attempts of West.

Third, we are living in a fractured world. The global liberal order is fading away. Moreover, the "End of History" and the "Clash of Civilisations" theories further complicated the situation, triggering conflicts and disturbing world peace. Powerful countries bully weak nations. The security concerns of weak countries are comprised, and strong countries consider their security is prime.

Against this backdrop, China launched all initiatives to achieve two specific goals. China wants to protect itself against the hegemonic aspirations and actions of the existing powers. It is striving to keep its economic and development agenda alive and moving forward. It wants to ensure sovereignty, achieve the goal of national rejuvenation and acquire a rightful place globally.

China wants to assist the world, especially less developed countries, in pursuing their dreams of sustainable development and peaceful coexistence. However, it aims to achieve these objectives without compromising on dignity and sovereignty and by giving due respect to the diversity and self-respect of countries.

Based on the above discussion, it can be inferred China has no intentions of ruling the world. It wants to protect its sovereignty, dream of national rejuvenation and assist the world in pursuing the dream of sustainable development and peaceful and cooperative coexistence. In a nutshell, China aims to create a community with a shared future. Therefore, words such as "rule the world" or "winning" should be avoided because they undermine China's miraculous rise and give a negative impression. Opponents use these words to run malicious campaigns against China and try to undermine or malign initiatives, such as China-Africa cooperation, BRI, GDI, etc. They use such assumptions to impede China's technological advancement by introducing obstacles like CHIPS and the Science Act.

China must discourage using words like ruling or winning. For that purpose, it needs a comprehensive communication policy and action framework to present the true image of China. <https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=342657>

Nawaiwaqt New

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سے منسلک پاکستان کے مفادات

ڈاکٹر طلعت شبیر - اطراف

اکتوبر کے وسط میں پاکستان نے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم (ایس سی او) کی کونسل آف ہیڈز آف گورنمنٹ (سی ایچ جی) کے اجلاس کی میزبانی کا شرف حاصل کرنا ہے جو پاکستان کے لیے بلاشبہ ایک اعزاز ہے۔ یہ کونسل ایس سی او میں فیصلہ سازی کا اعلیٰ ترین فورم ہے جس کا اجلاس سال میں ایک مرتبہ ہوتا ہے۔ اس اجلاس میں ایس سی او کے ممبر ممالک کے حکومتی سربراہان کو مدعو کیا گیا ہے اور اس ضمن میں پاکستان کو زکن ممالک کے سربراہان یا ان کے اعلیٰ سطحی نمائندوں کی شرکت کی تصدیق ہو چکی ہے۔ اس تاریخی موقع پر یہ ضروری ہے کہ ہم ایس سی او کے قیام اور خطے میں اس کے مقاصد کا جائزہ لیں اور ایک زکن کی حیثیت سے اس تنظیم سے سیاسی اور اقتصادی فوائد کے حصول کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے مناسب حکمت عملی وضع کریں۔

ایس سی او ایک علاقائی سیاسی، اقتصادی اور دفاعی تنظیم ہے جسے چین اور روس نے 2001 میں قائم کیا تھا۔ ابتداء میں عوامی جمہوریہ چین، قازقستان، کرغزستان، روس، ازبکستان اور تاجکستان ایس سی او کے زکن ممالک تھے۔ بھارت اور پاکستان نے 2017 میں، ایران 2023 میں اور بیلاروس نے جولائی 2024 میں اس تنظیم میں شمولیت اختیار کی اور یوں ایس سی او کے مستقل ارکان کی تعداد 10 ہو چکی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ 3 ممالک آبزور ارکان اور 14 ممالک ڈائلاگ پارٹنرز کے طور پر ایس سی او سے منسلک ہیں۔ ایس سی او جغرافیائی اعتبار سے دنیا کی سب سے بڑی علاقائی تنظیم ہے جو دنیا کے تقریباً 80 فیصد رقبے پر محیط ہے۔

کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق دنیا کی 40 فیصد آبادی پر مشتمل ایس سی او ممالک کی مشترکہ جی ڈی پی دنیا کی جی ڈی پی کا تقریباً 32 فیصد ہے۔ ایس سی او کا انتظام ایچ 2023 ایس سی او کے ذریعے کیا جاتا ہے جو ایس سی او کا فیصلہ ساز ادارہ ہے۔ بحیثیت تنظیم ایس سی او کے چار اہداف طے ہیں جن میں

زکن ممالک کے درمیان باہمی اعتماد، دوستی اور اچھی ہمسائیگی کو مضبوط کرنا۔ 1)

زکن ممالک کے درمیان سیاست، تجارت، معیشت، سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی، ثقافت، تعلیم، توانائی، ٹرانسپورٹ، سیاحت، ماحولیاتی تحفظ وغیرہ جیسے شعبوں میں موثر 2) تعاون کی حوصلہ افزائی کرنا۔

خطے میں امن، سلامتی اور استحکام کو مشترکہ طور پر یقینی بنانے اور برقرار رکھنے کے لیے کوشش کرنا اور 3)

جمہوری، منصفانہ سیاسی اور اقتصادی نظم کو فروغ دینا شامل ہیں۔ 4)

ایس سی او کے سربراہی اجلاس سے قبل گذشتہ ہفتے پاکستان ناپس سی او کے تجارت اور اقتصادی امور کے وزراء کے 23 ویں اجلاس کی میزبانی بھی کی۔ وزراء اجلاس میں امن اور خوشحالی کے فروغ کے لیے ایس سی او کے مقاصد کے حصول کے لئے عدم کا اعادہ کیا گیا اور خطے کو درپیش عالمی اقتصادی چیلنجز کے لئے ایس سی او کے کردار کو سراہا گیا۔ وزراء کانفرنس میں مضبوط شراکت داری قائم کرنے، علاقائی تعاون کو بڑھانے اور خطے کے لوگوں کے لیے ایک روشن اور خوشحال مستقبل کی راہ ہموار کرنے پر بھی زور دیا گیا۔ ایس سی او کے وزراء نے زکن ممالک کے درمیان اقتصادی ترقی اور تجارتی تعاون کو گہرا کرنے کے امکانات اور اقدامات پر تجاویز کا تبادلہ کیا۔ اجلاس کے درمیان با معنی تعاون اور وسیع تجارتی انضمام سے متعلق پاکستانی تجویز، خطے کے لیے اقتصادی ترجیحات کا ڈیٹا (TPOS) میں ایس سی او کی ٹریڈ پروموشن آرگنائزیشنز میں بنانے اور ترجیحات اور ترجیحات کے بارے میں معلومات تک رسائی سے متعلق قازقستان کی تجویز اور جدت پر مبنی اقتصادی ترقی کی اہمیت کو اجاگر کرتے ہوئے خطے میں معیشت کے فروغ سے متعلق روسی تجویز کی منظوری دی۔ وزراء اجلاس کو اگلے ماہ منعقد ہونے والے سربراہی اجلاس کی پیش بندی بھی کہا جاسکتا ہے۔

اکتوبر کا سربراہی اجلاس ایس سی او کے مستقبل کے اقدامات اور زکن ممالک کے درمیان علاقائی تعاون کے فروغ کی تجاویز پر مشتمل ہے۔ پاکستان اس سے قبل ایس سی او کے فورم پر نوڈسکیورٹی، موسمیاتی تبدیلی اور انسداد دہشت گردی کے شعبوں میں اہم کردار ادا کرتا رہا ہے۔ اسکے علاوہ پاکستان ایس سی او کے اندر تعاون کے دائرہ کار کو وسعت دینے، مشترکہ سرحدی آپریشنز، سائبر تعاون میں اضافہ، ڈیجیٹل رابطے، غربت کے خاتمے اور نوجوانوں کو بااختیار بنانے جیسے امور پر زور دیتا رہا ہے۔

پاکستان کے لئے ایس سی اوکالپٹ فارم بہت اہم ہے۔ چند اہم پہلو ہیں جہاں پاکستان ایس سی او کی مدد سے اپنے مفادات کا تحفظ کر سکتا ہے۔

1) علاقائی سیوریٹی اور استحکام میں رکن ممالک کا تعاون حاصل کیا جا سکتا ہے۔

2) ایس سی او کے رکن ممالک ایک بڑا اقتصادی بلاک ہیں جن کے ساتھ تجارت پاکستان کی معیشت کے لیے ایک اہم موقع ہو سکتا ہے۔

3) سی بیگ اور بی آر آئی کے پلیٹ فارم کے ذریعے دیگر ممالک کے ساتھ تجارتی رابطے ہو سکتے ہیں۔

4) ایس سی او کے رکن ممالک تو انائی کی دولت سے مالا مال ہیں اور پاکستان تو انائی کی ضروریات پوری کرنے کے لئے ان ممالک سے کیا؟ سان شراٹھ پر معاہدے کر سکتا ہے۔

5) ایس سی او کے ذریعے پاکستان کو رکن ممالک کے ساتھ ثقافتی، تعلیمی، اور سائنسی تعاون کے مواقع حاصل ہیں۔

6) ایس سی او میں شمولیت سے پاکستان کو عالمی سطح پر اپنی پوزیشن کو مضبوط کرنے اور خطے میں اپنا اثر و رسوخ بڑھا سکتا ہے۔

7) ایس سی او ایک علاقائی تنظیم ہے جو مختلف بین الاقوامی مسائل کے سلسلے میں ایک پلیٹ فارم فراہم کرتی ہے۔ پاکستان دیگر رکن ممالک کے ساتھ اپنے تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط کر سکتا ہے اور بین الاقوامی سطح پر مشترکہ مسائل پر تعاون حاصل کر سکتا ہے۔

پاکستان کے لیے ایس سی او کی رکنیت اہم ہے لیکن یہ بھی ذہن میں رکھنا ضروری ہے ایس سی او کا مینڈیٹ مکمل اتفاق رائے کے اصول پر قائم ہے اور دوطرفہ مسائل اس تنظیم کے دائرہ کار سے باہر ہیں۔ اس کی روشنی میں کوئی بھی مسئلہ مکمل اتفاق رائے کے بغیر حل نہیں ہو سکتا۔ اگرچہ یہ نہیں کہا جا سکتا کہ سائیڈ لائنز پر ان دوطرفہ مسائل پر بات کی جا سکتی یا اعتماد سازی کے لیے اس تنظیم کو استعمال کیا جا سکتا ہے لیکن ماضی گواہ ہے کہ ایس سی او کے پلیٹ فارم سے پاکستان اور ہندوستان کے درمیان تناؤ کو کم کرنے کے لیے کچھ نہ ہو سکا۔

میں ایس سی او سربراہی اجلاس کے دوران جو ہندوستان میں ہوا تھا اس وقت کے پاکستان کے وزیر خارجہ بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے سربراہی اجلاس میں پاکستان کی 2023 نمائندگی کی۔ اجلاس کے دوران ہندوستانی وزیر خارجہ جے شنکر نے انتہائی غیر شائستہ اور غیر سفارتی زبان استعمال کی۔ گذشتہ ہونے والے ایس سی او وزراء اجلاس میں ہندوستان کی نمائندگی تھی لیکن اکتوبر میں ہونے والے ایس سی او سربراہی اجلاس میں وزیر اعظم نریندرہ مودی کی شرکت کی ابھی تک تصدیق نہ ہو سکی۔ اگرچہ پاکستان اور ہندوستان کے مابین مفاہمت ہے لیکن اس کے باوجود پاکستان کو ایس سی او فورم پر بھرپور کردار ادا کرنا چاہیے اور کوشش کرنی چاہیے کہ تمام رکن ممالک کے ساتھ اقتصادی تعاون کو فروغ دیا جائے۔ پاکستان کے لیے ایس سی اوکالپٹ فارم کئی حوالوں سے منفعت کا سبب ہو سکتا ہے اور یہ سنہری موقع ہرگز ضائع نہیں کرنا چاہیے۔ پاکستان کو تنظیم کی سطح پر اور رکن ممالک سے دوطرفہ تعاون کے لیے جامع حکمت عملی وضع کرنے کی اشد ضرورت ہے۔

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Daily Times

CCOCIP discusses measures to expedite CPEC projects

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Monday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Chinese Investment Projects (CCoCIP) which focused on expediting several ongoing projects under the CPEC framework.

The meeting discussed the provision of electricity to the Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ), import/export policies for Gwadar Free Zone, transit trade with Afghanistan and Central Asian countries via Gwadar Port, international transshipment of seafood, and the development of the Karachi Coastal Comprehensive Development Zone, according to a news release.

The Planning minister emphasized the need for a proactive approach in serving investors, adding “We must treat our investors like customers.”

He directed all relevant ministries to provide their comments on pending matters within few days to ensure smooth progress. “Decisions should be taken swiftly, and investors should not be kept waiting for long, as delays discourage investment,” he stressed.

Ahsan Iqbal directed secretaries of the ministries concerned to develop actionable plans and address unresolved issues and end pendencies. Discussing security measures for Chinese officials working on CPEC projects, he stressed that security protocols should not create an atmosphere of fear or hinder business operations.

The meeting reiterated the government’s commitment to resolving any bottlenecks faced by Chinese investors and ensuring that CPEC projects continued to progress without delays. The Planning minister called for enhanced coordination among ministries and smooth decision-making to boost investors’ confidence and accelerate the realization of key projects. The meeting was attended by key government officials, including Federal Minister for Petroleum Division Musadiq Malik, Federal Minister for Energy Awais Laghari, Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, and secretaries from the relevant Ministries, along with representatives from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Secretariat and the Planning Ministry.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226631/ccocip-discusses-measures-to-expedite-cpec-projects/>

Gwadar Hospital gets help desk

Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar has unveiled “Help Desk Initiative” for the facilitation of patients to get accurate and timely information for multiple health queries round the clock. Help Desk Initiative will perform as “One Window facility” where patients will get to know relevant appointments with doctors, medical tests modalities and emergency aid free of cost. Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar official told Gwadar Pro Help Desk is mandated to provide detailed information regarding all medical sections and departments whenever attendants of patients approach to service providers at Help Desk. The hospital has already embarked on health services for local people with the opening of Out Patient Department (OPD), a milestone development to provide free of cost state-of-the-art medical facilities to the poor community of Gwadar. A big number of people have been pouring in OPD of Pak-China Friendship Hospital and receiving medical treatment as per their health issues. Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar official said that more than 20,000 patients of various categories are being treated free of cost in a month in the hospital.

Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar, a milestone project of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was completed at the cost of \$100 million with the financing of Chinese government. Spanning over 68 acres of land, the hospital has been equipped with a modern medical facility. It has been constructed under the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Business Plan.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226612/gwadar-hospital-gets-help-desk/>

Pakistan, China partner in traditional medicine

Pakistan wished to further deepen cooperation with China and other nations in advancing research and innovation in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).

This was stated by Khalil Hashmi, Pakistani Ambassador to China while addressing here the 7th Belt and Road Forum for Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Development. Officials from other countries also expressed the wish to further deepen cooperation with China and other nations in advancing research and innovation in TCM, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN). At the Forum, Bruno Masier, President of the World Trade Point Federation (WTPF), highlighted the crucial role of TCM in global healthcare systems.

“Traditional Chinese medicine has long played a vital role in healthcare, especially in China,” Masier stated. “Today’s forum is not only about exploring the development of TCM, but also about understanding how traditional medicine can contribute to the advancement of healthcare systems as a whole. We hope to see more growth in traditional medicine globally, fostering greater development in the medical field.” “To truly unlock the potential of TCM, we need to combine the diagnostic precision and advanced treatment technologies of Western medicine with the preventive and holistic healing strengths of TCM, providing more comprehensive healthcare services to people around the globe,” Hashmi noted.

Co-hosted by WTPF and the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS), the forum as part of the 2024 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) focused on promoting TCM and global health collaboration. During the forum, several major developments were announced to enhance the global integration of TCM. These included the establishment of the Expert Committee of the Belt and Road Forum for Traditional Chinese Medicine Development, aiming to support the high-quality incorporation of TCM into the Belt and Road Initiative.

Additionally, the Belt and Road Traditional Chinese Medicine Global Tour was launched, involving renowned TCM experts and companies who will collaborate with regions in Southeast Asia, Latin America, Europe, and Africa.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226632/pakistan-china-partner-in-traditional-medicine/>

Nawaiwaqt New

ایشین چیپیٹسز ٹرائی ہاکی: چین پاکستان کو شکست دیکر فائنل میں پہنچ گیا

لاہور (سپورٹس رپورٹر) ایشین چیپیٹسز ٹرائی ہاکی کے سیمی فائنل میچ میں چین نے پاکستان کو پینالٹی شوٹس پر 2 صفر سے شکست دے کر فائنل میں رسائی حاصل کر لی۔ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان مقررہ وقت کے دوران میچ ایک ایک گول سے برابر رہا جس کے بعد پینالٹی شوٹس پر میچ کا فیصلہ ہوا۔ پینالٹی شوٹس میں پاکستان کوئی بھی گول نہ کر سکا جبکہ چین نے 2 گول کیے۔ ایونٹ کے دوسرے سیمی فائنل میں بھارت اور جنوبی افریقہ کے درمیان میچ ہو گا جس میں فاتح ٹیم فائنل میں چین سے مد مقابل ہوگی۔ واضح رہے کہ پاکستان کو گروپ میچز میں صرف بھارت سے شکست ہوئی تھی جبکہ 2 میچز میں فاتح اور 2 میچز برابر رہے تھے۔

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Business Recorder

Witnessing China's economic evolution: a journey through progress and innovation

Muhammad Saeed Sarbazi

From September 3, 2024, to September 12, 2024, I had the privilege of leading an 8-member media delegation to Beijing and Shanghai. The delegation included Shoaib Ahmed Secretary Karachi Press Club, Shazia Hasan, Rida Saifee, Manzar Naqvi, Zeeshan Ahmed, Raja Anis and Zubairuddin. The visit was arranged by Chinese Consul General Yang Yundong, in collaboration with The China Economic Net (CEN), based in Beijing.

Our journey began with a 7-hour flight from Karachi to Beijing via Air China. Upon arrival, we faced a 2-hour wait at Chinese immigration, mainly due to the influx of visitors for the China-Africa Summit. Once we cleared immigration, we were warmly welcomed by the CEN team at the Beijing airport.

Our first stop was one of the oldest halal restaurants in Beijing, where we enjoyed a truly delicious meal. From there, we headed to our hotel, conveniently located nearby.

Beijing is known as the capital of bicycles, and traffic jams are a common occurrence. Our tour kicked off with a visit to Wangdom Medical Technology Company (WMTC) that manufactures highly sophisticated medical equipment, offering insights into their advanced technology.

The following day, we visited the Economic Daily, China Economic Net (CEN). We received a briefing on the newspaper's circulation and operations. Despite the global digital revolution, the circulation of the Economic Daily has remained strong. The building itself is massive, with numerous staff working in various departments.

The delegation also visited China North Industries Group Corporation Ltd (NORINCO). The delegation also visited the iconic Badaling section of the Great Wall, China State Construction Company (CSCEC), and the Embassy of Pakistan at Pakistan House. The delegation was welcomed by Ambassador Khaleel Hashmi and Manzoor Memon by hosting dinner.

The media delegation also visited The Palace Museum (Forbidden City), China's one of the most historic sites, as well as Tiananmen Square, a symbol of China's modern political history. A visit to Pony.ai, a leading driverless car manufacturing company, showcased China's advancements in technology. Riding a driverless car in Beijing streets is really amazing, and it looks like a dream.

In Beijing, many foreigners use public bicycles for transportation. These bikes are typically part of bike-sharing programmes. To rent a bike, including for foreigners, a QR code is scanned using a smartphone app.

Ride and Return: After unlocking, you can ride anywhere in the city. When finished, simply park the bike at a designated spot and manually lock it. The app will automatically charge you based on the time or distance used.

This method has become very popular for both locals and foreigners, making commuting in Beijing efficient and eco-friendly.

The delegation then departed for Shanghai from high speed train.

In Shanghai the delegation visited Launch Design, Shanghai Electric, the Bund, and the Huangpu River, and also visited the site the first National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) a historically important location. The delegation also visited Humin Village in Fengxian District, where we gained an understanding of rural life in China. The delegation at the last leg of its journey visited the state of the art Shanghai Challenge Textile, which offered a glimpse of China booming Textile industries and its global impact.

The 10-day journey was an opportunity to boost the already strong relationship between Pakistan and China.

Media delegation's visit to China was both insightful and eventful, providing a deep dive into the country's infrastructure development, technological advancements, and rich cultural history. Leading such a diverse group to major cities like Beijing and Shanghai must have been an excellent opportunity to observe firsthand how China is rapidly transforming in key areas, especially with innovations like driverless cars, high-speed trains, and AI systems.

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<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/09/19/7-page/1007783-news.html>

Daily Times

China-Pakistan Int'l Industrial-Education Cooperation Alliance unveiled

The 2024 China-Pakistan Vocational Education Cooperation and Development Seminar, organized by Tangfeng International Education Group and guided by Pakistan's National Vocational and Technical Education Commission and other government bodies, took place in Wuxi, China recently.

Over 300 attendees participated, including Afifa Shajia Awais, Education Attaché at the Embassy of Pakistan in China, along with leaders and experts from both China and Pakistan's educational and industrial sectors. During the seminar, key achievements of the China-Pakistan International Industrial-Education Cooperation Alliance were unveiled, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. Afifa Shajia Awais emphasized that in recent years, Pakistan's Provincial Technical Education and Vocational Training Authorities have closely partnered with Tangfeng on initiatives like the CCTE program, Chinese language courses, short-term training, and industry-education integration projects. These efforts have provided Pakistani youth with valuable learning opportunities and continuously introduced fresh talent into the two countries' industrial cooperation.

Additionally, the Pakistan National Vocational and Technical Education Commission will collaborate with Tangfeng to integrate 210 programs into Pakistan's vocational education system, tailored to meet the needs of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. By utilizing a digital and green industry-education cooperation model, this partnership seeks to enhance vocational education integration between the two nations, setting the stage for a new chapter of high-quality collaboration.

At the national-level project launch ceremony, Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, Chairperson of Pakistan's National Vocational and Technical Education Commission, delivered a video address. She highlighted that, since its inception over a year ago, the China-Pakistan International Industrial-Education Cooperation Alliance has supported the creation of numerous in-depth cooperation projects between institutions and enterprises in both countries, achieving outstanding results. The event also marked the addition of over 70 new Chinese institutions to the Alliance, all of which will collaborate with Pakistan's education authorities and Tangfeng International Education Group to further strengthen China-Pakistan educational cooperation. In addition, Afifa Shajia Awais awarded Liaoning Petrochemical Vocational and Technical College the status of co-builder of the "Pak-China Friendship Language Center" and witnessed the launch of the China-Pakistan Digital Curriculum and Standards Project, with eight Chinese institutions joining this initiative.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1226894/china-pakistan-intl-industrial-education-cooperation-alliance-unveiled/>

Dawn News

Losing to China

AT a time when they should have stepped up, a sense of complacency seemed to have descended on the Pakistan hockey team. A fighting defeat against India in their last round-robin game had raised hopes of another clash between the two arch-rivals in the final of the Asian Champions Trophy — if Pakistan, as expected, had gone past China in their last-four clash. Instead, hosts China flipped the script. Holding the tournament in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, the Chinese — thumped by Pakistan 5-1 in their round-robin match — channelled the support of a fervent home crowd to stun Pakistan. A 2-0 penalty shootout loss after a 1-1 draw in regulation loss sent Pakistan back to the drawing board. Tahir Zaman's charges eventually finished third after beating South Korea 5-2 in their final game of the tournament.

It is the loss to China, though, that raises many questions about Pakistan's position in hockey. Mr Zaman's men gave India — bronze medallists at the Paris Olympics for which Pakistan failed to qualify — a run for their money in a narrow 2-1 loss that saw them finish second in the round-robin standings. Unbeaten in their opening four matches, it appeared that Mr Zaman was continuing the good work of his predecessor Roelant Oltmans, who quit after the Pakistan Hockey Federation refused to offer him a long-term contract. The loss to China is a dent in what was turning out to be a good tournament for Pakistan under Mr Zaman, who was roped in by the PHF after Mr Oltmans' departure. Ahead of the Asian Champions Trophy, Mr Zaman had said that Pakistan required time to return to its former standing, stressing the need for better infrastructure, players' welfare, and high-performance centres. He spoke about the fact that the PHF and government understood that it was the need of the time. But the question is: when will concerted efforts be made to ensure that all requirements are met?

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1859736/losing-to-china>

Dunya News

Chinese firm setting up assembling plant for solar panels in Punjab: minister

(Web Desk) - Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain has said industrial estates are being shifted to solar energy to reduce burden of heavy electricity bills; for the first time in the history of the country, a Chinese company is setting up an assembling plant for solar panels in Punjab.

The minister inaugurated a trauma centre at Sunder Industrial Estate. After the inauguration, he inspected various departments of the trauma centre and reviewed the medical facilities provided here.

The facility of treatment and medicines will be free for the workers in the trauma center. The minister announced the construction of a 100-bed social security hospital in Sunder Industrial Estate.

Addressing the industrialists, he said every sector including the industry is being affected by the expensive electricity.

The Garment City to be built in Sheikhpura will be on solar energy. Stitching classes have started at Tevta newly built college in Garment City, the minister said and added that the financial and performance audit of Tevta is being conducted.

Shafay said that the future of Pakistan is linked to quality technical education.

Practical steps have been taken to promote quality technical education and prepare skilled manpower.

Job placement is also being arranged for the youth after completion of the courses, he said.

He added that this is not the time for talking but for practical steps. The government has taken practical steps to improve the quality of technical education.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Business/838619-chinese-firm-setting-up-assembling-plant-for-solar-panels-in-punjab-m>

Pakistan Observer

Pakistan marks China's 75th anniversary with pledge to deepen cooperation

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan celebrated the 75th Anniversary of China with pledges of strengthened cooperation.

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif attended the event and expressed heartfelt congratulations to the people and leadership of China during National Day Reception held in Islamabad.

In his address, President Zardari stressed commitment of both nations to work together for shared prosperity and global stability. Calling Pakistan, China as “all-weather friends,”

President highlighted the invaluable contributions made by successive generations in transforming their friendship into a strategic partnership.

Zardari noted that, despite changing global circumstances, the bond between the two countries remains strong and reiterated Pakistan's dedication to advancing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reflected on the recent warmth he experienced during his visit to China. He termed ties between two nations as unbreakable and described it as "higher than the Himalayas and deeper than the deepest ocean." Premier expressed gratitude for China's support during challenging times, emphasizing that such assistance was essential for meeting IMF conditions.

Sharif assured Pakistan's unwavering support for China's positions on issues like Hong Kong and Taiwan, stating that this commitment will continue indefinitely. Additionally, Sharif announced that Pakistan is entering the second phase of CPEC, which is expected to significantly boost the nation's economy and open doors for cooperation in various sectors, including agriculture and information technology.

Looking ahead, Prime Minister expressed excitement for the upcoming visit of the Chinese Premier to Pakistan, signaling a continued partnership focused on mutual interests and development.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistan-marks-chinas-75th-anniversary-with-pledge-to-deepen-cooperation/>

The Express Tribune

China proposes anti-terror tie-up

CPEC poised to get a boost after Beijing again conveyed its willingness to kick-start it, government sources say.

ISLAMABAD:

China has shared several proposals, including an anti-terrorism cooperation agreement and a joint security company, amid a renewed interest in deepening economic relations under the second phase of the CPEC.

The multibillion dollar corridor project is poised to get a boost after Beijing again conveyed its willingness to kick-start it, government sources told The Express Tribune.

As part of the plan, China has also proposed to include nearly two dozen leftover projects of Phase-I in the Phase-II of CPEC. The projects are related to railways, road infrastructure, LNG terminals, copper mines, hydropower and special economic zones.

Both sides may sign an agreement on anti-terrorism cooperation to address Chinese security concerns, said the sources.

During Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing, both sides had reiterated their commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations with "zero tolerance"

attitude, and agreed to further strengthen cooperation in counterterrorism and security through a comprehensive approach, according to the joint statement issues after the visit.

The sources said that China has also proposed to establish a joint company to ensure the security of its citizens already working in Pakistan or will be engaged during CPEC Phase-II.

Under Phase-I, both sides have completed 38 projects worth \$25.2 billion. Of these, 17 projects valued at \$18 billion were completed in the energy sector. About 26 projects worth \$26.8 billion are in the pipeline and many of those have been included in CPEC Phase II.

China has also proposed that a vehicle-mounted mobile securing equipment project should also be included in Phase-II besides undertaking a project on ballistic protective vehicles.

Chinese authorities are willing to cooperate in the areas of infrastructure, energy and minerals, industrial development, science and technology, safety and security, small livelihood assistance, people to people exchange and digital economy.

Beijing has also proposed a cooperation mechanism between the two governments so that the implementation of CPEC projects remains smooth during Phase-II. Chinese authorities have proposed a CPEC joint commission in this regard.

A Pakistani delegation is leaving for Beijing next week to participate in the Global Transport Forum scheduled for September 26 and to also sort out issues hampering the initiation of work on the Phase-I of the nearly \$7 billion Mainline-I project of CPEC, according to the government sources.

China has included completion of ML-I, Karachi Circular Railway, Karakoram Highway (Thakot-Raikot) section, technical support for New Gwadar International Airport, second phase of the Eastbay Expressway, reconstruction of the N-50 highway, submarine cable construction project, deepening of the Gwadar port and development of the Gwadar free zone as part of CPEC, Phase-II.

In the energy sector, China has proposed GEIP LNG Terminal project, National Refinery up-gradation and extension project, Suki Kinari hydropower project and Siyadiq copper project.

In the industrial development, China is willing to consider further development of the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone, The Rashakai Industrial Park Project, Omara port ship repair project, Buffalo breeding and dairy processing project, and pepper cultivation demonstration and extension project.

It has also proposed a framework agreement on industrial cooperation between China and Pakistan. The construction of the China-Pakistan Earth Science Research project is also included in CPEC, Phase-II. Beijing has also proposed many small-scale projects in the social sector, many of those will be funded through grants.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2497126/china-proposes-anti-terror-tie-up>

Express News

چین کی پاکستان کو مشترکہ سیکورٹی کمپنی بنانے کی تجویز

چین نے پاکستان کو انسداد دہشت گردی میں تعاون کیلئے ایک مشترکہ سیکورٹی کمپنی قائم کرنے کی تجویز دے دی۔ اسلام آباد ذرائع نے ایکسپریس ٹریبون کو بتایا کہ چین نے سی پیک فیئرز کے دو درجن کے لگ بھگ باقی ماندہ منصوبے فیئرز میں شامل کرنے کی تجویز بھی دی ہے، جن میں ریلوے، شاہراہیں، ایل این جی ٹرینلز کی تعمیر، تانبے کی کانیں، پن بجلی اور اسپیشل اکنامک زون شامل ہیں۔

چین کے سیکورٹی خدشات کے سبب کیلئے انسداد دہشت گردی میں تعاون کے ایک معاہدہ پر دستخط بھی متوقع ہیں۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ چین نے اپنے شہریوں کی سیکورٹی یقینی بنانے کیلئے مشترکہ کمپنی قائم کرنے کی تجویز دی ہے جو کہ بکتر بند گاڑیوں سے لیس ہوگی۔ فیئرز کے منصوبوں پر بلا کاؤٹ عملدرآمد یقینی بنانے کیلئے بیجنگ نے دو طرفہ تعاون کے میکانزم کی تجویز بھی دی ہے، جس کا نام سی پیک جو اینٹ کمیشن ہوگا۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ ایک پاکستانی وفد گلوبل ٹرانسپورٹ فورم میں شرکت کیلئے آئندہ ہفتے بیجنگ روانہ ہوگا، اس موقع پر فیئرز کے تحت ریلوے ڈبل ٹریک کیلئے سات ارب ڈالر کے ایم ایل ون منصوبے پر دوبارہ کام میں حائل رکاوٹیں دور کرنے پر بھی بات ہوگی۔

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پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کے منصوبے کو اعلیٰ معیار پر ترقی دے گا، صدر مملکت

صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان مشترکہ خوشحالی کے لیے چین کے ساتھ کام کرے گا اور ہم اقتصادی راہداری کے منصوبے کو اعلیٰ معیار پر ترقی دیں گے۔

اسلام آباد میں چین کے 75 ویں یوم تاسیس کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری نے چین کے ساتھ ملکر کام کرنے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا اور کہا کہ گزشتہ 75 برسوں میں چین عالمی سطح پر ایک استحکام کی قوت کے طور پر ابھرا ہے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ عالمی چیلنجز کے باوجود پاک چین دوستی مسلسل پروان چڑھ رہی ہے اور اسے کوئی نقصان نہیں پہنچا سکتا۔ آصف زرداری نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کے منصوبے کو اعلیٰ معیار پر ترقی دیں گے۔

صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ سی پیک ہمارے عوام کیلئے سود مند، خطے میں روابط اور خوشحالی بڑھانے کیلئے اہم ہے۔ صدر مملکت نے چینی بھائیوں اور بہنوں کو چین کے قیام کی 75 ویں سالگرہ پر مبارکباد دی اور کہا کہ یکم اکتوبر ایک مضبوط اور متحد چین کے دوبارہ وجود پذیر ہونے کا دن ہے جو کمیونسٹ پارٹی کی دور اندیش قیادت میں چینی عوام کی بہادرانہ جدوجہد کے ذریعے حاصل کیا گیا۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ چین نے سائنس، جدت اور ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبے میں بڑی کامیابیاں حاصل کی، مجھے یقین ہے کہ چین آنے والی دہائیوں میں نئے سنگ میل عبور کرے گا۔ انہوں نے اس امید کا اظہار کیا کہ چین سیاست، اقتصادیات اور ثقافت کے عالمی منظر نامے پر مثبت طور پر اثر انداز ہوگا، پاکستان اور چین سدا بہار دوست، امن اور ترقی میں ساتھی ہیں۔

صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کی نسل در نسل دوستی سدا بہار تہذیبی تعاون میں بدل چکی ہے، بدلتے عالمی حالات کے باوجود پاک۔چین دوستی قائم و دائم ہے اور دونوں ملکوں کی دوستی بین الریاستی تعلقات کی عمدہ مثال ہے۔ یہ دوستی دونوں ممالک کی عوام کیلئے باعث فخر ہے، چین پاکستان کی اولین ترجیح ہے، پاکستان اور چین آہنی بھائی ہیں، چین کو پاکستان میں ہمیشہ ایک قابل اعتماد شراکت دار اور دوست ملے گا۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین مشترکہ خوشحالی، دنیا میں امن و استحکام کیلئے مل کر کام کرتے رہیں گے، پوری پاکستانی قوم کو آزمودہ دوست چین کے ساتھ تعلقات پر فخر ہے۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین نے مشکل وقت میں ایک دوسرے کا ساتھ دیا ہے۔ انہوں نے دونوں ممالک کے عوام کے زیادہ سے زیادہ فوائد کے لیے سی پیک کی اعلیٰ معیار کی ترقی کو آگے بڑھانے کی اہمیت پر زور دیا۔

صدر آصف علی زرداری نے اس موقع پر پاک چین دوستی کو ہمہ موسمی اسٹریٹجک کوآپریٹو پارٹنرشپ میں تبدیل کرنے کے لئے ماضی اور حال کی نسلوں کے گراں قدر تعاون کا ذکر کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان یہ شراکت داری بین الریاستی تعلقات کے نمونے کے طور پر کام کرتی ہے اور یہ دونوں ممالک کے لیے تحریک اور طاقت کا ذریعہ بنتی ہے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان کا آہنی بھائی ہے اور پوری قوم کو پائیدار دوستی پر فخر ہے کیونکہ دونوں ممالک آزمائش کی گھڑی میں ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ کھڑے ہیں۔ صدر نے امید ظاہر کی کہ چین آنے والی دہائیوں میں اہم سنگ میل حاصل کرنے کے لیے تیار ہے جس سے نہ صرف اس کی ترقی کو تقویت ملے گی بلکہ سیاست، معاشیات اور ثقافت کے عالمی منظر نامے کو بھی مثبت انداز میں تبدیل کیا جائے گا۔

واضح رہے کہ جمعرات کو اسلام آباد کے مقامی ہوٹل میں عوامی جمہوریہ چین کے قیام کی 75 ویں سالگرہ کا انعقاد چینی سفارت خانے کی جانب سے کیا گیا۔ تقریب میں وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف، وفاقی وزراء، پاکستان میں چین کے سفیر، غیر ملکی سفارتکاروں، چینی شہریوں، معززین اور اعلیٰ سول و فوجی افسران نے شرکت کی۔ قبل ازیں تقریب کا آغاز پاکستان اور چین کے قومی ترانوں کی دھنوں سے ہوا۔ اس موقع پر عوامی جمہوریہ چین کے قیام کی 75 ویں سالگرہ صدر مملکت نے وزیراعظم، چین کے سفیر اور دیگر مہمانوں کے ہمراہ چین کی سالگرہ کا ایک بھی کاٹا۔

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آئی ایم ایف سے مذاکرات کے دوران چین کا تعاون قابل تحسین ہے، وزیراعظم شہباز شریف

وزیراعظم پاکستان میاں شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ آئی ایم ایف سے مذاکرات کے دوران چین کا مسلسل تعاون قابل تحسین ہے۔ عوامی جمہوریہ چین کے 75 ویں یوم تاسیس پر اسلام آباد میں تقریب سے خطاب میں وزیراعظم نے چینی قیادت اور عوام کو چین کے یوم تاسیس پر مبارکباد دی۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ دونوں ملکوں کی دوستی ہمالیہ سے اونچی اور سمندر سے گہری ہے، چین کا یوم تاسیس مشترکہ طور پر منانا خوش آئند ہے۔

وزیراعظم کا کہنا تھا کہ سی پیک فیز 2 کے تحت پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان بی ٹی بی راولپنڈی اور سمندر سے گہری ہے۔ سی پیک فیز 2 سے آئی ٹی، معدنیات اور دیگر شعبوں میں تعاون کو فروغ حاصل ہوگا۔

وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ آئی ایم ایف سے مذاکرات کے دوران چین کا مسلسل تعاون قابل تحسین ہے۔ انکا کہنا تھا کہ چین نے علاقائی اور عالمی امن کے لیے ہمیشہ احسن کردار ادا کیا۔ پاکستان ہانگ کانگ، تائیوان اور دوسرے عالمی امور پر چین کی حمایت کرتا ہے۔ وزیراعظم شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ چین کے وزیراعظم کے آئندہ ماہ دورہ پاکستان کے منتظر ہیں۔

اس موقع پر چینی سفیر کا کہنا تھا کہ صدر شی جن پنگ نے چین کی سماجی اور معاشی ترقی پر مبنی ایک نئے سفر کی بنیاد رکھی ہے۔

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سی پیک دو قوموں کیلئے اُمید، ترقی اور خوشحالی کی علامت ہے: وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز نے کہا ہے کہ سی پیک محض ایک منصوبہ نہیں، دو قوموں کے لیے اُمید، ترقی اور خوشحالی کی علامت ہے۔

مریم نواز نے عوامی جمہوریہ چین کے 75 ویں قومی دن کی تقریب میں شرکت کی اور چینی قونصل جنرل ژاؤ شیریں سے ملاقات کر کے قومی دن پر مبارکباد دی۔

تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مریم نواز نے کہا کہ چین کے قومی دن پر پاکستان کے لوگوں کی طرف سے مبارکباد پیش کرتی ہوں، پنجاب کے لوگ چینی بھائیوں بہنوں کو دلی مبارکباد پیش کرتے ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ چینی قوم نے ترقی کے ساتھ ساتھ دنیا کی طرف دوستی کا ہاتھ بھی بڑھایا، سی پیک پاکستان کے معاشی منظر نامے کو تبدیل کر رہا ہے، پاور کوریڈور سے لے کر عام شہریوں کے دلوں تک چین نے گھر کر لیا ہے۔

مریم نواز کا کہنا ہے کہ چین کی عظمت امن، تعاون، انسانیت کی بھلائی کے غیر متزلزل عزم میں مضمر ہے، ہم عظیم چینی قوم کا احترام کرتے ہیں، چین کی کامیابیاں ہمارے لیے بھی حوصلہ افزائی اور قابل تقلید ہیں۔

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے کہا کہ ضرورت کی ہر گھڑی میں چین پاکستان کے ساتھ کھڑا رہا ہے، پاکستان اور چین خوشحالی اور پُر امن مستقبل کی طرف ہاتھ تھام کر آگے بڑھ رہے ہیں، ہر عالمی بحران میں چین کا کردار ناقابل فراموش ہے۔

ان کا کہنا ہے کہ چین ایک ایسے رہنما کے طور پر ابھرا جس کا وژن سرحدوں سے ماورا ہے، پاک چین دوستی کا بانڈ محض اسٹریٹجک مفادات پر نہیں، یہ دل اور روح کا رشتہ ہے، ہمارے مشترکہ مستقبل کا ایک اہم ترین ثبوت چین پاکستان اکنامک کوریڈور ہے۔

چینی قونصل جنرل نے خطاب میں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کے عوام دوست اقدامات کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہوئے نواز شریف آئی ٹی سٹی، کینسر اسپتال، ایئر ایبوی لینس اور اپنی چھت اپنا گھر پروگرام کا ذکر کیا۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ سولر پینل پروگرام سے عوام کو حقیقی ریلیف ملے گا۔

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چینی صدر نے وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کو کس بات کی مبارکباد دی؟

چین کے صدر شی جن پنگ نے وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی سالگرہ پر تہنیتی خط لکھا ہے۔ شی جن پنگ نے وزیر اعظم پاکستان شہباز شریف کی سالگرہ پر انہیں مبارکباد کا خط بھیجا ہے۔ چینی صدر کا تہنیتی خط پاک چین سفارتی تعلقات کی مضبوطی کی جانب غیر معمولی پیشرفت ہے۔ شی جن پنگ نے خط میں لکھا ہے کہ آپ کی سالگرہ پر مبارکباد اور نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کرتا ہوں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کٹھن اور اچھے وقتوں کے اسٹریٹجک تعاون کے شراکت دار ہیں۔

چینی صدر کا کہنا ہے کہ تاریخ گواہ ہے دونوں ممالک نے ہمیشہ ایک دوسرے پر بھروسہ کیا، ایک دوسرے کا ساتھ دیا۔

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Chinese company inks agreement for NEVs' charging stations

Chinese company "ADM Group" has signed an agreement with two local Pakistani investment companies to build charging stations for New Electric Vehicles (NEVs) in Pakistan.

According to the agreement, 3000 charging stations will be built across the country with an investment of 90 million dollars in the first phase.

A signature ceremony was held in Lahore where representative delegation of the Chinese investor group ADM met with Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain.

ADM Group CEO Yasir Bhambani, Malik Enterprises CEO Malik Khuda Bakhsh and Indus Valley Chairman Rana Irfan Hameed signed the agreement.

Consul General Shehzad Ahmed Khan from Shanghai participated in the event through video link.

A PIB official told Gwadar Pro that in the second phase, an investment of 250 million dollars would be made to set up an assembly and manufacturing plant for electric motor vehicles.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1227355/chinese-company-inks-agreement-for-nevs-charging-stations/>

Romina advocates China's governance model as best example in world

Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam on Thursday said the Chinese people centric governance model was a powerful model leading to poverty alleviation, technological advancement and development led by the people.

She was addressing the Dialogue for People-centric Governance System: A Case Study of China seminar hosted by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) in collaboration with the Asian Institute of Eco-Civilization, Research and Development (AIERD) here at the IRS. PM's aide Romina Khurshid said that Pak-China friendship demanded both the nations to learn from mutual experiences for common good and human development integrated with environmental and nature conservation for a sustainable future.

"China's example of integrating strong governance with public participation is a learning experience. It's a powerful model leading to poverty alleviation, technological advancement and development," she said.

She underlined that China had upheld women rights and empowerment in every facet of its life from business to industry and social life to politics, but it never adopted condescending attitude towards other nations in that regard. The PM's aide underlined that in China every sector has women participation and were enjoying many successful positions. She lauded the

Chinese government's paradigm of policy ensuring health, agriculture and other critical sectors widely promoted and flourishing with positive future outlooks.

She informed that Pakistan was also making strides for people centric and climate friendly development through National Climate Change Policy, Adaptation Plan, whereas Green Pakistan Programme, and Recharge Pakistan projects were focussed on forest conservation, community development and floodwater management through multiple approaches involving community.

"We are focussing our environmental policies through people centric approach based on green employment and development," Romina Khurshid Alam said.

On the occasion, CEO AIERD, Shakeel Ahmed Ramay moderated the dialogue whereas President IRS, Ambassador, Jauhar Saleem welcomed the speakers and participants to join the dialogue to learn different perspectives of Chinese development and advancements overtime.

Former Pakistani envoy to China, Ambassador Moin ul Haque said the true essence of people centric governance is the public good as it was about serving not ruling the masses.

The Chinese development model based on the ideals of Confucius that emphasised on leadership and values of leadership of benevolence, righteousness, wisdom, and loyalty, he added.

"No country has developed at such big scale in short span of time like China. Chinese invested in technology for health, medicine, pollution control, nature preservation with the vision to serve people of China. It brought 800 million people out of poverty and China's poverty alleviation study is a case study to learn for improving social security and poverty alleviation strategies for Pakistan," he said.

Former Inspector General of Police, Dr Syed Kaleem Imam highlighted the people centric governance measures taken by Pakistan.

He said the people centric governance prioritizes the welfare, and betterment of masses through improved and efficient service delivery.

"E-governance initiatives like online NADRA and taxation facilities reduced bureaucratic red tape, whereas Citizen's Portal, right to information laws, community policing models like Police Khidmat Markaz, Police Reforms are the significant steps towards people centric governance," he said.

However, uneven implementation of laws, limited awareness, digital divide, and weak local governments were the major gaps in ensuring people centric governance, whereas digital infrastructure development and public participation in policy making was important to achieve the goal.

Deputy Executive Director, SDPI, Dr Sajid Amin Javed said the rise of China was based on economy over politics approach. "Pakistan needs to learn from China that investing in economy and development will bring rise of the nation at political arenas as a stronger nation," he said.

Regional prosperity and end of widespread disparity was critical for development, he said, adding, “China invested in people first to train them on utilizing modern infrastructure and then developed infrastructure as it’s useless sans skills development of masses to utilize it.”

Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Chinese Embassy, Dr. Shi Yuanqiang appreciated the AEIRD and IRS for their endeavors to hold dialogue on people centric governance and Chinese model of development.

“People centric governance needs to be taken as a serious approach for people focussed governance and since 18th national Congress of China’s communist party a new era of economic development and advancement has commenced.

Chinese people are enjoying access to medical and health insurance, life expectancy is 78.6 years, china has ensured ecological and environmental conservation,” he said.

China has become the country with faster improving air quality with the largest forestation areas in the world, whereas 26.4% of the total energy production is renewable energy, he added.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1227241/romina-advocates-chinas-governance-model-as-best-example-in-world/>

New CPEC phase will transform the country’s economy: PM Shehbaz

KARACHI: Pakistan on Thursday reaffirmed its commitment to working with China for shared prosperity, and promoting peace and stability in the world.

The second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would help transform the country’s economy, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said at the National Day Reception, hosted by the Chinese Embassy to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.

Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari said that high quality development of CPEC would “help unlock greater benefits for our people, besides enhancing connectivity and prosperity of the region”.

“We are entering into the second phase of CPEC which has huge potential of mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture, information technology, mines and minerals and many other important areas of mutual interest,” PM Shehbaz said.

The prime minister also acknowledged China’s critical role during the negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.

He reiterated that the ongoing partnership not only fostered regional development and peace but also contributed to global stability and progress, aligning with President Xi Jinping’s vision.

He also reaffirmed Pakistan’s support for China’s positions on international issues, including those related to Hong Kong and Taiwan.

PM Shehbaz said the government was eager to welcome the Chinese prime minister who will participate in the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Council of Heads of Government (SCO CHG) meeting, to be held in Islamabad.

In his remarks, President Zardari said that October 1 marked the rebirth of a strong, united China, achieved through the heroic struggle of the Chinese people under the visionary leadership of the Communist Party.

PM to attend UNGA meeting

On Thursday, the Foreign Office spokesperson told reporters about Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's engagements during his visit to New York to attend the 79th United Nations General Assembly session.

The PM will "reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to multilateralism and call for addressing long-standing disputes, particularly the Palestine and Kashmir conflicts, which pose significant threats to global peace and security".

He will be accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and senior officials, the spokesperson said.

On the session's sidelines, the prime minister will attend a session on the 'Existential Threat posed by Sea-level Rise' and a UN Security Council's debate on 'Leadership for Peace'.

He will meet with world leaders, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and UN General Assembly President Philemon Yang.

Meanwhile, Deputy PM Dar will represent Pakistan at the 'Summit of the Future' convened by the UN secretary-general, and other meetings, including the OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers and the G77 & China ministerial meeting.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1859930/new-cpec-phase-will-transform-the-countrys-economy-pm-shehbaz>

The News

Pakistan to work with China for shared prosperity, global peace: president

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to work together with China for shared prosperity and promoting peace and stability in the world.

The president expressed these views while addressing the "China's National Day Reception", hosted by the Chinese Embassy, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of People's Republic of China, at local Hotel on Thursday. The event was attended by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, federal ministers, diplomats, dignitaries and senior civil and military officers.

Highlighting the importance of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), President Asif Ali Zardari said that high quality development of CPEC would help unlock greater benefits for our people, besides enhancing connectivity and prosperity of the region. He added that China is an iron-clad brother of Pakistan and the entire nation is proud of the enduring friendship as both countries stood by each other during testing times.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said the second phase of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would help Pakistan transform its economy. “We are entering into the second phase of CPEC which has huge potential of mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture, information technology, mines and minerals and many other important areas of mutual interests,” the prime minister said while addressing the event organised by the Chinese Embassy here to commemorate China’s 75th anniversary. He congratulated the Chinese government and its citizens, emphasizing China’s status as a global power and a vital partner in international affairs. The prime minister also acknowledged China’s critical role during the negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He reiterated that the ongoing partnership not only fostered regional development and peace but also contributed to global stability and progress, aligning with President Xi Jinping’s vision. He also reaffirmed Pakistan’s support for China’s positions on international issues, including those related to Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong reaffirmed China’s dedication to working alongside Pakistan in the active implementation of its global initiative.

Meanwhile, Pakistan and Russia have reaffirmed their commitment to expanding trade and economic ties while enhancing regional connectivity to strengthen bilateral relations. Both nations emphasized the importance of mutually beneficial cooperation in key sectors such as agriculture, food security, business, education, railways, science, and technology, as well as promoting stronger people-to-people connections.

These discussions took place during a meeting between President Asif Ali Zardari and the visiting Russian Deputy Prime Minister, M. Alexei Overchuk, at the Aiwan-e-Sadr on Thursday. The Russian delegation accompanied Overchuk during the meeting. The meeting noted significant potential to expand bilateral cooperation in the agriculture sector. It was also revealed that a 75-member business delegation from Pakistan will visit Russia in October to explore avenues for business and economic collaboration.

Deputy Prime Minister Overchuk expressed Russia’s eagerness to strengthen cooperation with Pakistan in areas such as food security, science and technology, education, connectivity, and railways.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday expressed Pakistan’s keen interest in expanding trade, economic, energy, connectivity, and security cooperation with Russia. Speaking with Russia’s Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk, who called on him in Islamabad, the prime minister emphasized that strengthening relations with Russia is a key priority in Pakistan’s foreign policy, according to a press release from the PM’s Office.

The prime minister also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Russia and Pakistan. The MoU reflects the shared desire of both countries to strengthen mutually advantageous cooperation in key areas of interest, particularly in trade, investment, energy, IT, agriculture, science and technology, and education.

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Nawaiwaqt New

آئی ایم ایف مذاکرات میں چین کا تعاون قابل تحسین: شہباز شریف

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی + نمائندہ خصوصی) وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ مذاکرات کے دوران چین کی جانب سے مسلسل تعاون فراہم کرنے پر شکر گزار ہیں، سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے پر عملدرآمد سے زراعت، انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی، معدنیات سمیت باہمی مفاد کے دیگر شعبوں میں تعاون کے وسیع مواقع پیدا ہوں گے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جمعرات کو چین کے 75 ویں یوم تاسیس کے موقع پر تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے چین کی حکومت اور عوام کو یوم تاسیس کی مبارکباد دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ مشترکہ چین کا یوم تاسیس منانا خوش آئند ہے، چین دنیا کی سپر پاور ہے، دنیا اس کے بغیر آگے نہیں بڑھ سکتی۔ دونوں ممالک کے تعلقات ناقابل تسخیر اور اوٹ ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ مذاکرات کے دوران چین نے ہر ممکن تعاون فراہم کیا جس پر ان کا شکر گزار ہوں، زراعت اور صنعت کے شعبوں سمیت معیشت کو مضبوط کئے بغیر ہم دنیا میں مقام حاصل نہیں کر سکتے، پاک چین دوستی کا مقصد نہ صرف خطے میں ترقی، امن بلکہ شی جن پنگ کے وژن کے تحت دنیا بھر میں ترقی اور امن کو فروغ دینا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان ہانگ کانگ تائیوان اور دیگر عالمی امور پر چین کے موقف کی حمایت کرتا ہے، سی پیک کا دوسرا مرحلہ شروع کرنے جا رہے ہیں جس سے پاکستان کی معیشت کو فائدہ پہنچے گا۔ پاکستان چین کے کلیدی مفادات کا حامی ہے، ہم چین کے وزیراعظم کے آئندہ ماہ دورہ پاکستان کے منتظر ہیں، ایس سی او پر وگرگرموں میں شرکت کریں گے اور دوطرفہ ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔ صدر مملکت

آصف علی زرداری نے چین کے قیام کی 75 ویں سالگرہ کے حوالے سے تقریب سے خطاب میں چینی بھائیوں اور بہنوں کو چین کے قیام کی 75 ویں سالگرہ پر مبارکباد دی، صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ گزشتہ 75 سالوں میں چین عالمی سطح پر ایک استحکام کی قوت کے طور پر ابھرا، مختلف شعبے میں بڑی کامیابیاں حاصل کی، مجھے یقین ہے کہ چین آنے والی دہائیوں میں نئے سنگ میل عبور کرے گا، امید ہے کہ چین سیاست، اقتصادیات اور ثقافت کے عالمی منظر نامے پر مثبت طور پر اثر انداز ہوگا، پاکستان اور چین سدا بہار دوست، امن اور ترقی میں ساتھی ہیں، مختلف عالمی چیلنجوں کے باوجود پاک-چین دوستی مسلسل پروان چڑھ رہی ہے، پاک-چین اقتصادی راہداری کو اعلیٰ معیار پر ترقی دیں گے۔ پاکستان اور چین مشترکہ خوشحالی، دنیا میں امن و استحکام کیلئے مل کر کام کرتے رہیں گے، پوری پاکستانی قوم کو آزمودہ دوست چین کے ساتھ تعلقات پر فخر ہے، پاکستان اور چین نے مشکل وقت میں ایک دوسرے کا ساتھ دیا۔ قتل ازین تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے چین کے سفیر جیانگ زائیڈونگ نے کہا کہ صدر شی جنگ پنگ نے چین کی سماجی اور معاشی ترقی پر مبنی ایک نئے سفر کی بنیاد رکھی، چین نے پسماندہ اور محروم معاشرے سے خوشحال معاشرہ بننے کی جانب سفر کیا۔ چینی سفیر نے کہا کہ صدر شی جن پنگ کی قیادت میں چین ترقی کے ایک نئے دور میں داخل ہو رہا ہے، چین کی ترقی کو دنیا سے الگ نہیں کیا جاسکتا۔

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ روس کے ساتھ مضبوط تعلقات پاکستان کی خارجہ پالیسی کی اہم ترجیحات میں سے ہے، پاکستان روس کے ساتھ تجارتی، اقتصادی، توانائی، مواصلات اور سیکورٹی تعاون کو وسعت دینے کا خواہشمند ہے۔ وزیراعظم شہباز شریف سے روسی فیڈریشن کے نائب وزیراعظم الیکسی اوورچوک نے ملاقات کی۔ وزیراعظم نے روسی نائب وزیراعظم الیکسی اوورچوک اور اسکے وفد کا وزیراعظم ہاؤس میں خیر مقدم کیا۔ روسی نائب وزیراعظم سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ وہ آئندہ ماہ اسلام آباد میں روسی وزیراعظم کے استقبال کے منتظر ہیں۔ وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ اس سال جولائی کے اوائل میں ان کی صدر ولادیمیر پیوٹن کے ساتھ انتہائی نتیجہ خیز بات چیت ہوئی تھی۔ شہباز شریف نے دوطرفہ تعاون میں مزید توسیع پر بات چیت کے لیے اعلیٰ سطحی وفد بھیجنے پر صدر پیوٹن کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ روسی نائب وزیراعظم اوورچوک نے پر تپاک استقبال پر وزیراعظم کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور روس کے پاکستان کے ساتھ تعلقات کو مزید مستحکم کرنے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا۔ انہوں نے پاکستان اور روس کے تعلقات کو تعمیری اور باہمی طور پر مفید قرار دیا۔ دونوں فریقین نے باقاعدہ رابطے پر رقرار رکھنے پر بھی اتفاق کیا۔ وزیراعظم اور روسی نائب وزیراعظم نے روس اور پاکستان کے درمیان مفاہمت کی یادداشت پر دستخط کی تقریب میں بھی شرکت کی۔ اس مفاہمتی یادداشت کے تحت مشترکہ مفاد کے تمام شعبوں بالخصوص تجارت، سرمایہ کاری، توانائی، آئی ٹی، زراعت، سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی اور تعلیم میں تعاون کو فروغ ملے گا۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) پاکستان اور روس نے دوطرفہ تعلقات کو مستحکم کرنے کے لیے تجارت و اقتصادی تعلقات میں توسیع اور علاقائی روابط کو بہتر بنانے کے

عزم کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے زراعت، غذائی تحفظ، کاروبار، تعلیم، ریلوے، سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی اور عوامی سطح پر مضبوط رابطوں کے فروغ جیسے کلیدی شعبوں میں باہمی طور پر مفید تعاون بڑھانے کی اہمیت پر بھی زور دیا ہے۔ اس بات کا اظہار صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری اور روس کے نائب وزیر اعظم الیکسی اودورچوک کے درمیان وفد کے ہمراہ ایوان صدر میں ملاقات کے موقع پر کیا۔ روسی نائب وزیر اعظم کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہوئے صدر نے دو ممالک کے درمیان اقتصادی تعلقات کو مستحکم کرنے کے لیے بارٹر تجارت کے امکانات پر غور کی اہمیت پر زور دیا۔ انہوں نے ویزا کے ضوابط کو آسان بنانے، ریلوے اور براہ راست پروازوں کے ذریعے روابط بڑھانے کی ضرورت پر بھی بات چیت کی تاکہ لوگوں اور کاروباری رابطوں کو فروغ دیا جاسکے۔ ملاقات کے دوران بتایا گیا کہ زرعی شعبے میں دو طرفہ تعاون بڑھانے کی بڑی گنجائش موجود ہے۔ باہمی فائدے کے لیے مشترکہ منصوبوں کے آغاز کی زبردست صلاحیت موجود ہے۔ اکتوبر میں پاکستان سے 75 کئی کاروباری وفد روس کا دورہ کرے گا۔ روس کے نائب وزیر اعظم الیکسی اودورچوک نے کہا کہ روس غذائی تحفظ، سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی، تعلیم، روابط اور ریلوے کے شعبوں میں پاکستان کے ساتھ تعاون کو بہتر بنانے کا خواہاں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اکتوبر میں روسی وزیر اعظم کا پاکستان کا دورہ دو طرفہ تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط کرنے کا ایک اور موقع فراہم کرے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ روس تمام مذاہب اور مسلم ثقافت کا بہت احترام کرتا ہے اور قرآن مجید کی توہین کی مذمت کرتا ہے۔ ملاقات میں وزیر خارجہ، اسحاق ڈار، چیئر مین، بلاول بھٹو، احسن اقبال، اور دیگر بھی موجود تھے۔

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اسد اودورچوک کی چین کی پاکستان کو مشترکہ سیکورٹی کی تجویز

سیکورٹی کئی بگڑنے والی چیزوں سے لیس ہوگی، دو طرفہ تعاون کا یہ کام بھی تجویز کر دیا

چین نے سی پیک فیژون کے دورے میں منسویہ فیژون کے دوران میں شامل کر لینی تجویز بھی دیدی

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) چین نے پاکستان، روس اور چین کے درمیان سے میلے بارہرت کے کوآپریٹو دوست گروہ میں تعاون کیلئے ایک ملحقہ چین نے سی پیک فیژون کے دورے میں مشترکہ سیکورٹی کئی کے کام کرنے کی تجویز دے، قریب ہائی ہائی (ہائی سٹیٹ 7 جیہ نمبر 23)

یہ بارہرت ملحد آہ جی ہائے کیلئے بیٹنگ نے دو طرفہ تعاون کے سیکورٹی کی تجویز بھی دی ہے، جس کا ہم سی پیک جوائنٹ کلیم ہوگا۔ ذراغ نے بتایا کہ ایک پاکستانی وفد گولڈ ٹرانسپورٹ فورم میں شرکت کیلئے آئندہ مئی بیٹنگ ہوگا، اس موقع پر فیژون کے تحت ریلوے ڈپل ٹریک کیلئے سات ارب ڈالر کے ایم ایل ون منصوبے پر دوبارہ کام میں شامل رکاوٹیں دور کرنے پر بھی بات ہوگی۔

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Business Recorder

Chinese investment company to set up textile parks

ISLAMABAD: The RUYI Group of China will establish textile parks of international standard in Pakistan.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed between the Board of Investment (BoI) and RUYI Shandong Group, here on Friday.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif witnessed the signing of the MoU, after having a meeting with the nine-member delegation of the RUYI group led by its Chairman Qui Yafu.

The RUYI Group briefed the prime minister that it will establish textile parks of international standard in Sindh and Punjab and around 100 large textile industries from China will be invited for investment in these parks.

It was told that the objective of these textile parks is to enhance Pakistan's textile exports and to make the country textile and garments' hub of the world.

It was further briefed that solar energy will be used in these textile parks and they will operate on zero carbon and advanced automated technology.

In the first phase, these parks are expected to generate exports worth two billion dollars, while in the second phase, exports are likely to reach five billion dollars. These textile parks will provide employment opportunities to around half million locals.

The foundation stone of these textile parks will be laid by the end of this year, and they will be completed within three years. The RUYI Group will also set up wholesale commodity centres in Karachi and Lahore. During the meeting, it was decided to establish working groups in Islamabad and Beijing to advance matters between Pakistan and the RUYI Group.

The prime minister, on the occasion, directed the formation of a special committee headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in this regard. The committee will comprise federal ministers for commerce, investment and privatization, industry and production, the foreign secretary, a representative of the Special Investment Facilitation Council, and Zafaruddin Mahmood. Speaking on the occasion, the prime minister said China is a friend of Pakistan that has stood by Pakistan in every difficult time. He said economic relations between Pakistan and China are getting stronger with each passing day. Shehbaz Sharif further said that RUYI Group was the first investor in the Sahiwal Coal Power Plant under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He appreciated the RUYI Group's deep interest in investing in Pakistan's textile sector. In his remarks, Chairman RUYI Group Qui Yafu said they came to Pakistan not as investors, but as friends of Pakistan. He mentioned the rapid development works known as "Shehbaz Speed" during the prime minister's tenure as chief minister of Punjab and expressed hope that this time too, the same speed will be seen in the completion of development projects.

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Daily Times

Chinese firm to set up textile parks, aiming for \$5bn export boost

The Board of Investment and Chinese textile firm RUYI Shangdong on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under which the latter would establish textile parks of international standards in Pakistan to boost country's exports to \$5 billion and create around 0.5 million jobs. The document was signed as a nine-member delegation of RUYI group led by Chairman QiuYafu called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif here as a significant development regarding Chinese investment in Pakistan following the prime minister's recent China visit. According to the MoU signed at a ceremony witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the Chinese company would establish textile parks in Sindh and Punjab provinces where around 100 Chinese textile firms would be invited to invest. Briefing the prime minister, the company head said that the textile parks aimed at boosting textile exports and making the country a hub of textiles and garments. To be powered by solar energy, the textile parks would be developed as zero-carbon and automated facility to enhance the exports to \$2 billion in its first phase and \$5 billion in the second one besides creating from 0.3 million to 0.5 million jobs. The meeting was told that work on the textile parks to start by this yearend and would take another three years to complete. The meeting decided to form working groups in Islamabad and Beijing to further pursue the understanding. Prime Minister Shehbaz also formed a special committee under Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar comprising federal ministers for commerce, investment and privatization, industries and production, foreign secretary, a representative of Special Investment Facilitation Council and Zafaruddin Mehmood.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1227682/chinese-firm-to-set-up-textile-parks-aiming-for-5bn-export-boost/>

CPEC 2.0

Higher than the Himalayas. Deeper than Ocean. Sweeter than honey. Stronger than steel. Pakistan always finds one way or another to reach out to China, seeking the next level in their friendship.

A reassuring picture of our prime minister and president celebrating China's National Day with the Chinese ambassador stationed in Islamabad making rounds on social media speaks volumes about Pakistan's interest in this bilateral relationship.

Quite interestingly, political differences subside whenever asked about the prospects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which continues to be supported as a game-changer by the country's entire ruling elite.

Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif used the occasion to reflect on similar themes of undue benefits heading towards the economy as his government embarked upon another round of massive business investments.

It goes without saying that we have yet to hear from our Chinese friends what they think about enhancing cooperation in information technology and energy, but still, in a situation as

precarious as ours, the fact that some confidence still exists in the form of promises and MOUs is nothing short of a silver lining.

Time and again, Islamabad has been asked about the steps it has taken to convince Beijing about its conducive business environment and a commitment to see through its extraordinary corridor linking Gwadar with Xinjiang.

The worst imaginable spanner in the works could be the petty propaganda usually linked with Chinese interest in naval bases.

For this, the government would have to proceed with utmost transparency, laying all facts before the people so that they can facilitate efforts to revitalise the economy.

If Pakistan wishes China to be forthcoming about CPEC 2.0, it also needs to address its demands of minimal red tape, fast-track facilitation and overcoming militancy on a war footing.

That it must not squander this opportunity cannot be emphasised enough, but turning these close ties into tangible benefits in a time of geopolitical instability will require determination to make the impossible possible.

The real challenge, thus, lies in succeeding in this hard sell to increasingly hesitant investors while repackaging the project as palatable for public consumption.

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Pakistani envoy enchants with Shaanxi folk melodies

Delegates from various prominent international media outlets, including one from Pakistan visited Northern Shaanxi Folk Song Museum, enjoying high three-string music instrument.

At times passionate and at other times melodious, the performance captivated the delegates. “Pick up the three strings and set a tone, and all our guests will listen carefully...” A wave of storytelling emanated from the Northern Shaanxi Folk Song Museum.

“In Pakistan, we have a three-stringed instrument known as the sitar. It is a long-necked lute commonly played in the northern regions.

Often performed in tea rooms, it can accompany singing, sometimes alongside drums,” said Naveed Hussain, from a Pakistani media outlet, in an interview with Gwadar Pro.

Knowing that Sanxian, a three-string instrument, is one of the most popular Chinese folk instruments with a history of approximately 2,000 years, Naveed stated that music can transcend borders.

“It’s a wonderful experience to learn about intangible cultural heritage in northwest China and to promote mutual understanding and respect among our diverse civilizations,” Naveed remarked.

While visiting the Intangible Cultural Heritage Exhibition Hall in Yuyang District, Yulin City, Shaanxi Province, the delegates explored 15 different exhibition rooms, including stone carving, clay sculpture, paper cutting, and embroidery.

Learning that Naveed is born under the Chinese zodiac sign of the rabbit, the paper-cutting artist crafted a rabbit figure for him on-site. Naveed carefully placed it in his pocket and mentioned that he would take it home to share this Chinese art with his family in Pakistan.

“This really shows that ancient China was a cradle of civilization,” Naveed marveled at the first sight of the Shimao ruins, located in Shenmu City, Yulin.

These ruins are a Neolithic city built approximately 4,300 years ago. The delegation visited a stone city here with immense fortifications and sophisticated infrastructure.

Over the past decade, excavators have uncovered thousands of artifacts and a 230-foot-high stepped pyramid. In Naveed’s eyes, they represent a community and society with a pyramidal structure. “Like in Egypt, you have the Egyptian civilization; you have the Mayan civilization in Latin America. Now you have these ruins in the Chinese civilization,” said Naveed.

“The ruins are a successful example of heritage discovery and protection, ensuring that this valuable cultural heritage can be preserved for future generations.

This will have a profound impact on both China and the world. With advanced excavation technologies, I believe China can assist Pakistan in uncovering more,” Naveed told Gwadar Pro.

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Sahiwal Coal Power Plant paid Rs 120.5 bln tax so far

Since its establishment, the Sahiwal Coal Power Plant has made a significant contribution to Pakistan’s fiscal landscape, with approximately Rs 120.5 billion in taxes paid to the Federal and provincial governments.

These tax contributions are a testament to the plant’s role in driving economic growth and supporting public finances, said a press release issued here Friday. Since its inception, this plant has significantly contributed to the country’s fiscal health, playing a pivotal role in expanding Pakistan’s tax net and fostering economic growth.

The financial impact of the Sahiwal plant reaches far beyond its direct contributions through corporate taxes.

A substantial portion of its revenue flow comes from value added tax (VAT) generated through its extensive procurement processes. This includes the purchase of coal, machinery, and maintenance materials.

Furthermore, the presence of the Sahiwal plant has stimulated the growth of local industries, which, in turn, contribute to provincial revenues through various channels.

By fostering a dynamic economic environment around the plant, it has become a significant contributor to the local economy, supporting public services and development initiatives at the provincial level.

Similarly, the workforce employed by the Sahiwal plant—both directly and through contractors—adds another layer of economic benefit.

The income taxes paid by these workers bolster national revenue streams, which are crucial for supporting local government budgets.

The influx of income taxes not only enhances provincial revenues but also aids in financing local development projects and community services, demonstrating the plant's role in driving local economic vitality.

The Sahiwal Coal-Fired Power Plant transcends its role as an energy supplier; it acts as a key driver of economic stability and growth.

By ensuring a steady flow of tax revenues, the plant provides essential financial resources that enable the government to address fiscal challenges and invest in crucial services. Moreover, the success of the Sahiwal plant illustrates the broader potential of infrastructure projects to yield significant economic benefits. The plant's capacity to contribute to the tax net and support economic growth underscores the importance of aligning energy and infrastructure projects with economic objectives.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1227621/sahiwal-coal-power-plant-paid-rs-120-5-bln-tax-so-far/>

Pakistan Observer

China's people-centric governance model offers lessons for Pakistan

China's People-centric Governance System and how developing countries could learn from its successful experience was the subject of a very well attended seminar held at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS).

The speakers included Miss Romina Khurshid Alam, SAPM and Chairperson of Pakistan-China Parliamentary Friendship Group as the Chief guest; Mr. Shi Yuanqiang, Deputy Ambassador of China, Ambassador Moin ul Haque former, Ambassador of Pakistan to China; Professor Zhou-Rong Professor at the Renmin University, Dr Syed Kaleem Imam, Former IG; Dr. Sajid Amin, Deputy Executive Director SDPI and Shakeel Ahmed Ramay of AIERD who moderated the session.

Ambassador Jauhar Saleem, President IRS, underscored that China, had focused on people-centric governance by adoption and implementation of policies responsive to the needs of people, leading the country to lift around 800 million from the poverty. He underlined that the purpose of governance was to manage the country's economic and social resources effectively for the shared prosperity of all. China's success can be attributed to systematic meritocracy, political stability, and interstate economic cooperation.

Ambassador Moin-ul-Haque highlighted that the Western media portrayed Chinese democracy as an authoritarian state; however, on the contrary, China was the largest democracy in the world. He elucidated that China's governance system is based on the Confucius values of benevolence, wisdom, propriety and honesty in which the leader puts his people's interests and well-being before his interests. The Ambassador noted that teaching ordinary farmers modern farming techniques of branding, marketing, and selling their products nationwide are testaments to the Chinese people-centric governance system.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Zhou-Rong also elaborated the people-centric foundation of the Chinese government, underpinning its commitment to civil engagement and giving back power to the people. By maintaining close ties with Chinese citizens, the CPC aims to promote national development and continued advancement and social well-being.

Dr Syed Kaleem Imam highlighted the pillars of a people-centric government are rooted in transparent, efficient, open, and standard operating policies. He explained Pakistan's progress in E-governance initiatives, such as NADRA, Citizen Portal which can help in improving governance.

Dr. Sajid Amin mentioned that Pakistan could learn three lessons from China. The first and foremost is to prioritize the economy over politics. Secondly, regional disparities must be overcome. Thirdly, Pakistan must invest in skilled human capital building because people are assets, and assets without skills are useless. Deputy ambassador Shi Yaunqiang, emphasized that the Chinese governance model seeks the utmost happiness for the Chinese people and the region and unites all people for shared prosperity and happiness. <https://pakobserver.net/chinas-people-centric-governance-model-offers-lessons-for-pakistan/>

Pledge to forge ties with China

It became once again evident on Thursday that there was complete consensus in Pakistan to forge multi-dimensional ties with our great neighbour China for the sake of mutual good. Speaking at the China's National Day Reception, hosted by the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of People's Republic of China, President Asif Ali Zardari reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to work together with China for shared prosperity and promoting peace and stability in the world. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would help Pakistan transform its economy. Reciprocating the sentiments of Pakistani leadership, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong reaffirmed China's dedication to working alongside Pakistan in the active implementation of its global initiative.

The very fact that the reception was attended by the top leadership of the country, members of the federal cabinet, parliamentarians, political leaders, diplomats and senior civil and military officers spoke of the importance that Pakistan attaches to its relations with China, which has blossomed all along irrespective of the fact who was in power in Islamabad or in Beijing. This is because this friendship, based on sovereign equality and mutual respect, has full backing of the people of Pakistan. Repeated attempts were made and conspiracies hatched to sow seeds of discord between the two countries by some vested interests including venomous propaganda against the purely economic initiative of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), targeted attacks on Chinese engineers and technicians working on vital development projects in Pakistan and disinformation against civil nuclear cooperation but credit goes to the leadership and people of the two countries, who thwarted designs of the enemy because of their unwavering commitment to take the process of fruitful collaboration forward. This is also evident from the firm resolve of both Pakistan and China to make the CPEC venture a memorable success. The initiative is already contributing its share to the socio-economic development of Pakistan, especially the backward regions, and the decision

to make it high quality cooperation through the second phase is manifestation of the resolve of the two countries to pursue it with the same vigour as originally envisaged. Of course, there were some legitimate concerns of the Chinese side about security of their manpower but the issue has amicably been resolved with active involvement and interest of both civil and military leadership of Pakistan. What President Asif Ali Zardari said was a ground reality as CPEC is the flag-ship project of the visionary plan of the Chinese President, Mr. Xi Jinping – Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which is aimed at sharing fruits of development and prosperity among nations of the globe. Instead of stoking troubles in different parts of the world to feed the domestic war industry, China has opened its doors wide open for fruitful cooperation to ameliorate the lot of the people, create world class infrastructure and generate employment opportunities. The sincerity of China is also evident from the fact that it is providing necessary funding to different countries for BRI related projects and programmes. The philosophy behind the historic vision is to create inter-dependencies, which would ensure regional and global peace and security. Apart from developmental cooperation for peace and prosperity, China is also working aggressively on the diplomatic front in the search for peaceful resolution of conflicts in different parts of the globe. This role has also been acknowledged by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who reiterated that the ongoing partnership of the two countries not only fostered regional development and peace but also contributed to global stability and progress, aligning with President Xi Jinping's vision. It was also reassuring to note that the current leadership in Pakistan is committed to take measures to regain the lost momentum of the CPEC. Realizing the fruits accruing to the country due to rapid implementation of the first phase, the Prime Minister has rightly pointed out that the second phase has huge potential of mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture, information technology, mines and minerals and many other important areas of mutual interests. Its implementation has already begun with understanding on the roadmap for the second phase like ML-I project and dispatch of Pakistani graduates to China for pursuing higher studies and training in agriculture. We hope with the active interest of the leadership of the two countries, all irritants in the way of accelerated execution of agreed projects will be sorted out to ensure their timely completion.

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Express News

پاکستانی پولیس افسران کی چین کے صوبے سنگیانگ میں ٹریننگ کروانے کا فیصلہ

پاکستان نے پولیس افسران کی چین کے صوبے سنگیانگ میں ٹریننگ کروانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ - اسلام آباد

وفاقی وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی سے چین کے وزیر سیاسی و قانونی امور چن ینگو و کی قیادت میں اعلیٰ سطح کے وفد نے ملاقات کی جس میں انسداد ہتھنگردی، کراس ہارڈر تعاون، انسداد اسمگلنگ و منشیات کے شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے پر اتفاق کیا گیا۔

انسداد ہتھنگردی کے ضمن میں گلگت بلتستان یا سنگیانگ میں پولیس اور پیرامیٹری فورسز کی مشترکہ مشقیں کرانے کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔

ملاقات میں گلگت بلتستان پولیس افسران کی سنگیانگ پولیس اکیڈمی میں ٹریننگ کرانے پر بھی اتفاق ہوا۔

چینی وزیر چن بینگوو کا کہنا تھا کہ سنکیانگ بھی کئی سالوں تک دہشتگردی کا شکار رہا ہے۔
پاکستان انسداد دہشتگردی کے ضمن میں سنکیانگ کے تجربے سے فائدہ اٹھا سکتا ہے۔

چین کے وزیر نے وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی کو سنکیانگ کے دورے کی دعوت بھی دی۔ وزیر داخلہ اور چینی وفد کی ملاقات میں دہشت گردی کے سدباب کے لیے جامع اقدامات اٹھانے پر بھی اتفاق کیا گیا۔

وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی کا اس موقع پر کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان کا پڑوسی ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ سنکیانگ کے ساتھ ہماری 6 سو کلو میٹر کی طویل سرحد ہے۔
سی بیک کا منصوبہ بھی چین کے صوبہ سنکیانگ سے گزرتا ہے۔

سنکیانگ کے ساتھ تمام شعبوں میں تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط بنانا چاہتے ہیں۔

وفد میں سنکیانگ کے ڈپٹی سیکرٹری کمیٹی پارلیمانی و قانونی امور، ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر جنرل پولیس، وائس پریزیڈنٹ سنکیانگ پولیس اکیڈمی شامل تھے۔ سیکرٹری داخلہ خرم علی آغا، اسپیشل سیکرٹری داخلہ و قاص علی محمود اور ایڈیشنل سیکرٹری داخلہ نذر محمد بزدار بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔

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پروگرام کی شرائط کا اٹراپاک، چین معاشی تعلقات پر پڑ رہا ہے IMF

تجزیہ کار شہباز رانا کا کہنا ہے کہ پچھلے کچھ عرصے میں کچھ ایسی پیش رفت ہوئی جو میڈیا میں اس طرح نہیں آئی۔ پاکستان کے چین، امریکا کے ساتھ جو اسلام آباد تعلقات ہیں، اس میں آئی ایم ایف کا بھی ایک کنکشن آجاتا ہے۔ پہلے لوگ یہ بات کرتے ہوئے ہچکچاتے تھے لیکن اب کھل کر کہہ رہے ہیں کہ آئی ایم ایف امریکی محکمہ خارجہ کی ایک ایکسٹینشن بنا جا رہا ہے۔ موجودہ پروگرام میں بھی ایسی شرائط ہیں جن کا اٹراپاک، چین معاشی تعلقات پر پڑ رہا ہے۔

ایکسپریس نیوز کے پروگرام دی ریویو میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انھوں نے کہا کہ ایک تجزیہ تھا کہ شاید پاک چین تعلقات 2017 سے پہلی والی سطح پر نہ پہنچ سکیں۔ پاکستان نے سی بیک کے پہلے مرحلے میں نے چین کے ساتھ جو معاہدے کیے ان پر ان کی روح کے مطابق عمل نہیں کیا ہم نے 25 ارب ڈالر کے منصوبے تو کر لیے لیکن اس کے دوسرے تقاضے پورے نہیں کیے۔ تجزیہ کار کامران یوسف نے کہا جمعرات کو چین کا قومی دن منایا گیا اور اس ضمن چین کے سفارت خانے نے اسلام آباد کے ہوٹل میں ایک تقریب کا انعقاد کیا جس میں لوگوں نے بہت بڑی تعداد میں شرکت کی۔

غیر ملکی مشن اپنے قومی دنوں پر جن تقریبات کا انعقاد کرتے ہیں تو عام طور پر حکومت پاکستان کی جانب سے کوئی سینئر اہلکار یا وزیر مہمان خصوصی ہوتے ہیں، یہ بہت شاذ و نادر اس کی اعلیٰ قیادت، وزیر اعظم اور صدر مملکت، کابینہ کے ارکان بھی ان میں شرکت کریں۔ چین کے قومی دن کی تقریب میں صدر آصف زرداری، وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف موجود تھے۔

امریکا پاکستان اور چین کے میزائل پروگرام کو ٹارگٹ کر رہا ہے۔ اس ہفتے روس کے ڈپٹی وزیر اعظم نے بھی پاکستان کا دورہ کیا۔ روس کے نائب وزیر اعظم کے دورے کو مغربی ممالک بغور دیکھ رہے ہیں۔ روسی نائب وزیر اعظم کی بھی بھرپور پذیرائی کی گئی۔ سابق چیئر مین بورڈ آف انوسٹمنٹ ہارون شریف نے کہا کہ ایک چیز بڑی واضح ہے کہ چین کی پاکستان میں 30 ارب ڈالر کے لگ بھگ سرمایہ کاری ہے اس کو چین لیور توجہ کرے گا۔ چین کے اندر جو سیٹیمنٹ ہے وہ یہ ہے کہ کسی اور ملک میں ہمارے ساتھ ایسا نہیں ہوتا، یہاں ہم پر حملے کیوں ہو رہے ہیں؟ اس پر انہوں نے پہلے بھی کہا تھا کہ سکیورٹی کے لیے ہم اپنے لوگوں کو لانا چاہتے ہیں۔

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چین پاکستان تعلقات اعتماد، خیر سگالی کے جذبات سے متصف ہیں: معظم گھر کی

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) پاکستان-چین جوائنٹ چیئیر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری روز جمعرات 26 ستمبر 2024 کو چین کے قومی دن کو منانے کیلئے ایک بہت ہی بھرپور متحرک اور ثقافتی تقریب کا انعقاد کر رہا ہے۔ پی سی جے سی سی آئی کے صدر معظم گھر کی نے کہا دونوں ممالک کے دو طرفہ تعلقات باہمی اعتماد، احترام اور خیر سگالی کے رابطے CPEC جذبات سے متصف ہیں۔ پاکستان-چین جوائنٹ چیئیر آف کامرس نے شروع سے ہی اس خیر سگالی کی ایک قابل ذکر مثال قائم کی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایک مضبوط ستون کے طور پر کام کر رہا ہے اور ہم چین کی ترقی کی ہمیشہ تعریف کرتے ہیں۔ فانگ یولوگ نے کہا ہر سال چین کے قومی دن کے موقع پر پاکستان میں ایک تہوار کا ماحول ہوتا ہے کیونکہ پاکستان کی حکومت اور عوام جانتے ہیں کہ چین یقینی طور پر پاکستان کی تجارت، اسکی اقتصادی ترقی کی شرح میں اضافہ کرے گا اور بالآخر یہی ترقی پاکستانی عوام کیلئے خوشحالی لائے گی۔ پی سی جے سی سی آئی کے نائب صدر حمزہ خالد نے کہا اس تقریب کیلئے مختلف شعبوں اور محکموں سے اہم مقررین کو مدعو کیا گیا ہے اور ہم نے محکمہ اطلاعات و ثقافت کے ساتھ بھی تعاون کیا ہے۔

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آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ مذاکرات میں چین کی معاونت

وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ مذاکرات کے دوران چین کی جانب سے مسلسل تعاون فراہم کرنے پر شکر گزار ہیں، سی بی کے دوسرے مرحلے پر عملدرآمد سے زراعت، انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی، معدنیات سمیت باہمی مفاد کے دیگر شعبوں میں تعاون کے وسیع مواقع پیدا ہونگے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جمعرات کو چین کے 75 ویں یوم تاسیس کے موقع پر تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین دنیا کی سپر پاور ہے، دنیا اسکے بغیر آگے نہیں بڑھ سکتی۔ دونوں ممالک کے تعلقات ناقابل تسخیر اور اٹوٹ ہیں۔ وزیراعظم شہباز شریف سے روسی فیڈریشن کے نائب وزیراعظم الیکسی اورچوک نے بھی ملاقات کی۔ اس موقع پر وزیراعظم شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ روس کے ساتھ مضبوط تعلقات پاکستان کی خارجہ پالیسی کی اہم ترجیحات میں سے ہے، پاکستان روس کے ساتھ تجارتی، اقتصادی، توانائی، مواصلات اور سیکورٹی تعاون کو وسعت دینے کا خواہشمند ہے۔ اس موقع پر صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری نے چین کے تعاون اور اسکی کامیابیوں کی تعریف کی۔

اس وقت اقوام عالم بالخصوص اس خطے کو دہشت گردی کے پھیلنے ناسور سمیت، موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں اور اسکی وجہ سے زرعی پیداوار میں کمی، بڑھتی بھوک، غربت اور مہنگائی کے جن سنگین چیلنجز کا سامنا ہے، ان سے عہدہ براء ہونے کیلئے خطے کے ممالک کا باہمی ربط و تعاون انسانی بقاء کیلئے ناگزیر ہو چکا ہے۔ یہ امر خوش آئند ہے کہ ان مشکلات کی گھڑی میں پاکستان کے آزموہ دوست چین سمیت خطے کے ممالک دوسرے ممالک بھی پاکستان کے شانہ بشانہ کھڑے نظر آ رہے ہیں۔ اور سب سے بڑھ کر یہ کہ اب روس کی جانب سے بھی ٹھنڈی ہوا کے جھونکے تو اتر سے آرہے ہیں جو اسکے ساتھ مضبوط تعلقات کی راہ ہموار کر رہے ہیں۔ روس کا پاکستان کی جانب تمام شعبوں میں تعاون کا ہاتھ بڑھانا کسی نعت غیر مترقبہ سے کم نہیں۔ بے شک آئی ایم ایف کی قرض پروگرام کے حوالے سے پاکستان کے ساتھ اپنی ترجیحات ہیں جو کڑی شرائط قبول کرنے کے باوجود پاکستان کو قرض جاری کرنے میں لیت و لعل سے کام لیتا ہے۔ گزشتہ دنوں آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ ہونیوالے مذاکرات کے دوران چین کی جانب سے بھرپور تعاون خوش آئند ہی نہیں بلکہ باعث اطمینان بھی ہے۔ روس اور چین سمیت خطے کے ممالک کی جانب سے جو معاونت سامنے آ رہی ہے، پاکستان کو اس کا بھرپور فائدہ اٹھانا چاہیے تاکہ معیشت و توانائی سمیت ملک کو تمام سنگین بحرانوں سے نکالا جاسکے۔

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K2 Daily

کھاکر (3) 184 کا آرڈر پیریم کورٹ پاس کرنے کی اس کے خلاف اپیل کا حق دیا گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پریس کے دوران جو بھی سچ کہیں گے اس کا نشانہ بننا پڑے گا اور وہ جو یہ کام کو مستجاب ہوگی، اس سے پتہ چلے گا کہ اس میں شفافیت آئے گی اور لوگ دیکھ سکیں گے کہ کیا ریکارڈ پاس کیے گئے ہیں، عسائقی نظام کو مزید شفاف بنانے کے لیے یہ ضروری ہے۔ اب پریس پہلے سے گاؤں پہلے ہاتھ کے لیے مقرر ہوگا، جو پریس وقت میں پہلے آؤں پہلے مقرر ہوگا اور یہ ممکن نہیں ہوگا کہ کسی کی عسائقی طرز کو ہاتھ کے لیے مقرر کیا جائے۔ عسائقی کے مطابق پیریم کورٹ کی چیف جسٹس کی سربراہی میں ایک ٹیلی ٹیلی فانی کمیٹی پر پیش اپیل پر دوبارہ ایک کے تحت جس میں کیا گیا تھا کہ چیف جسٹس کے ساتھ ستر تین جج موجود ہوں گے اس میں تبدیلی کی گئی ہے۔

سبق 44

مرٹے میں 2 اور دوسرے مرٹے میں 5 ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری کرے گا۔ روہی گروپ پاکستان میں گیسٹائل پارک قائم کرنے کا منصوبہ اور پنجاب میں جس سے 3 سے 5 لاکھ ٹراو گوردگار بنے گا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ اس سے پاکستان کی ایکسپورٹس کو بڑھا دینے کا وہی ایکسپورٹس 14 لاکھ ڈیڑھی ہیں۔ یہ ایک ایسا مہم جو ہے کہ نکلن کا بڑا گروپ گیسٹائل پارک قائم کرنے جارہے اور پوری دنیا میں پاکستان کی گیسٹائل کو پہنچایا جائے گا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ میں پریس اپیل پر دوبارہ ایکٹ کی طرف توجہ دینے والی گروہا جانوں گا، اس ایکٹ میں مناسب سمجھا گیا کہ زخم کیا جائے، اور صدر پاکستان اس پر دھماکہ کر چکے ہیں، اس آرڈیننس کے تحت (3) 184 کے تحت جو کہ پیریم کورٹ میں جاری طور پر نانا ہوگا کہ یہ عسائقی کا حال نہیں کیا ہے اس میں جو ایک اور نیا

چینی گروپ پاکستان میں ڈیٹا ڈیٹا کی سرمایہ کاری کریگا

روہی گروپ سندھ اور پنجاب میں ٹیکسٹائل پارک قائم کریگا، اس سے 5 لاکھ افراد کو روزگار ملے گا

صراحتی نظام کو مزید شفاف بنانے کیلئے پریکٹس اپیل پر پیریم کورٹ میں ضروری ہے، پریس کانفرنس

اسلام آباد (آئی این ٹی) وفاقی ایگزیکٹو آرڈیننس ضروری ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں گروپ سے ملاقات ہوئی، روہی گروپ کا بڑا وزیراعلیٰ اور شہزادہ عسائقی نے کہا ہے کہ پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ گروپ ہے جو پاکستان میں گیسٹائل کے منصوبہ عسائقی نظام کو مزید شفاف بنانے کے لیے پریکٹس اپیل پر پیریم کورٹ میں ضروری ہے۔ (پانی سلسلہ 6 اپریل نمبر 44)

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سبق 37

چین کے تاجر سندھ میں سرمایہ کاری کریں، کامران ٹیسٹوری

اس آئی ایف سی کے ذریعہ سرمایہ کاروں کو ہر ممکن تعاون فراہم کی جا رہی ہے

صوبہ کا بہترین ماحول، منافع بخش شعبے سرمایہ کاری کیلئے آئیڈیل ہے، خطاب

کراچی (آئی این ٹی) گورنر سندھ کامران میں آئی ایف سی کے سلیٹر جنرل ڈاکٹر اور ٹان ٹیسٹوری نے اسلام آباد میں عسائقی سید، چیف عسائقی ملنے گورنر سندھ کا چاکر شرمندہ کیا۔ کے 75 ویں یوم جنائیس میں شرکت کی۔ تقریب گورنر سندھ نے ان (پانی سلسلہ 7 اپریل نمبر 37)

تاریخی دن کے موقع پر چین کے سلیٹر جنرل ڈاکٹر اور ٹان ٹیسٹوری نے کہا کہ گورنر سندھ نے کہا کہ گورنر سندھ اور باہمی احترام سے لڑائی پاک نکلن وائی عالی سے بلند اور صدر سے گہری ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ اس اہم تقریب میں چین کے سرمایہ کاروں کو صوبہ میں سرمایہ کاری کی دعوت دیتا ہوں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ صوبہ کا بہترین ماحول، منافع بخش شعبے سرمایہ کاری کے لیے آئیڈیل ہے۔ جبکہ اس آئی ایف سی کے ذریعہ سرمایہ کاروں کو ہر ممکن تعاون اور معاونت بھی فراہم کی جا رہی ہے۔ گورنر سندھ نے کہا کہ نکلن لیاہت پ راجھاری کے ساتھ مصیبت، سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی کی ترقی کے راستہ پر گامزن ہے اور یہ دن ہان گولڈ سٹار پر اپنی حیثیت کو مضبوط بنا رہا ہے۔ جبکہ یہ ملاقاتی و عسائقی ایجنڈا کے اہم ترین مسائل کے حل میں فعال کردار ادا کر رہا ہے۔

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Daily Times

Gwadar Port set to handle 50% of country's key imports

Gwadar Port, once a small fishing village and now a major harbor developed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is poised to play a crucial role in Pakistan's import strategy. According to a recent report, authorities have decided to route 50% of the country's imports, including wheat, sugar, and fertilizers, through Gwadar Port.

This development is expected to significantly impact Balochistan's economy and job market. The port, considered a strategic asset for Pakistan, is set to become an international trade hub. Future plans include increasing the port's export capacity as well.

The full operationalization of Gwadar Port is seen as vital for employment in Balochistan and the province's economic stability. It is anticipated to reduce the burden on Karachi Port and generate foreign exchange, potentially improving the lives of the local population.

Reports suggest that the port's activation could lead to a noticeable reduction in poverty and unemployment in the region. Priority for job opportunities at the port will reportedly be given to local residents and those from other areas of Balochistan. Beyond employment, Gwadar Port is expected to usher in a new era of education and research opportunities for Balochistan's youth, contributing to the overall development of the province and, by extension, Pakistan's prosperity.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1227845/gwadar-port-set-to-handle-50-of-countrys-key-imports/>

Pakistan Observer

Chinese textile parks

THE announcement by China's Ruyi Shandong Group to establish textile parks in Sindh and Punjab marks a pivotal moment in Pakistan's journey toward becoming a global textile hub. With a commitment to generate up to \$5 billion in textile exports and create between 300,000 and 500,000 jobs, this initiative promises to significantly boost Pakistan's economy and its international standing in the textile sector. The planned textile parks will not only harness solar energy and aim for zero carbon emissions, but they also represent a leap into modernity with automated technologies. Chairman Qiu Yafu's statement about inviting approximately 100 major Chinese textile companies underscores the scale and ambition of this project. However, the success of this venture hinges on meeting the timelines set in the memorandum of understanding (MOU). It is crucial for Pakistani authorities to fully facilitate their Chinese counterparts in every possible way—from expediting regulatory approvals to ensuring a stable supply of essential resources. Timeliness and efficiency in implementation will not only foster investor confidence but also set a precedent for future international collaborations. If executed effectively, it can catalyze a transformation in our textile industry, propelling us toward becoming a global leader. The significance of this investment cannot be overstated. The textile sector has long been one of Pakistan's major contributors to export revenue. By developing these textile parks, we are not just expanding our production capacity but also enhancing our competitive edge in the global market. It is also for us to increase local cotton production to meet the future demands of these textile parks. The government should invest in research and development for high-yield cotton varieties, enhance irrigation practices and provide incentives for farmers to boost cotton cultivation. By ensuring a stable and ample supply of raw material, we can better position ourselves in the global textile supply chain. Moreover, it is vital to engage with the local textile industry to address its ongoing challenges, such as high electricity tariffs and access to modern technology.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-textile-parks/>

Nawaiwaqt News

توانائی ضروریات پوری کرنے کیلئے چینی کمپنی سے معاہدہ

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار) پاک چین کمپنیوں کے درمیان 75 ملین آر ایم بی کے معاہدے پر دستخط ہو گئے، معاہدے کے تحت چینی کمپنی چائنا الیکٹرک پاور اینڈ کمپنٹ اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کمپنی لمیٹڈ (سی ای ٹی) پاکستانی کمپنی کو خصوصی کنٹرول کیبلز فراہم کرے گی۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق پاکستان کی نیو ایج کیبلز نے کہا ہے کہ اس نے چائنا الیکٹرک پاور اینڈ کمپنٹ اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کمپنی لمیٹڈ (سی ای ٹی) کے ساتھ خصوصی کنٹرول کیبلز کی فراہمی کے لئے 75 ملین آر ایم بی کا اہم معاہدہ کیا ہے۔ کمپنی کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ کیبلز پاکستان کے سب سے بڑے گرڈ سٹیشن لاہور نار تھ کے ساتھ ساتھ لاہور، نوکھر اور ماڑہ میں دودگیگ اہم سٹیشنوں کی ڈویلپمنٹ میں اہم کردار ادا کریں گی۔ یہ تعاون پاکستان کے توانائی کے بنیادی ڈھانچے کو مضبوط بنانے اور ملک کی بڑھتی ہوئی توانائی کی ضروریات کے ساتھ ہم آہنگ کرنے میں ایک اہم پیش رفت ہے۔ باضابطہ معاہدے کی توثیق دونوں فرموں کے سینئر ایگزیکٹوز نے کی، جن میں نیو ج کیبلز کے ڈائریکٹر المن جلیل اعظم اور سی ای ٹی کے پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر ووجون شامل تھے۔ ادھر چینی ٹیکسٹائل گروپ نے پاکستان کے ٹیکسٹائل شہروں سے برآمدات 10 ارب ڈالر تک بڑھانے کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کو عالمی ٹیکسٹائل اور گارمنٹس مرکز بنائیں گے۔ چینی ٹیکسٹائل گروپ کے چیئرمین نے اپنی سینئر مینجمنٹ ٹیم کے ہمراہ خصوصی سرمایہ کاری سہولت کونسل (ایس آئی ایف سی) کا دورہ کیا اور لاہور اور کراچی میں دو برآمدی گرین (ماحول دوست) ٹیکسٹائل شہروں کے قیام کے اپنے منصوبوں کا اعلان کیا۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق ایس آئی ایف سی کے سیکرٹری جمیل قریشی نے بتایا کہ گروپ چائنا ٹیکسٹائل کونسل اور چائنا گارمنٹس ایسوسی ایشن کی 25 معروف کمپنیوں کے ساتھ تعاون کرے گا۔ تقریباً 5 بلین امریکی ڈالر کی متوقع سرمایہ کاری کے ساتھ اس منصوبے سے اہم سالانہ پیداوار کی توقع ہے اور پاکستان کی ٹیکسٹائل برآمدات میں 10 بلین امریکی ڈالر تک کا اضافہ ہو گا۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق چینی ٹیکسٹائل گروپ کا مقصد ملک کی ٹیکسٹائل برآمدات میں اضافہ کرنا اور پاکستان کو عالمی ٹیکسٹائل اور گارمنٹس مرکز کے طور پر قائم کرنا ہے۔ اس وقت گروپ کے برانڈ میٹرکس میں دنیا بھر میں 6,000 سے زائد سٹورز شامل ہیں، جو 84 ممالک اور خطوں میں کام کر رہے ہیں، جو اسے عالمی فیشن کے میدان میں سب سے زیادہ بااثر چینی انٹرنیٹ برانڈ بناتا ہے۔ وزارت تجارت کے مطابق مالی سال 23-24ء مالی سال 24 جولائی تا جون کے دوران پاکستان کی ٹیکسٹائل اور ملبوسات کی برآمدات 0.93 فیصد اضافے کے ساتھ 16.655 ارب ڈالر تک پہنچ گئیں جو گزشتہ سال کے اسی عرصے میں 16.501 ارب ڈالر تھیں۔

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Business Recorder

Second phase of CPEC

Wish list to be shared with Chinese PM

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has prepared a wish list of over six dozen projects in all fields for Chinese cooperation under second phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to be shared with the Chinese Prime Minister next month, sources close to Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.

According to Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, China Pakistan Economic Corridor has successfully completed its first phase and has now entered into the second phase. To upgrade CPEC in the second phase, both China and Pakistan have developed consensus to include five corridors namely growth, innovation, green, livelihood and opening-up and regional connectivity.

During his recent visit to China, Minister PD&SI held a meeting with Vice Chairman National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC) of China which resulted, among other things, in agreement to hold a high level workshop to align Pakistan's 5Es framework with the proposed five corridors and eight points of President Xi for Belt and Road Initiative.

The list of major projects and their issues is as follows: Infrastructure (i) study on follow-up technical support for New Gwadar International Airport project ;(ii) East Bay Expressway phase II project ;(iii) Karakoram Highway (Railkot-Thakot) realignment project(N 35) ;(iv) promote the upgradation (ML 1) project in a 'phased manner'; and (v) Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) project.

Infrastructure :(i) N 50 Highway phase-1 upgrading and reconstruction project ;(ii) SMW6 submarine cable construction project ;(iii) Gwadar Port;(iv) Gwadar Free Zone; and (v) strengthening technical cooperation on the roads between Pakistan and China.

Energy and Minerals: (i) GEIP LNG terminal project-Power Construction Corporation of China;(ii) National Refinery upgrading and expansion project;(iii) Suki Kinari Hydropower station ; (iv) Siyadik Copper Project.

Industrial Cooperation ;(i) Dhabeji Special Economic Zone;(ii) Rashakai Industrial Park Project, special integrated Economic Zone, Cape province;(iii) Omara port ship repair project ;(iv) follow -up implementation of the demonstration and extension project for the cultivation of Juncao;(v) Buffalo Breeding and Dairy Processing Project; and (vi) pepper cultivation demonstration and extension project.

Science, Technology and Innovation;(i) construction of the China-Pakistan Earth Science Research Centre ;(ii) promoting the participation of five Pakistani universities in the China-Pakistan Belt and Road joint Laboratory on Intelligent Disaster Prevention for major infrastructure.

"Small yet Smart" livelihood: (i) launching of the China-Pakistan Vocational and Technical Exchange and Training Program ;(ii) follow-up implementation of the project for the establishment of the China-Pakistan Joint Laboratory for Agricultural Technology ;(iii) aid for the repair of flood-affected houses in Pakistan;(iv) China-Pakistan South-South Cooperation Material Assistance Project to address Climate Change.

Bilateral trade and economic cooperation; (i) continue to implement well the second-phase protocol of the China-Pakistan FTA and actively explore possible co-concession arrangement under the framework of the protocol, so as to realize mutual benefits and win-win situation for both sides ;(ii) framework agreement on industrial cooperation between China and Pakistan and strengthening industrial cooperation between the two sides in various fields according to local conditions;(iii) accelerating the construction of ancillary facilities at Gwadar port to fully realize the potential of Gwadar port as a coastline city, especially as a trans-shipment cargo hub with shipbuilding facilities: (iv) strengthening the long-term planning of China-Pakistan mining cooperation, promoting the implementation of the agreement on strengthening mining development and industrial cooperation within the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, actively conducting geological surveys

and carrying out joint major research and personnel training in the field of geology and mining.

Digital Economy: (i) supporting Chinese funded enterprises in building digital infrastructure in Pakistan ;(ii) encourage enterprises of both side to build high -quality projects in the field of software, cloud computing, big data and jointly promote technological innovation and mutual access of standardization institution ;(iii) promoting exchanges in the field of radio spectrum management ; and (iv) strengthening the exchange of network and data security organization and promoting cooperation in the digital security industry etc.

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Xi'an witnessing increased Pak-China cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Xi'an, the capital of Shaanxi Province in northwestern China, is witnessing an unprecedented surge in cooperation between Pakistan and China.

The China (Shaanxi)-Pakistan Economic and Trade Cooperation Fair, recently held in conjunction with the Silk Road International Exposition, highlighted the vibrant relationship between the two nations.

The occasion brought together around 40 Pakistani companies, including both public and private oil and gas enterprises, keen to explore growing investment opportunities with their Chinese counterparts.

In an interview with China Economic Net, Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi emphasized the significance of the fair. He said, "This is the first time, perhaps in recent memory, that such a large delegation and sector-specific conference is being convened in Shaanxi Province." He noted, underscoring the momentum generated in recent months, particularly after the Pakistani Prime Minister's visit to the province in June.

"Since CPEC entered its second phase last year, a new chapter in our economic relationship—focused on B2B cooperation—is unfolding. We have identified 13 priority sectors, including energy, mines and minerals, iron and steel, chemicals, fertilizers, textiles, leather, IT, and services. Through events like this, we aim to attract Chinese investment to these sectors in Pakistan," Ambassador Hashmi said.

Shaanxi Province has seen a remarkable boost in its trade with Pakistan this year, with the trade volume nearly doubling between January and August. The province's prowess in photovoltaic (PV) technology is particularly notable, with a local solar energy company commanding up to 40% of Pakistan's market share at its peak.

Pakistan, as the guest country of honour for the first time at the Silk Road International Exposition, hosted one of the largest national pavilions, showcasing a wide range of Pakistani culture, products, and investment opportunities, especially in the energy sector, providing a platform for business networking, joint ventures, and trade promotion.

Ambassador Hashmi also praised China's technological advancements and expertise. "China has vast experience in manufacturing, industrialization, and special economic zones—areas where we are working closely together."

He said, “We are incredibly proud to have developed our partnership and friendship with China for 73 out of its 75 years.” He pointed to the achievements made through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which have played a transformative role in Pakistan’s economy. Over the past decade, CPEC projects have added more than 8,000 megawatts of electricity, built over 800 kilometres of highways and fibre optic cables, and attracted nearly \$26 billion in investments, he maintained.

Looking ahead, Ambassador Hashmi expressed optimism about future collaboration. “The prospects are bright, and we look forward to deepening our cooperation in both cutting-edge technologies and traditional manufacturing sectors,” he concluded.—APP

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OGDCL, Chinese co sign MoU on shale, tight gas exploration

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development, during the ongoing 8th Silk Road International Expo for investment and trade forum in Xian, Shaaxi province China, an MOU is signed between OGDCL the flagship E&P company of Pakistan and CCDC, the major player in drilling and upstream Oil field services of People’s Republic of China

The MOU underscores commitment of both the brotherly countries for the development of Shale and tight gas potential of Pakistan with an aim to alleviate energy needs of the country through indigenous resources.

Mumtaz Ali Soomro Executive Director (Production) from OGDCL and Zhang Zhidong Vice President of CNPC Chuangong Drilling Engineering Company LTD signed the MoU for their respective organizations.

Federal Minister of Energy (Petroleum Division) Musadik Malik and Ambassador of Pakistan to China Khalil Hashmi were also present on the occasion.

The Federal minister thanked the Chinese side for hosting Pakistan as the country of Honor and hoped the cooperation and collaboration between the two countries will only strengthen in times to come in all areas of the energy sector for mutual benefit of both nations. The cooperation on shale gas / tight gas between OGDCL & CCDC will open up a whole new chapter of untapped energy potential that our country possesses.—APP

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Daily Times

‘China’s efforts in green development impressive’

“In recent years, investments and technologies from China have played a significant role in the renewable energy sector in Pakistan,” stated Naveed Hussain, a member of the international media who visited Yulin, Shaanxi Province, last week, according to China Economic Daily.

“In addition to constructing an extensive network of roads from the south, east, and north of the country, China has assisted Pakistan in generating 8,000 megawatts of electricity, including clean and renewable energy, by developing hydro, solar, and wind power plants,”

stated Naveed, editor-in-chief of Pakistan English Daily. The delegation visited the 18th Yulin International Coal and High-end Energy Chemical Industry Expo in Yulin City on September 13, 2024.

The expo attracted over 800 exhibitors from both domestic and international markets.

At the exhibition, Naveed was captivated by the unmanned mining drone showcased by Huadian Coal Industry Group.

According to the exhibitor, the drone is designed and developed to address the material transport requirements and applications in complex working conditions within mines. It can be utilized for auxiliary transport in coal mines, as well as for inspection, rescue, and other tasks, effectively supplementing the transportation needs for bulk materials weighing up to 5 tons.

“Drones are being utilized across various industries in Pakistan, including the agricultural sector, disaster management, and smart city construction.

As we know, agricultural development is a key area of cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, where unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) can contribute in several ways, such as breeding, irrigation, fertigation, and disease prevention and control.

China plays a significant role in the agricultural development of Pakistan,” Naveed stated.

Impressed by the strong commitment of all exhibitors to the dual carbon goals, Naveed remarked that China has demonstrated a significant sense of responsibility and innovation in accelerating the pace of green energy transformation. “China and Pakistan have agreed to promote economic, social, fiscal, and environmental sustainability.

We are pleased to have China by our side as Pakistan embarks on a journey of green transition,” he stated.

Yulin is a significant national base for the energy and chemical industries, endowed with unique resources.

The estimated coal reserves are 280 billion tons, while the predicted natural gas reserves amount to 6 trillion cubic meters, making it the largest proven onshore gas field in China. Additionally, Yulin boasts substantial reserves of rock salt, lake salt, bauxite, quartz sand, and other valuable resources.

When visiting the Shendong Coal Group in Shenmu City, China’s top coal-producing county in Yulin, Naveed was impressed by the company’s efforts to minimize risks associated with coal mining.

“Firstly, what I observed here is the scientific and technological advancements the company has implemented. They are fulfilling their professional responsibilities by introducing modern machinery and techniques to mitigate any risks.

Additionally, they are upholding their social responsibility by taking care of their coal miners,” Naveed stated.

“It is also very impressive how the company is fulfilling its environmental responsibilities. Energy companies usually have little concern for the environment, so it is great to see how the company has transformed a desert into a green area. I find this to be truly remarkable.

The technology I have observed here, when compared to my country, is simply mind-blowing,” Naveed told Gwadar Pro.

The delegation also participated in the 2024 International Exchange on the Innovation and Development of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality. They praised China’s measures in policy design, energy transition, and industrial transformation aimed at achieving the dual carbon goals, noting that these efforts demonstrate strong execution and innovation, setting an example for the world.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1228182/chinas-efforts-in-green-development-impressive/>

Pakistan Observer

Fighting terror together

The longstanding relationship between Pakistan and China has been a cornerstone of regional stability, evolving from mere diplomatic ties into a multi-faceted partnership that now encompasses economic, military and strategic dimensions. As these two nations continue to strengthen their bond, the understanding to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism, cross-border management and anti-smuggling measures underscore the depth and mutual trust underpinning this alliance. With the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) acting as a flagship project, further cementing their economic relations, strategic collaboration becomes even more vital, particularly in the light of the shared challenges both countries face.

One such challenge is terrorism, a threat that neither respects borders nor spares lives. For Pakistan and China, combating terrorism has become a joint mission, rooted in the recognition that extremist groups like the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) seek to destabilize the region.

The tragic attacks on Chinese nationals working on infrastructure projects in Pakistan, including the 2021 and 2023 incidents in which Chinese engineers were targeted, demonstrate the lengths to which terrorists and their sponsors will go to sow discord. These attacks not only claimed innocent lives but also sought to derail key projects of economic and geopolitical significance.

In this context, the meeting between Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and China’s Minister for Political and Legal Affairs, Chen Mingguo, on Saturday, during which important decisions were made to counter terrorism, including conducting joint police and paramilitary exercises along with training programs for Pakistani police officers at the Xinjiang Police Academy, is a practical step forward in enhancing security mechanisms.

The involvement of Chinese technology, expertise, and training is poised to greatly enhance our capability to thwart terrorism and combat smuggling. China’s advanced surveillance, artificial intelligence, and border security technologies can play a crucial role in not only identifying threats but also neutralizing them before they escalate.

Smuggling, particularly of drugs and arms, is also a matter of serious concern, as it funds terrorist groups and undermines both economic stability and security.

Joint operations and shared intelligence between Pakistani and Chinese forces can significantly disrupt these illicit networks.

The growing cooperation between Pakistan and China in security matters is a testament to their shared vision for peace and prosperity. As both countries work together to foil the nefarious designs of terrorists and their backers, they send a strong message to the world: this relationship is resilient, forward-looking, and immune to attempts to undermine it.

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The News

Engage Africa policy: Can China help Pakistan?

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A few years back, Pakistan drafted “Engage Africa Policy” with high hopes and goals. The policy was aimed to capitalise on Africa’s growing markets by forging economic partnerships, trade linkages, joint ventures and enhanced connectivity. The policy was launched with a pump-and-show. Pakistan also organised a few events on the African continent to explore the potential for partnerships.

“Engage Africa Policy” was indeed ambitious, but it had, and has a sound rationale. The policy was based on understanding that certain African countries were importing Pakistani products, but through a third country. For instance, South Africa imports sports goods and surgical instruments from Pakistan via Germany.

This arrangement is disadvantageous for both Pakistan and South Africa, leading to lower selling prices for Pakistan and higher buying prices for South Africa. This is one example. The “Engage Africa Policy” was aimed to rectify such problems and others, potentially leading to mutual benefits for both countries.

Africa is an emerging market. It is rich in resources and a big consumer market. It is wise to enter the market and secure maximum benefits for Pakistan.

The policy, however, could not yield perceived benefits for different reasons. Pakistan did not take the practical steps required to benefit from the market. The most prominent example has been discussed above. Pakistan and South Africa still have to sign a comprehensive trade agreement to facilitate direct trade.

Pakistan did not analyse the African market, challenges, opportunities and diplomatic relations of African countries. It neither developed a matrix of opportunities, challenges, risks, and strengths nor mapped the market players. Understanding the current state of the play and players in the African market was necessary to make “Engage Africa Policy” a success story.

Pakistan must analyse the market and players. It will help Pakistan draw up a better policy and action framework. In this context, we try to analyse Africa, its market dynamics and the players in the market. The analysis identified shortcomings and highlighted a few important lessons for Pakistan.

First, many players are trying to strengthen their position in the market by launching initiatives such as Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AFGC) by Japan and India as alternatives to BRI. The US and EU have also launched programmes to benefit from African market and create an alternative to BRI, such as Build Back Better World (which has been rebranded as Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment).

Second, Pakistan did not analyse India's role in Africa. It is imperative because it is an open secret India is actively running anti-Pakistan campaigns across the world, and Africa is no exception.

The analysis indicates India has deep roots in Africa due to its historic linkages and continuous engagement. A vast Indian diaspora is present in Africa. The business community has also developed deep linkages and presence. It ranges from entrepreneurship to industries.

Indian industry is also a beneficiary of concessionary investment packages in Africa. It has been running multiple training and educational programmes for decades. It has targeted professionals from government, private and civil society. Indian Technical Economic Cooperation is one such programme for economy-related actors. It also invites medical and paramedical staff and energy and agriculture professionals to benefit from Indian expertise. India has embassies in 47 (established and planned) countries in Africa.

Moreover, Japan and India joined hands to launch Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AFGC) as an alternative to BRI. Therefore, AFGC is of special significance to Pakistan, as Pakistan is home to CPEC, a flagship project of BRI.

How should Pakistan proceed? There are two options to make "Engage Africa Policy" a success. Pakistan must overcome its rhetoric and try to sign economic and trade agreements with African countries. It is suggested Pakistan should prioritise agreements with BRI-affiliated countries. It can also explore options to sign a trade or cooperation agreement with African Union under the initiative of African Continental Free Trade Area (a 1.2 billion people market with more than \$3 trillion GDP).

Moreover, Pakistan should try to map the commodities or products it exports to a particular country via a third country. After mapping, it should contact the importing countries to explore options for signing direct agreements.

Pakistan should work closely with China and find ways to partner with it in different initiatives. In recent times, China has expanded its footprint with quite impressive speed. It has a broader network of embassies and has established 53 embassies in Africa. Moreover, from 2000 to 2022, Chinese institutions extended \$134.1 billion in loans and development assistance to African countries.

It is important to mention assistance was without any lectures or strings. The development assistance helped Africa with its development agenda. China is also the continent's biggest trade partner, with a total trade value of \$282.1 billion in 2023. On the other hand, Africa has shown great interest in joining Belt & Road Initiative. According to latest data, 52 countries and African Union have signed cooperation agreements with BRI.

China is further enhancing its comprehensive partnership with Africa. President Xi proposed ten partnership action plans to strengthen bilateral linkages while delivering a speech at China-Africa Cooperation Summit 2024. The action plans cover areas of mutual learning among civilisations, trade prosperity, industrial chain cooperation, connectivity, development cooperation, health, agriculture and livelihoods, people-to-people and cultural exchanges, green development and common security.

President Xi announced China will allocate 360 billion yuan (almost \$50 billion) to implement ten partnership actions. However, China will work closely with African countries to finalise these actions. This will be done to ensure all programmes under these actions follow the country's specific interventions.

In this context, Pakistan should build joint programmes with China for African countries. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) provides us with an opportunity to pursue this. The process can be started by establishing a trilateral special economic zone, "The China-Pakistan-Africa Special Economic Zone at Gwadar". On similar lines, Pakistan can explore establishing a trilateral special economic zone in Africa.

Pakistan, Africa and China can explore options to declare trilateral sister cities under BRI. It will assist in enhancing cooperation at the lower levels. It will also give a push to people-people exchanges and tourism, especially to youth exchange programmes.

Pakistan can also work with China and Africa under Global Development Initiative to formulate trilateral forums like Agriculture and Heritage, Food Security, Climate Change and Poverty alleviation. Pakistan can also work for creating a "trilateral digital economy" platform under the BRI.

These are a few examples of how Pakistan can explore more options to enhance cooperation further. Pakistan must avoid rhetoric and come up with some concrete proposals and actions like establishing missions in Rwanda (March 2021), Ivory Coast (February 2022), Uganda (April 2022), Djibouti (May 2022) and Ghana (June 2022).

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Express News

پاک چین رشتے پر بدلتا عالمی منظر نامہ اثر انداز نہیں ہوا، چینی صدر کا وزیر اعظم کو خط

چینی صدر عزت مآب شی جن پنگ نے وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی سالگرہ پر خط لکھ کر انہیں مبارکباد دی ہے۔ اسلام آباد

چینی صدر کی جانب سے خصوصی طور پر بھیجا گیا یہ خط، پاک چین سفارتی تعلقات کی مضبوطی کی جانب ایک غیر معمولی پیش رفت ہے۔

خط میں لکھا ہے کہ آپ کی سالگرہ پر مبارکباد اور نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کرتا ہوں، پاکستان اور چین کٹھن اور اچھے وقتوں کے اسٹریٹیجک تعاون کے شراکت دار ہیں۔ تاریخ گواہ ہے کہ دونوں ممالک نے ہمیشہ ایک دوسرے پر بھروسہ کیا اور ہمیشہ ایک دوسرے کا ساتھ دیا۔

خط میں چینی صدر نے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کے مابین ایسا مضبوط رشتہ قائم ہوا جس پر بدلتا ہو این الاقوامی منظر نامہ کبھی اثر انداز نہیں ہوا، رواں برس جون میں آپ نے چین کا کامیاب دورہ کیا جس میں ہمارے مابین خوشگوار تبادلہ خیال ہوا اور متعدد امور پر اتفاق ہوا۔

چین پاکستان تعلقات کی مضبوطی میرے لیے انتہائی اہمیت کی حامل ہے۔

چینی صدر کا کہنا تھا کہ آپ کے ساتھ مل کر چین پاکستان اسٹریٹجک تعاون کے فروغ اور سی پیک کی تعمیر کے لیے کام کرنے کا خواہاں ہوں جبکہ متعدد شعبوں میں تعاون اور اس جدید دور میں چین و پاکستان کے لوگوں کے مابین گہرے تعلقات سے ایک مشترکہ مستقبل کے لیے کام کرنے کا خواہاں ہوں۔

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پاکستان اور چین کے عوام کے درمیان اعتماد کا گہرا رشتہ ہے: مریم نواز

لاہور (سپیشل کارپسٹنٹ) چینی قونصلیٹ لاہور کی جانب سے عوامی جمہوریہ چین کے یوم آزادی کے سلسلہ میں 75 ویں سالگرہ منائی گئی اور ایک کانٹا گیا۔ تقریب میں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف، گورنر پنجاب سردار سلیم حیدر، سپیکر قومی اسمبلی ملک احمد خان، سینئر صوبائی وزیر مریم اورنگزیب، سابق وزیر خارجہ خورشید محمود قصوری، نوائے وقت گروپ کی نیٹنگ ڈائریکٹر میزہ مجید نظامی، آئی جی پولیس پنجاب ڈاکٹر عثمان انور، سی پی او لاہور بلال صدیق کمانڈ، نوائے وقت گروپ کے چیف آپرٹنگ آفیسر لیفٹیننٹ کرنل (ر) سید احمد ندیم قادری، عالمی امور کے ماہر محمد مہدی سمیت سرکاری و غیر سرکاری، سیاسی، سماجی اور میڈیا سے وابستہ اہم شخصیات اور چینوں کی بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ گورنر پنجاب سردار سلیم حیدر، وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز اور سپیکر پنجاب اسمبلی ملک احمد خان نے چینی قونصل جزل ڈاؤشیرین اور ان کی اہلیہ سے مل کر ایک کانٹا۔ مریم نواز کے انداز اپنائیت نے تقریب کو فیملی فنکشن بنا دیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے مسٹر ڈاؤشیرین کی اہلیہ کو کیک کھلایا تو تقریب کا ماحول حقیقی معنوں میں پاک چین دوستی، بھائی چارے اور خوشیوں میں ڈھل گیا۔ جس کے بعد گورنر پنجاب سردار سلیم حیدر نے چینی قونصل جزل ڈاؤشیرین کو کیک کھلایا۔ نجی ہوٹل کا ہال کچھ مہمانوں سے بھرا ہوا تھا۔ چینی قونصل جزل لاہور ڈاؤشیرین نے افتتاحی خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چین رواں سال میں 5 فیصد کی شرح سے ترقی کرے گا۔ چین دنیا کی دوسری بڑی معیشت ہے۔ چین دنیا کی معاشی ترقی کا انجن ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سی پیک پاکستان کی ترقی میں اہم کردار ادا کرے گا۔ نیو گوادر ایئر پورٹ کا جلد آفیشل افتتاح ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دنیا کی کوئی طاقت چین، پاکستان کی دوستی کو نقصان نہیں پہنچا سکتی۔ انہوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز کی حکومت کی تعریف کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے گزشتہ 6 ماہ میں سرمایہ کاری بڑھانے کے لئے بہترین اقدامات کئے ہیں۔ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ چین اور پاکستان کی گہری دوستی شاندار مستقبل کی طرف بڑھ رہی ہے، دونوں ملکوں کے عوام کے درمیان اعتماد کا مضبوط رشتہ ہے۔ چین نے ہر مشکل وقت میں پاکستان کا ساتھ دیا۔ کووڈ-19 کے دوران چین نے پاکستان کی ناقابل فراموش تکنیکی مدد کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین نے سلامتی کونسل کے مستقل رکن کے طور پر پاکستان کے موقف کی ہمیشہ حمایت کی۔ سی پیک ہماری قوم کی امید اور ترقی کا سنگ میل ہے۔ گورنر پنجاب سلیم حیدر نے اس موقع پر اردو میں خطاب کیا اور کہا کہ چین۔ پاکستان دوستی دنیا کے لئے شاندار مثال ہے۔ دوستی، محبت بڑھتی رہے گی۔ 75 سال میں چین کی ترقی معجزہ سے کم نہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین نے زیادہ آبادی کو کمزوری نہیں، طاقت بنا دیا۔ سپیکر پنجاب اسمبلی ملک احمد خان نے اپنے خطاب میں کہا کہ پاک۔ چین دوستی پاکستان کی خارجہ پالیسی کا اہم نکتہ ہے۔ تقریب کے دوران چینی قونصلیٹ لاہور کے سٹاف نے مل کر گانا گایا جبکہ اورنج لائن میٹرو ٹرین کے چینی اور پاکستانی سٹاف نے مختلف پرفارمنسز دیکر تقریب کو چار چاند لگا دیئے۔ اس موقع پر ڈریگن ڈانس کا مظاہرہ قابل دید تھا۔

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے کینسر کے مریضوں کی ویلنٹیئر کے عالمی دن پر اپنے پیغام میں کہا ہے کہ کینسر کے مرض کا مقابلہ کرنے والے بہادر لوگ ہیں۔ کینسر کے مریضوں کے علاج اور دیکھ بھال کے لئے پرعزم ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ لاہور میں سرکاری سطح پر نواز شریف کینسر ہسپتال قائم کر رہے ہیں۔

وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ کینسر کے ہر مریض کو مفت اور معیاری علاج مہیا کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں۔

پنجاب کے ہر ضلع میں کینسر کے علاج کے لئے خصوصی سینٹر بنائیں گے۔ مریضوں کیلئے دعا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اللہ کینسر کے ہر مریض کو شفا عطا فرمائے۔

وزیر اعلیٰ نے کینسر مریضوں کی جلد صحت یابی کی دعا کی۔ علاوہ ازیں مریم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں ٹماٹر اور پیاز سمیت سبزیوں کی کاشت بڑھانے کیلئے کوآپریٹو فارمنگ متعارف کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ 5 سے 10 کاشتکار پر مشتمل ویجیٹبل فارمر گروپ کو بیج، کھاد، ڈرپ اریگیشن اور سولر ازیٹیشن پر سبسڈی دی جائے گی۔ پنجاب میں 2 ہزار ایکڑ پر بے موسمی پیاز اور ٹماٹر کی کاشت کا پراجیکٹ لانچ کیا جائے گا۔ آف سیزن کاشت سے پنجاب میں 6 ماہ پیاز اور ٹماٹر مقامی طور پر دستیاب ہونے سے مصنوعی مہنگائی نہیں ہوگی۔

پنجاب بھر میں ایگریکلچر مشینری ریٹیل سروسز شروع کرنے کی منظوری دی گئی۔ ٹریکٹر، ہارویٹر سمیت دیگر جدید ترین زرعی مشینری کاشتکار کو پرافٹ، نولاس کی بنیاد پر کرائے پر میسر ہوگا۔ 67 سے زائد مقامات اور زرعی مشینری کے انتخاب کیلئے جو انٹورکنگ گروپ قائم کیا گیا۔ مریم نواز شریف نے سرکاری اراضی پر گندم کی بوائی یقینی بنانے کا حکم دیا۔ ”ٹرانسفارمنگ پنجاب ایگریکلچر“ سفارشات کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ دوسری طرف وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز نے فیصل آباد الائیڈ ہسپتال میں 14 سالہ لڑکی سے مبینہ زیادتی کے واقعہ کا نوٹس لے لیا ہے۔

وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے انسپکٹر جنرل پولیس سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔ گڈ لک۔“

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے ایم ڈی کیٹ کے امیدواروں کے لئے نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کیا ہے۔

وزیر اعلیٰ نے پنجاب بھر کے امتحانی مراکز میں بہترین انتظامات، سیکورٹی کی کڑی نگرانی کا حکم دیا ہے۔

مریم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ پیارے بچوں، میری دعائیں آپ کے ساتھ ہیں۔ محنت کبھی رازینگاں نہیں جاتی، آپ کامیاب ہوں گے، ان شاء اللہ۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ ایم ڈی کیٹ کے امیدواروں کو دوران امتحان کسی قسم کی دشواری کا سامنا نہ ہو۔

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے کاہنہ میں ڈور پھرنے سے موٹر سائیکل سوار کے زخمی ہونے کے واقعہ کا نوٹس لے لیا اور انسپکٹر جنرل پولیس سے واقعہ کی رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔

وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے زخمی موٹر سائیکل سوار اور بچوں کو بہترین طبی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کی ہدایت کی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ سخت احکامات کے باوجود ڈور پھرنے کا واقعہ انتہائی افسوسناک ہے۔

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75th National Day of China

CPEC ‘changing landscape of Pakistan’: Punjab CM

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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has said that China is taking significant steps to access economic development through the Belt and Road Initiative and the Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is changing the economic landscape of Pakistan.

She expressed these views while addressing the 75th National Day of the People’s Republic of China. Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider, Punjab Assembly Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan, Punjab Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Punjab Industries Minister Chaudhry Shafay Hussain, Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman, IGP Usman Anwar and other officials were also present on this occasion.

The CM said, “The CPEC is the most important proof of our common future. It is not just a project, but a symbol of hope, development and prosperity for the two nations. The Belt and Road Initiative expresses China’s commitment to global prosperity; people around the world are benefiting from the fruits of China’s economic development.”

According to her, China by bringing remarkable economic transformation has steered millions of people out of poverty and it has become an example for the world in the field of technology, infrastructure and industry; its role in every global crisis is unforgettable. As a member of the United Nations Security Council, China has consistently promoted peace and development. China has emerged as a leader whose vision transcends borders; it is emerging as a pioneer in building a better and equal world for all.

“Sharif valued the friendship with China, saying it stood by Pakistan as a true and loyal friend at every international forum.

Be it diplomatic support or help in times of crisis, China has always proved to be a true brother,” she added.

Talking about the opportunities for Chinese investors in Punjab, she said that Punjab is leading at the forefront regarding positive economic change; with a strong industrial base and dynamic workforce, Punjab is uniquely positioned for Chinese investment.

“Recognizing the importance of partnership with China, the Punjab government is offering special packages for the Chinese investors to ensure that Punjab becomes a preferred location for Chinese business,” she added.

The Chief Minister while addressing the ceremony said, “The bond of Pakistan-China friendship is not based on mere strategic interests as it is a relationship of heart and soul. Pakistan-China relations are based on mutual respect, trust and unwavering commitment to each other’s prosperity.”

The CM said,

“On the 75th National Day of China, I congratulate on behalf of the people of Pakistan. The people of Punjab extend their best wishes and heartiest greetings to their Chinese brothers and sisters.

It is a matter of pride to participate in the 75th National Day of the People’s Republic of China.

The Chinese nation has not only reached the heights of development and innovation but has also extended the hand of friendship to the international community.

From the power corridor to the general development projects, China has won the hearts of the citizens.”

Consul General of China Zhao Shiren in his address said that China has so far created two miracles in human history, maintaining long-term social stability, and enjoying a four-decade-more rapid economic growth.

“Entering a new era in 2012, China has taken a series of strategic initiatives, promoted a series of transformative practices, realized a series of breakthroughs and made a series of landmark achievements. China has not only been the world’s second-largest economy for consecutive 14 years, but it has also been playing a more important role in international affairs.

China today is embarking on a new journey to build a modernized socialist country in all respects. With China further deepening its reform and opening up and high-quality development in a comprehensive manner, the whole world would be blessed by a peacefully rising, strong and prosperous China,” he added.

Talking about the Sino-Pak friendship, he said that 73-year-old diplomatic history testifies that the Chinese people have been in solidarity with their Pakistani friends, and China and Pakistan have stood by each other all along the way.

“Our relationship is all-weather instead of fair-weather one. Our mutual support in bilateral and multilateral fora is timely, essential and even consequential. Our friendship is out of sincerity, respect and mutual love, not out of mutual convenience,” he added.

“The CPEC has achieved fruitful results so far. As a flagship project and key component of the BRI, it has helped Pakistan steer towards a more resilient and stabilizing economy. The CPEC’s second-phase development is expected to produce more significant benefits for Pakistan and third parties would be invited to participate in some projects. Though faced with serious security challenges and false propaganda, the CPEC process is neither stalled nor stopped. China and Pakistan are committed to the success of the CPEC, and we will go the extra mile and make extra efforts to deliver,” he said.

Later, the CM, the Chinese Consul General and others cut the 75th birthday cake while Chinese music, national songs and a dragon show were also presented.

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Daily Times

Pak firm signs RMB 75m agreement with China's CET

Pakistan's Newage Cables entered into a significant agreement worth RMB 75 million with the China Electric Power Equipment & Technology Co. Ltd. (CET) for supply of specialized control cables. These cables will play a critical role in the development of Pakistan's largest grid station, Lahore North, along with two other key stations at Lahore, Nokhar and Maira, the company said. This collaboration marks a pivotal advancement in strengthening Pakistan's energy infrastructure and aligns with the country's growing energy demands. The formal agreement was endorsed by senior executives of both firms, including Mr. Alman Jalil Azam, Director Newage Cables and Mr. Wu Jun, Project Director CET. This deal not only highlights Newage Cables' capacity to deliver high-quality products for large-scale infrastructure projects but also signifies a growing relationship between Pakistani and Chinese industries in the power sector, Gwadar Pro reported on Saturday.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1227843/pak-firm-signs-rmb-75m-agreement-with-chinas-cet/>

Business Recorder

Punjab CM emphasizes CPEC's importance for Pak-China ties

* Maryam Nawaz announces establishment of authority to address public complaints against police

Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif said on Monday the significance of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a vital indicator of the robust and enduring relationship between Pakistan and China. The CM views CPEC as a crucial development initiative that not only enhances economic ties but also reflects the deep-rooted partnership and mutual cooperation between the two nations. She expressed her views while participating in the 75th National Day ceremony of the People's Republic of China, where she met Chinese Consul General Zhao Shirin to convey her congratulations on this significant occasion. The CM expressed greetings on behalf of the Pakistani people, stating, "On the occasion of China's 75th National Day, I extend my warm wishes to the Chinese people." She conveyed that the people of Punjab also send heartfelt congratulations to their Chinese brothers and sisters, expressing pride in attending the event. She lauded the Chinese nation for achieving remarkable heights in development and innovation while extending a hand of friendship to the global community. Maryam Nawaz emphasized that China's greatness lies in its unwavering commitment to peace, cooperation, and humanitarian well-being. Highlighting the deep-rooted friendship between Pakistan and China, she remarked that their relationship was built on trust, respect, and a shared vision for a bright future. "Our bond is not merely based on strategic interests; it is a connection of hearts and souls," she asserted. The CM acknowledged China's significant achievements in lifting millions out of poverty and praised its role as a model for the world in technology, infrastructure, and industry. She noted China's indispensable contribution during global crises, affirming its commitment to providing resources to countries in need. As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, China has consistently promoted peace and development, exemplified by its Belt and Road Initiative, she said and added that the fruits of China's economic

development are benefiting people around the world and that China is emerging as a leader with a vision that transcends borders.

CM Maryam Nawaz expressed pride in the strong and resilient friendship between Pakistan and China, affirming that both nations were progressing together towards prosperity and a peaceful future. She prayed for the continued strengthening of the Pakistan-China friendship.

Zhao Shirin, the Chinese Consul General in Lahore, acknowledged the Chief Minister's people-friendly initiatives, highlighting projects like the IT City, cancer hospital, air ambulance services, and solar panel programs that provide real relief to the public. He commended the Punjab government for delivering excellent services to the people and called out "Long Live Pakistan-China Friendship."

The ceremony featured the national anthems of both countries, traditional Chinese cultural performances, and the cutting of a cake to celebrate China's 75th anniversary. Various cultural presentations included Chinese music, songs of love for the homeland, and a dragon dance. Prominent attendees included Governor of Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly Malik Ahmad Khan, Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb, Provincial Minister for Industry Chaudhry Shafique Hussain, Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman, and IG Usman Anwar. Separately, the CM has announced a significant initiative to address public complaints against the police by establishing a "Provincial Police Complaint Authority (PPCA)." According to a spokesperson for the Punjab Home Department, a high-powered committee has been formed under the Chief Minister's directive to determine the criteria for selecting members of the PPCA.

The committee will be chaired by the Provincial Law Minister, with the Secretary Home Punjab serving as the administrative secretary. Members of the committee include the Chief Secretary of Punjab, Secretary Law, Inspector General of Punjab, Advocate General of Punjab, and Additional Inspector General of the Special Branch. The purpose of this high-powered committee is to establish criteria for selecting capable, honest, and qualified members for the Provincial Police Complaint Authority (PPCA). The spokesperson added that the formation of the PPCA will enable the resolution of public complaints against the police. Under Police Order 2002, the establishment of this authority is mandatory for addressing serious complaints against police personnel. The PPCA will be able to receive complaints regarding negligence, misconduct, or abuse of power against any police officer and will have the authority to conduct inquiries and take action. The PPCA will consist of a Chairperson and six members. After the establishment at the provincial level, similar authorities will be set up at the district level. According to the rules, the Governor of Punjab will appoint the Chairperson, while the remaining six members will be selected by the Public Service Commission. The law mandates that authority members should be reputable individuals with significant expertise, knowledge, and experience in their respective fields. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for this week at the Home Department under the chair of law minister, where the criteria for selecting authority members will be discussed. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/1228439/punjab-cm-emphasizes-cpecs-importance-for-pak-china-ties/>

Sahiwal Coal Power Plant transforms lives, communities through CPEC flagship project

The Sahiwal Power Plant stands as a monumental achievement in Pakistan's energy sector and with a formidable capacity of 1320 MW, the plant has not only contributed to alleviating the country's energy needs but has also made extraordinary strides in fostering economic growth and community development in the nearby villages and the surrounding areas of Okara and Sahiwal.

Since its inception, the plant, operated by Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy Pvt Limited, has been a beacon of progress, particularly in terms of employment generation, and has been rightfully recognized for its contributions by the Punjab Power Development Board (PPDB), said a press release issued here Monday.

Between 2017 and 2023, the Sahiwal Power Plant was honored by the Punjab Power Development Board (PPDB) for its exceptional role in creating over 5,000 jobs. This achievement highlights the plant's commitment to supporting the local economy and providing substantial employment opportunities in regions that have long been in need of such developments. This significant contribution has had a ripple effect, positively impacting countless lives and invigorating the local economy

Among the many individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Sahiwal Power Plant is Rashid, whose personal journey exemplifies the impact of this industrial venture.

Rashid joined the company in 2016 as an unskilled laborer, entering a challenging job market with limited prospects. At that time, his employment situation was precarious, and providing for his family was a constant struggle. However, Rashid's story took a remarkable turn due to the opportunities afforded by Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy Pvt. Limited. Through rigorous training programs and hands-on experience, Rashid developed his skills and progressed from an unskilled laborer to a skilled technician. This transformation was not merely professional but also significantly improved his financial stability. Rashid's hard work and dedication allowed him to earn a better income, leading to a more secure and comfortable life for his family.

Today, Rashid proudly owns a motorbike and enjoys a standard of living that was previously beyond his reach. His success story is a testament to the plant's role in not only generating employment but also in fostering personal growth and development.

Another compelling example is Rafaqat, who joined the company in 2017 as a staff helper. His journey within the Sahiwal Power Plant has been marked by impressive professional growth and personal milestones. Rafaqat's dedication and commitment were recognized when he was promoted to the role of Manager of the Staff Colony. This promotion reflects the plant's emphasis on internal talent development and career progression.

Rafaqat's new role has not only increased his earning potential but also allowed him to provide a better quality of life for his family. Recently married, Rafaqat and his spouse are deeply grateful for the opportunities provided by the Sahiwal Power Plant.

Their improved financial situation and enhanced standard of living underscore the plant's broader impact on the lives of its employees.

Beyond the individual success stories, the Sahiwal Power Plant's contributions extend to several key areas of national and regional development.

The plant has set a benchmark in employment generation, reinforcing its status as a leading player in the local economy. Its operations have also contributed to an increase in Pakistan's tax revenue, reflecting the plant's role in supporting the country's fiscal health.

The plant's impact on government organizations is notable as well. By collaborating with Pakistan Railways, the Sahiwal Power Plant has facilitated the efficient transportation of coal from Karachi to the plant site, generating substantial revenue for the railway sector. This collaboration highlights the plant's role in supporting broader infrastructure and logistics networks.

In addition, the Sahiwal Power Plant has worked closely with the National Power Control Center (NPCC) to ensure grid stability, particularly in load centers. This collaboration has been crucial in maintaining a reliable power supply across the country. The plant's commitment to community support is also exemplary.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenging times, the Sahiwal Power Plant played an active role in providing aid to surrounding villages. Regular ration distributions and other forms of assistance have helped mitigate the effects of the pandemic and supported local residents in times of need.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1228495/sahiwal-coal-power-plant-transforms-lives-communities-through-cpec-flagship-project/>

Pakistan Observer

President XI desires to work together with PM Shehbaz to advance CPEC construction

ISLAMABAD – Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed desire to work together with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to promote strategic cooperation and advance the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

In a congratulatory letter to PM Shehbaz on his birthday, he stated that strengthening China-Pakistan relations is of utmost importance to him.

He expressed the desire to promote cooperation with Pakistan in various fields and enhance people-to-people contacts. He stated that strengthening China-Pakistan relations is of utmost importance to him.

The Chinese president noted that Pakistan and China are strategic cooperative partners through both good and challenging times. History is a witness that both countries always trusted and supported each other.

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The Express Tribune

Chinese projects have won hearts

LAHORE: The bond of Pakistan-China friendship is not based merely on strategic interests but is a relationship of heart and soul, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has declared while felicitating the neighbouring country on its national day.

The chief minister met Chinese Consul general Zhao Shiren and felicitated him on the 75th National Day of the People's Republic of China. Addressing the ceremony, she said, "Pakistan-China relations are based on mutual respect, trust and unwavering commitment to each other's prosperity."

She added, "The people of Punjab extend their best wishes and heartiest greetings to their Chinese brothers and sisters. The Chinese nation has not only reached the heights of development and innovation, but has also extended the hand of friendship to the international community. From the power corridor to the general development projects, China has won the hearts of the citizens."

CM Maryam Nawaz said, "China's greatness lies in its unwavering commitment to peace, cooperation and the welfare of humanity. We respect the great Chinese nation. The deep friendship between Pakistan and China is based on trust, respect and shared vision of a bright future. Our relationship with China is one of brotherly love, mutual respect and unwavering trust. Pakistan-China relations have stood the test of time. Brotherly country Pakistan celebrates China's wonderful achievements with pride. China's achievements are a source of inspiration and worth emulating for us as well."

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz also congratulated the people of Saudi Arabia, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz on the 94th National Day of Saudi Arabia.

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The News

Pakistan-China bond beyond strategic interests: Maryam

Faizan Bangash

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has said that Pakistan's friendship with China extends beyond strategic interests and remains deeply rooted.

Speaking at a ceremony to celebrate the 75th Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, the chief minister emphasised that China has always stood by Pakistan and that the bond between the two nations is heartfelt and enduring. She expressed the warm wishes of the Pakistani people to their Chinese counterparts on this significant occasion.

Maryam praised the Chinese nation for its remarkable progress and its efforts to extend a hand of friendship to other countries. She highlighted China's success in lifting millions out of poverty through economic reforms, adding that China has become a role model for the world in technology, infrastructure, and industry. The CM further acknowledged China's

leadership in global crises, including COVID-19, and its contributions as a permanent member of the UN Security Council in promoting peace and providing resources to needy countries.

Maryam Nawaz also reflected on former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's commitment to strengthening the Pakistan-China relationship, lauding China for its unwavering support to Pakistan on the global stage. She said that the friendship between Pakistan and China continues to grow stronger with each passing day. In his address, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider paid tribute to the Chinese nation for emerging as a global power. He said that the foundation of Pak-China friendship, as well as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, was laid by the PPP and further advanced by PMLN President Nawaz Sharif during his tenure as prime minister.

Zhao Shiren, Consul General of the People's Republic of China, said that no force in the region or beyond could undermine the strong Pak-China friendship. Speaking at the ceremony, he highlighted China's new journey toward building a modernised socialist country and reaffirmed the commitment to CPEC's success. "No single force can drive a wedge into our friendship, and no element can deter this noble undertaking," said Zhao. Zhao Shiren praised the all-weather relationship between China and Pakistan, based on sincerity, respect, and mutual support. He highlighted CPEC's achievements, including \$26 billion in direct Chinese investment, the creation of 240,000 jobs, and the positive transformation of Pakistan's power sector and infrastructure.

Zhao said that CPEC's second-phase development would bring further significant benefits to Pakistan, including the involvement of third parties in select projects. The consul general also announced upcoming milestones, such as the inauguration of the New Gwadar International Airport, the year-round opening of the Khunjerab Pass, and the start of the Karakoram Highway realignment project. He expressed confidence in the continued alignment of CPEC with Pakistan's 5Es strategy and said that talks on the Karachi-Hyderabad segment of Main Line-1 were progressing. Despite facing security challenges and false propaganda, Zhao stressed that the CPEC process has not been stalled. He lauded the Punjab government for creating a business-friendly environment for foreign investment, highlighting initiatives such as Nawaz Sharif IT City, Garment City, and the hospital project, as well as efforts to combat smog, launch air ambulance services, and introduce the Clinics-on-Wheels programme.

Zhao concluded by expressing appreciation for the development projects in Punjab and wishing continued progress for China, Pakistan, and the province. The ceremony concluded with CM Maryam Nawaz and Governor Sardar Saleem Haider cutting the cake to celebrate China's 75th Founding Day. This marked the first public appearance of both officials together since their recent disagreement over the appointment of vice-chancellors.

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TOMCL wins \$12m China beef deal

In a major development, The Organic Meat Company Limited (TOMCL) has secured a \$12-million contract from China for the supply of frozen cooked beef. The company, engaged in the processing, sale and export of halal meat and allied products, shared the development in its notice to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Tuesday. “The company has successfully secured a significant contract for the supply of frozen cooked beef meat to the People’s Republic of China,” read the notice. “This contract, valued at USD 12 million, is expected to be a major milestone in the company’s business operations, expanding its international footprint in the growing Chinese market for frozen cooked beef meat products,” added the company. TOMCL informed that the contract involves the supply of high-quality frozen cooked beef meat over the agreed period, with shipments scheduled to commence soon. “This partnership aligns with the company’s strategy of enhancing export operations and entering new markets, particularly in Asia, it said. TOMCL believes that the execution of this contract will have a favourable impact on its revenue and profitability for FY25. Earlier this month, TOMCL completed the second phase of operational expansion as it aims to cater to growing demand from China. “This phase adds capacity of 300 Metric Tons (MT) per month for the production of frozen cooked beef meat,” TOMCL said in its notice back then. Earlier this year, TOMCL became the first company in South Asia to successfully export heat-treated frozen beef meat products to China. In 2021, the Chinese customs authorities approved TOMCL to export heat-treated beef to China. Apart from China, Middle Eastern countries are TOMCL’s major export market. The company also has significant business in the Far East, Commonwealth of Independent States and South Asian markets.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1228918/tomcl-wins-12m-china-beef-deal/>

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China’s New Proposals of Anti-Terrorism and Mutual Survival

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The national and regional surge in terrorism, frequent infiltration from Afghanistan, activation of banned terrorists’ sanctuaries, secret sponsorship and support of the anti-Pak-China countries and grand design of international movers & shakers of China’s Containment have forced Pakistan and China to chalk out new holistic and comprehensive anti-terrorism strategy to eradicate elements of destruction and disability gearing CPEC towards completion.

According to reliable diplomatic and security experts most recently China has shared several proposals, including an anti-terrorism cooperation agreement and a joint security company, amid a renewed interest in deepening economic relations under the CPEC Phase-II in the country which is indeed a good omen for both the countries, all main stakeholders, potential businessmen, investors and policy makers, expediting inflows of FDIs, and cycle of qualitative industrialization, reallocation of the Chinese industries in Pakistan, formation of new economic corridors and last but not least, maintaining law & order situation and further

strengthening security arrangement for the safety & security of the Chinese workers and projects of the CPEC.

Interestingly, according to new proposals China has also proposed to include nearly two dozen leftover projects of Phase-I in the Phase-II of CPEC. The projects are related to railways, road infrastructure, LNG terminals, copper mines, hydropower and special economic zones. Thus signing of these proposals would open a new window of opportunity for both countries to jointly work for mutual socio-economic prosperity, integration and trans-regional connectivity through Gwadar Sea Port.

Hopefully, both sides may sign an agreement on anti-terrorism cooperation to address Chinese security concerns. Anti-terrorism cooperation, safety & security of the Chinese workers, investors, and the CPEC projects remained the hot debate during the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's to Beijing in which both sides had reiterated their commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations with zero tolerance attitude, and agreed to further strengthen cooperation in counterterrorism and security through a comprehensive approach, according to the joint statement issues after the visit.

Additionally, the sources said that China has also proposed to establish a joint company to ensure the security of its citizens already working in Pakistan or will be engaged during CPEC Phase-II. Spain, France, and Italy are among the EU countries that have signed such agreements with China in the past decade. Even most recently the Hungarian government has also inked a joint police patrolling agreement with China, so a joint hybrid security system is not a new phenomenon which may not be taken as any regional security to anybody. The Solomon Islands has become a prime example of their joint security cooperation countering all elements of terrorism.

Moreover, the Chinese Ministry for public security has also announced plans to train thousands of overseas law enforcement officers.

According to different official figures under Phase-I, both sides have completed 38 projects worth US\$25.2 billion. Of these, 17 projects valued at US\$18 billion were completed in the energy sector. About 26 projects worth US\$26.8 billion are in the pipeline and many of those have been included in CPEC Phase II.

Interestingly, China has also proposed that a vehicle-mounted mobile securing equipment project through cargo scanner, cargo and vehicle inspection mobile type, mobile container scanner for vehicle scanning system and mobile type vehicle security inspection system is used for trucks, containers and large vehicles' security checking. Therefore, it should be included in Phase-II besides undertaking a project on ballistic protective vehicles which would be a value addition in our security apparatus securing our cities, communities, corporations and people alike.

Chinese authorities are willing to cooperate in the areas of infrastructure, energy and minerals, industrial development, science and technology, safety and security, small livelihood assistance, people to people exchange and digital economy which should also be included in the CPEC Phase-II.

Beijing has also proposed a cooperation mechanism between the two governments so that the implementation of CPEC projects remains smooth during Phase-II. Chinese authorities have proposed a CPEC joint commission in this regard.

In summary, the ML-I mega project may also be revived in the CPEC Phase-II. The inclusion of Karachi Circular Railway, Karakoram Highway (Thakot-Raikot) section, technical support for New Gwadar International Airport, second phase of the Eastbay Expressway, reconstruction of the N-50 highway, submarine cable construction project, deepening of the Gwadar port and development of the Gwadar free zone as part of CPEC, Phase-II is a good omen which should be completed as soon as possible.

In the energy sector, China has proposed GEIP LNG Terminal project, National Refinery up-gradation and extension project, Suki Kinari hydropower project and Siyadiq copper project.

In industrial development, China is willing to consider further development of the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone, The Rashakai Industrial Park Project, Omara port ship repair project, Buffalo breeding and dairy processing project, and pepper cultivation demonstration and extension project.

It is suggested that to counter terrorism in Balochistan and KPK the use of FY-70 may be a good option in modern warfare. A Chinese new type of war drone that can rapidly multiply midair, a tactical shock and awe phenomenon against potential terrorists may also be included for border surveillance in border areas and North-South Waziristan. Last but not least a humanoid robot cooperation along with mobile/pager tracking/blasting would be effective measures against suicidal attacks against the Chinese workers and projects.

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Unlocking CPEC's SCO Potential

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China has emerged as the prime driver and a leader of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) not only in the political, economic and commercial sectors but also by providing the backbone of infrastructure, including roads, railroads, and air links. China has invested a total of \$150 billion, reinforcing its broader Eurasian strategic sectoral development. This figure includes direct investments, loans, and financial support provided through various Chinese financial institutions such as the AIIB and the Silk Road Fund.

Seeing is believing. During my visit to China in August 2024, I witnessed the breathtaking development taking place at a neck-breaking speed, particularly in Xinjiang and Shaanxi provinces, aimed at uplifting the SCO. While the SCO may not yet be equal to, it is becoming competitive with other regional organizations such as NATO, ASEAN, the EU, and BRICS. With two superpowers, China and Russia, as the engines of influence, weight, and financial might, the SCO, currently strong in Central Asia, is likely to expand its integration and scope to eventually become a global force. This will help balance Western influence, particularly in Eurasia, and serve as a platform for China and Russia to collaborate on regional issues.

During the visit, we observed that China has established sectoral hubs for all initiatives under the purview of the SCO, including security (counter-terrorism, regional stability) through the

institutional framework of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS). Economic cooperation is being advanced through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), with China committing over \$50 billion in infrastructure projects such as roads, railways, and energy pipelines to enhance connectivity within the SCO region.

China has invested over \$10 billion in the Digital Silk Road, focusing on digital infrastructure, including 5G networks, fiber optic cables, and smart city initiatives. It has invested \$5-7 billion in developing logistics hubs, warehousing, and cross-border trade facilities. It has invested in agricultural R&D and joint ventures within SCO member states at around \$2-3 billion, which includes funding for advanced farming techniques, seed development, and sustainable agriculture projects.

Besides providing sectoral hubs for SCO initiatives, which we witnessed firsthand, China is also pursuing highly capital-intensive bilateral projects with other SCO member countries.

In Tajikistan, China has invested approximately \$3 billion in road and power infrastructure projects, while the Khorgos Gateway on the China-Kazakhstan border, a major logistics hub, has seen \$2 billion in investments. Energy and industrial projects in Uzbekistan have attracted about \$4 billion, and agricultural cooperation with Kazakhstan has involved around \$1.5 billion. The China-Russia energy cooperation, particularly through the Power of Siberia gas pipeline, represents a \$55 billion investment, while the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor has seen investments of \$15 billion to enhance connectivity and trade.

The dividends of China's aggressive integration with other SCO members have been immense. Since the formation of the SCO, bilateral trade and investment with its members have significantly expanded. Trade with Russia reached a record \$190 billion in 2022, fuelled by energy cooperation and infrastructure investments. In Central Asia, China's trade with Kazakhstan surpassed \$25 billion. Uzbekistan saw trade grow to around \$8 billion, complemented by Chinese investments in agriculture and industrial sectors.

During our discussion, a key factor regarding Pakistan's inability to fully utilize the SCO forum became clear. Pakistan, with its limited road connectivity, has failed to establish direct road, air, or rail links with other SCO members, especially Central Asian countries (CAC), Belarus, and Russia.

Unlike other SCO countries, which have multiple transportation links, Pakistan's reliance on the KKH as its only road connection with China makes it vulnerable to disruptions and limits its scope for increasing trade or engaging in regional transportation networks.

Pakistan lacks direct railroad connections with other SCO member countries, including the CAC. In contrast, China, Russia, and the CAC are connected via major rail corridors that facilitate trade and transportation.

These countries are also connected through a network of highways, road links, and regional infrastructure projects. Pakistan, however, has not yet integrated into this network beyond its bilateral connection with China through the KKH. While Pakistan has air links with China, it lacks extensive air transportation routes with Central Asian SCO members. Air transport between Pakistan and other SCO states is relatively underdeveloped compared to the routes between China, Central Asia, and Russia.

Pakistan's limited transport links with other SCO members restrict its ability to fully benefit from the economic and trade opportunities within the organization. CAC, Russia, and China can trade and cooperate more seamlessly because of their physical connectivity, while Pakistan's relative isolation limits its engagement beyond its bilateral relationship with China.

This lack of connection to Central Asian markets and other SCO member states means Pakistan cannot easily participate in the expanding trade routes that China and Central Asia are developing. This isolation reduces Pakistan's potential role as a transit country for SCO trade and restricts its access to CAC markets.

Pakistan's limited integration into the SCO system compared to Central Asian states, Belarus, Russia, and others can be attributed to geopolitical tensions, infrastructural and economic limitations, security concerns, and internal political challenges. While Pakistan plays a vital role in China's bilateral strategy, particularly through CPEC, its integration within the broader SCO framework remains limited due to these complex factors.

China is making concerted efforts across all dimensions to create enabling conditions for Pakistan through the bilateral platform of CPEC, providing a gateway to fully capitalize on the SCO's opportunities. However, our inability to rise to the occasion stems from a national attitude marked by lethargy, lack of seriousness, and a failure to harness our inherent potential. It is crucial that we move beyond the petty issues that drain the energy of our already strained state structure. Now is the time to proactively enhance our regional connectivity, diversify our economic ties, deepen security cooperation, and take on a more active leadership role within the SCO. By leveraging our strategic position and engaging more deeply with other SCO members, Pakistan can maximize its benefits from the organization and play a stronger role in shaping regional affairs. The path forward requires decisive action, focused on long-term national interests, to unlock the full potential of our participation in the SCO.

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The Port of Dalian in China

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Dalian, located in northeastern China's Liaoning Province, was one of the first coastal cities in the country to open to the world and remains a key hub for shipping, logistics, and regional finance. The city has strengthened its global connections in recent years.

The Port of Dalian is one of China's busiest international ports on the Pacific Ocean, with shipping links to over 300 ports in more than 160 countries and regions worldwide. Its China-EU train services enhance connectivity and trade cooperation along the Belt and Road routes. In 2017, the port's freight container capacity reached 35,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a threefold increase from 2015. Since the Dalian Area of the China (Liaoning) Pilot Free Trade Zone launched in 2017, customs clearance efficiency has improved by 30%, and export speed has more than doubled.

The Dalian Container Terminal (DCT) operates seven berths that were previously owned by Nippon Yusen, Singapore Dalian Port Investment, and PSA China.

The port benefits from excellent rail and road connectivity and features extensive storage areas for cargo and containers.

Its modernized berths are deep-water, with an average depth of 16 meters.

Dalian's stunning beaches and distinctive scenery, which blend Eastern and Western architectural styles, have made it a prominent tourist destination in China. The city's picturesque coastal views and cultural fusion attract visitors from around the country and abroad.

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Shanghai coop organization, Shanghai spirit

Mazhar Javed

Some three weeks from now, Pakistan will be hosting the Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai Cooperation organization (SCO). Shanghai Cooperation Organization is an intergovernmental organization for cooperation. Its members include Pakistan, China, Russia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus. Besides, three countries have Observers status and another fourteen enjoy Dialogue Partner status.

SCO has a broad agenda encompassing cooperation in trade, economy, technology, culture, energy, communications and environment. It seeks to make joint endeavors for peace and stability in the region to create a just and rational political and economic international order.

SCO offers Pakistan an opportunity to realize the economic dividends of its geographical position. Pakistan is located at the crossroads of three important regions: Central Asia, South Asia and West Asia. Its direct border with China and CPEC massively add to its economic potential. This location is at the confluence of an ancient silk road. Pakistan's position on the map is a great economic asset that it must make full use of. Largely because of the situation in Afghanistan, this has so far remained a liability more than an asset.

That comes on the top of strong historical and cultural bonds that Pakistan has with these regions. Strength of these cultural and historical links simply cannot be overstated. Region that constitutes Pakistan today has been a melting pot of South, Central and West Asian cultures for more than a thousand years. Mughals came from Central Asia with their strong contribution to the Urdu language. Well over a thousand years ago Shah Rukn-i-Aalam and Bahauddin Zakria came from Uzbekistan. Shams Sabzwari had come from Iran. Mahiwal of famous love story Sohni Mahiwal was from Uzbekistan. For Pakistan, strengthening its communications, trade and other economic links with SCO members is important. Pakistan hosted an SCO Trade and Economy Ministers' meeting earlier this month. This meeting approved Pakistan's proposal to strengthen and facilitate cooperation between the Trade Promotion Organization of the member countries. 'If' made use of, that can help Pakistan diversify its trading partners and export commodities.

SCO says it underpins the principles of “Shanghai Spirit”. The Declaration that established SCO in 2001 said Shanghai Spirit embodies mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, joint consultations, respect for cultural diversity and aspiration for collective development. It was developed and felt during handling difficult border and security issues in the post Cold War period in late 1990s. Today, we are living in a world marked by discontent. 35 years after the Cold War have seen much more of war than 45 years of cold war. And that continues unabated. As we speak, world is seeing genocide in Gaza and war Ukraine. Pain of genocide in Gaza is being felt and protested against by the publics across the globe. Signs of immediate end to either of the two is nowhere in sight. Trust in the rule-based international system or the United Nations ability to deliver peace, security and justice is at its lowest ebb. On the economic front, Developing countries have for long felt betrayed and deprived of their due rights; on trade rules, on monetary discipline and on social is-sues.WTO system is weakening by the day with protectionism showing a robust comeback. Not that the WTO system was just and fair, but fear is that its collapse would be worse than its existence; a law of the jungle. On the environment, nations that polluted the environment for centuries are unwilling to shoulder their full responsibilities. In this air of discontent, hearing about Shanghai spirit comes like music to the ears. But hold on, words in diplomatic statements are always good and pleasing. Real challenge is in their implementation, especially when it comes to reconciling differences between nations with diverse ethos and policies. How does that translate into the SCO context. India has an irresistible itch to mess with all its neighbors. Two of its neighbors Pakistan and China sit next to it on SCO Conference tables and co-author joint statements and documents with it. One such document is ‘Comprehensive Action Plan (2023-2027) for Implementation of Long-Term Good Neighborliness, Friendship, and Cooperation among the SCO Members.

India’s opposition to CPEC runs diametrically opposed to Shanghai spirit. In SCO too, India has brought in a bilateral agenda. Poor diplomatic behavior, void of accepted norms, displayed by India during Pakistan Foreign Minister’s visit to India to attend SCO Meeting in 2023 was a clear statement of India putting bilateral disputes above multilateralism. Recall the Charter of the SCO calls for “equality and mutual benefit, resolution of all issues through mutual consultations, non-interference in internal affairs, non-use or threat of use of military force, and renunciation of unilateral military superiority in neighboring areas”.

India has a long history of putting regionalism subservient to bilateral issues. SAARC lost its steam because of repeated brakes applied by India on bilateral issues. India’s decision to participate or not in the upcoming SCO meeting in Islamabad will be important in assessing its respect for multilateralism, regional approach and Shanghai spirit.

Finally, for quite a while Pakistan has not hosted a major international event. Successful hosting a meeting of Heads of Government will provide us an opportunity for diplomatic showcasing and sending a message of our commitment to Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Shanghai spirit. To what extent, Shanghai spirit translates into reality remains to be seen. But certainly it requires a sincere effort on the part of all stakeholders.

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Book recounts China's glorious journey from ancient history to modern-day achievements

The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organized on Tuesday the launching ceremony of the book 'China Leads' by Dr Junaid Ahmad. The launching ceremony was attended by a large number of academics, scholars, diplomats, government officials and members of civil society. The book was reviewed by eminent scholars, including Ambassador Masood Khalid, former Ambassador of Pakistan to China, and Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, former Director of the China Study Centre, COMSATS University Islamabad. Former Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Masood Khalid praised the book for offering a rich historical context on China's rise, from its ancient civilization to its modern achievements under the Communist Party of China. He highlighted the book's insights on socio-economic development, and its pivotal role in global politics. He praised the book's detailed historical account, covering dynastic periods, China's modernization under Mao Zedong, and its current trajectory under President Xi Jinping. The book offers valuable insights into China's modernization efforts, poverty alleviation, and its strategic foreign relations, making it an essential resource for researchers and policymakers. He also suggested future editions should include discussions on China's Global Development, Security and Civilization Initiatives, further enhancing the book's relevance. Ambassador Khalid also commended the detailed research, making the book a valuable resource for those interested in China's history, foreign policy, and future direction. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan commended the book for its comprehensive account of China's rise as a global leader, not only economically, but also culturally, geopolitically, and ideologically. He highlighted the book's historical insights, China's strategic use of soft power, and its impact on global perceptions, particularly regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Dr. Junaid Ahmad, the author of the book stated that the book 'China Leads' emphasizes that the Chinese civilization and language embody wisdom and knowledge accumulated over 5,000 years. Throughout its history, China has never been an aggressor. It has only defended itself against numerous aggressors. Chairman Mao laid the foundation for China's global stature by making it a nuclear power in 1964. His successors, starting with Deng Xiaoping, guided China towards a market economy, with leaders like Xi Jinping continuing this trajectory, positioning China as a global leader in various fields.

Earlier in his remarks, Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director of the China Pakistan Study Center at ISSI, welcomed the audience, describing the book as a timely and insightful work on China's journey of leadership, innovation, and peace. He emphasized China's transformation from a nation to a global leader in economics, technology, and diplomacy, and highlighted the book's comprehensive narrative on China's rise and its contributions to global development.

Ambassador Khalid Mahmood while giving concluding remarks highlighted China's remarkable journey since 1949, driven by Confucius philosophy and consistent leadership under the Communist Party.

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The News

Pak-China friendship groups established in Senate, NA

ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani Tuesday said that Pakistan-China friendship groups have been established in the Senate and the National Assembly (NA) with the aim of strengthening the ties at the public level.

“We want close political and inter-parliamentary relations between Pakistan and China. There is a dire need to learn from experiences. So we can bring our people closer by sharing expertise,” he said during a meeting with a delegation of Chinese investors and businessmen, which met him here at the Parliament House

Gilani said that this meeting will further deepen the ideal commercial, economic, trade and investment relations between the two countries, as seeking closer political and inter-parliamentary relations between Pakistan and China will bring the peoples closer.

In the meeting, Senate Standing Committee on Finance Chairman Center Saleem Mandviwalla and Senate Standing Committee on Commerce Chairperson Senator Anusha Rehman, besides Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan were present.

Expressing his views to the Chinese delegation, Gilani said that China and Pakistan have an exemplary history of friendship. He noted the journey of friendship began in 1951 when both countries established diplomatic relations. In 1949, Pakistan was the first to recognize China and Pakistan is one of the first countries to recognize the People’s Republic of China and the first Islamic country to establish diplomatic relations with the PRC.

He said that the people of Pakistan consider China-Pakistan friendship as higher than a mountain, deeper than the sea and sweeter than honey.

Gilani said that the exchange of high-level delegations will further strengthen the friendship, noting China is Pakistan’s largest trade partner.

There was a detailed discussion with the leadership of China regarding the strengthening of bilateral cooperation.

The meeting noted bilateral cooperation will expand further in agricultural modernization, industrial development, mining and mineral resource exploration, science and information technology, educational and cultural partnership.

It was emphasized both sides not only want deeper economic linkages but also cultural cooperation.

The Chinese delegation described the visit to Pakistan as very successful.

The delegation expressed its preferences regarding investment in Pakistan and said that various Chinese companies are willing to invest in Pakistan.

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سی پیک؛ ایس آئی ایف سی کے تعاون سے ترکمانستان کی گوادریپورٹ تک رسائی

سی پیک کے منصوبے کے تحت معاشی اور تجارتی روابط کو فروغ دینے کے لیے پاکستان اور ترکمانستان کے مابین مفاہمتی یادداشت پر دستخط کیے جانے کا امکان ہے، جس کے بعد ایس آئی ایف سی کے تعاون سے ترکمانستان سی پیک معاہدے کے تحت گوادریپورٹ تک رسائی حاصل کرنے والا پہلا وسطی ایشیائی ملک بن جائے گا۔

اس معاہدے کا مقصد دونوں ممالک کی بندرگاہوں کی ممکنہ صلاحیتوں کو بروئے کار لاتے ہوئے ایشیا اور کنٹینرز کی آمدورفت کے استعمال کے لیے علاقائی اور بین الاقوامی تعاون قائم کرنا ہے۔ پاکستان اور ترکمانستان پہلے ہی مختلف مشترکہ منصوبوں کے تحت تاپنی پائپ لائن، ریلوے ٹریک اور فائبر کینکٹیوٹیٹی پر کام کر رہے ہیں جس کے ذریعے جنوبی اور وسطی ایشیا کو ملایا جاسکے گا۔

حکومت نے سی پیک کے تحت گوادریپورٹ اور ترکمنباشی کی بندرگاہوں کے درمیان ہونے والے معاہدے کے مسودے کی جانچ کے لیے ایک کمیٹی تشکیل دی ہے۔

واضح رہے کہ سی پیک کے تحت ہی گوادریپورٹ سے پبلک سیلٹر کی 50 فیصد درآمدات کی منظوری کے لیے کامینہ کمیٹی بھی تشکیل دی جا چکی ہے۔ گوادریپورٹ بندرگاہ کی ترقی علاقائی رابطوں میں اضافہ کر کے روزگار کے مواقع پیدا کرے گی اور اقتصادی ترقی کو متحرک کر کے غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری کو راغب کرنے میں بھی مددگار ثابت ہوگی۔

ایس آئی ایف سی کی معاونت سے گوادریپورٹ کو بحیثیت عالمی تجارتی مرکز بنانے اور فروغ دینے کے لیے اعلیٰ سطح پر حکومتی کاوشیں جاری ہیں۔ سی پیک کے منصوبوں پر عملدرآمد کے ذریعے معاشی استحکام و خوشحالی کے ساتھ ساتھ خطے میں موجود دیگر ممالک کے ساتھ معاشی اور تجارتی روابط کو فروغ ملے گا۔

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Global Sustainable Transport Forum

Aleem says trade corridors of CPEC guarantor of better transport system

RECORDER REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Addressing the opening session of the Global Sustainable Transport Forum 2024 in Beijing China, head of the Pakistani delegation and Federal Minister for Communications, Privatization and Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan has observed that trade corridors of CPEC with the support of China are the guarantor of our strong infrastructure and better transport system and CPEC and Belt Road Initiative (BRI) projects will benefit both Pakistan and China, equally.

He further said “our safe future lies in green energy and clean technology and we have to integrate our ports and highways keeping in mind the future requirements.”

Aleem Khan in his address at the two-day Global Sustainable Transport Forum clarified that the improvement of the communication system not only promoted the economy but also the culture and society while the economic improvement of transportation, employment provision and national development agenda were the impetus.

He said Pakistan was a supporter of the promotion of Public-Private Partnership and green technology through bilateral cooperation with China.

In his address, Aleem Khan pointed out that after the corona epidemic 2019, along with other changes global logistics had also been modified which took new dimension and integrated improvements in transport sectors through E-Commerce and digital methods.

He said “there is no doubt that Pakistan is facing major challenges of urban population growth and environmental degradation and we need to increase our resources.”

The safety of the citizens must also be taken into consideration for the improvement of transportation system, he added.

Aleem Khan specially thanked China’s Transport Minister Li Xiaopeng and appreciated the holding of this Forum which will provide the delegates of the participating countries with opportunities to benefit from each other’s experiences and to collaborate in future.

It is noteworthy that President Asif Ali Zardari also addressed the opening session of this Global Forum virtually while in addition to Pakistan and China, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Greece, Kuwait, Qatar, Kenya, Singapore, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Uzbekistan’s Ministers also participated and expressed their views. Deputy Prime Ministers of Nepal and Thailand also participated and addressed the Forum.

This two-day forum is hosted by the Minister of Transport of China, Li Xiaopeng who in his address expressed special thanks to Pakistan and assured further increase in the development of mutual cooperation and bilateral relations in all fields.

Meanwhile, addressing the Global Governance Session in Beijing, Aleem Khan said Pakistan was on the threshold of the second phase of CPEC as well as speedy work on the 5 “Es” of Economic Zones, Export, Energy, Equity and Environment had also been launched.

He said Pakistan and China would conduct Business-to-Business and Joint Ventures for attractive investment while a new framework will have to be followed for the improvement of highways and ports.

Aleem Khan said Gwadar Port would be a milestone for Pakistan and Central Asian countries. He said that there was a great scope for improvement in the Communication sector as the dream of increased industrial development could be true with better road infrastructure.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/09/26/2-page/1008623-news.html>

China’s ambassador meets Punjab CM, Nawaz

RECORDER REPORT

LAHORE: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zedong met with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, to discuss prospectus aimed at strengthening cooperation between China and Pakistan particularly in the areas of technology, business and investment. Both sides expressed optimism about the future of Pakistan-China relations, with Nawaz Sharif reflecting on the achievements of his previous government. Speaking on the occasion, Nawaz Sharif emphasized the strong bond between Pakistan and China. “We are proud of our relationship with China,” said Nawaz, adding: “Punjab is ready to embrace Chinese collaboration, particularly in infrastructure and technological advancements.” Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz expressed her vision of

economic cooperation with China, stating, “We can create economic miracles together.” She highlighted Punjab’s eagerness to welcome Chinese investors and announced plans to establish special “Chinese Economic Zones” to provide exclusive facilities and privileges to Chinese businesses. She also praised Chinese model for poverty reduction, noting that Pakistan could greatly benefit from it. The Chinese ambassador, Jiang Zedong, expressed appreciation for the welfare initiatives led by Maryam Nawaz in Punjab, such as the Kissan Card and Tractor Scheme, which the objective to support the agricultural sector. He assured Chinese willingness to invest in Punjab’s agriculture sector and announced that 1,000 Pakistani farmers will receive training from Chinese experts in modern farming techniques.

Ambassador Zedong further stressed that China highly values its friendship with Pakistan and highlighted the progress in bilateral ties during PML-N’s tenure. “China will welcome Punjab’s inclusion in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC),” he said. He also invited Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz to visit China, which she graciously accepted. Nawaz expressed his gratitude to China, calling it a “trusted friend” and stating, “We take pride in our relationship with this great nation.” He further added that Punjab welcomes Chinese collaboration in developing infrastructure and technology, and together, they can achieve economic miracles. The CM emphasised Punjab’s readiness to welcome Chinese investors and highlighted the potential of learning from Chinese poverty reduction model, which could greatly benefit Pakistan. “We consider China’s success as our own and are always ready to work together for the prosperity of Punjab,” Maryam said. Ambassador Zedong stated that China plans to invest in Punjab’s agriculture sector, including doubling the area under hybrid rapeseed cultivation from the current 500,000 acres. The meeting was attended by Senator Pervaiz Rasheed, Senior Provincial Minister Marriyam Aurangzeb, Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman and other officials. Moreover, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, while addressing a function at the University of Agriculture in Faisalabad, said that the law would take its due course, if anybody would indulge in illegal activities in Punjab. Maryam Nawaz said that the PTI was not comfortable with the relief provided by the provincial government to the people in electricity bills. “It appears that for you (PTI), the masses are non-entities,” she said.

She claimed that out of 1,000 jobs given during her stint as the chief minister, not a single was given in violation of merit. She said political instability was not new for the PML-N. “But the fact is that some people have brought a bad name to politics,” she said.

Maryam said the provincial government is committed to support small-scale farmers and boost agricultural productivity in the province.

While addressing the Kissan Cards distribution ceremony in Faisalabad, she said forty thousand farmers will receive Kissan Cards, under which they can access to interest-free loans and subsidies for agricultural inputs like seeds and fertilizers. She said that this initiative is part of a broader program aimed at empowering farmers across Punjab.

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Daily Times

Pakistan, Turkmenistan to sign MoU for Gwadar port access under CPEC

* SIFC-supported initiative aims to boost regional economic and trade ties

Pakistan and Turkmenistan are set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that would grant Turkmenistan access to Gwadar Port under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. This agreement, facilitated by the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), would make Turkmenistan the first Central Asian country to gain such access through CPEC. The primary objective of this accord is to establish regional and international cooperation for the movement of goods and containers, leveraging the potential capabilities of both nations' ports. This development aligns with ongoing collaborative projects between Pakistan and Turkmenistan, including the TAPI pipeline, railway track, and fiber connectivity initiatives, aimed at linking South and Central Asia. In preparation for this agreement, the Pakistani government has formed a committee to review the draft agreement between Gwadar and Turkmenbashi ports under CPEC. Additionally, a separate cabinet committee has been established to approve 50% of public sector imports through Gwadar Port. The development of Gwadar Port is expected to generate employment opportunities, stimulate economic growth, and attract foreign investment by enhancing regional connectivity. High-level governmental efforts, supported by SIFC, are underway to promote Gwadar as a global trade hub. The implementation of CPEC projects is anticipated to foster economic stability and prosperity while strengthening economic and trade relations with other countries in the region.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229088/pakistan-turkmenistan-to-sign-mou-for-gwadar-port-access-under-cpec/>

Pak, China sign 5 deals on disaster prevention

Pakistan and China have signed five agreements to strengthen cooperation in disaster prevention under the China-Pakistan Belt and Road Joint Laboratory on Smart Disaster Prevention of Major Infrastructures. The agreements were signed between Southeast University of China and five Pakistani institutions including Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, and University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Peshawar, China Economic Net reported on Wednesday. The cooperation would help advance research in areas including earthquake engineering, structural health monitoring, and disaster risk reduction technologies. It would likely to help establish new research and development facilities in Pakistan, providing a framework for future projects. Both sides called for policy support from their governments and disaster management authorities to ensure the success of the joint initiatives. The agreements also outline plans for talent exchange programmes and joint efforts to develop international standards in disaster prevention technologies. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229087/pak-china-sign-5-deals-on-disaster-prevention/>

Sahiwal coal power plant exceeds annual capacity test expectations

The annual capacity test for the Sahiwal Coal-Fired Power Plant, a flagship energy project operated by Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy Pvt. Limited, was successfully completed as the plant exceeded its allocated capacity of 1243.517 MW by achieving a remarkable output of 1245.3 MW during a rigorous six-hour full-load continuous test.

The capacity test was overseen by officials from key governmental and regulatory bodies, including the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G), the National Power Control Center (NPCC), and the National Transmission & Dispatch Company (NTDC), said a press release issued here Wednesday.

The event highlighted the exceptional performance of the Sahiwal Power Plant, which has been in commercial operation since October 28, 2017.

Key personnel present at the test included Bilal Khalid, Deputy Manager of CPPA-G, and Ahsaan Jamil, Assistant Manager. From NPCC, Khushi Muhammad Saleem and Shafiullah, Deputy and Assistant Managers respectively, provided their oversight.

The NTDC team, including Tariq Mehmood Bhatti, Addl. Manager 220KV Kasowal grid station, Muhammad Hashim Bhatti, Deputy Manager (P&I) for the 500KV Grid Station in Yousafwala, and other officials from the Yousafwala and Kasowal grid stations, were also present to monitor the test and assess the plant's performance.

Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy Pvt. Limited was represented by a distinguished team led by Chief Engineer Mr. Wu Xiaolong, Director of Operations Mr. Gao Guangxin, and other senior officials, including Mr. Chen Han and Mr. Xu Huabin.

The successful completion of the capacity test has drawn widespread praise from government officials and industry leaders alike.

NPCC officials commended Huaneng Shandong Ruyi for maintaining exemplary operational standards, emphasizing the plant's role in providing both active and reactive power to meet national grid demands. Officials from the Yousafwala and Kasowal grid stations acknowledged the positive impact of the Sahiwal Power Plant on grid stability, which has contributed significantly to the reliability of electricity supply in the region. "This achievement not only underscores the technical capabilities of our team but also highlights our commitment to providing stable and reliable power to the national grid," said Mr. Wu Xiaolong, Chief Engineer of Huaneng Shandong Ruyi.

As the country moves forward, Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy Pvt. Limited remains committed to improving power performance and ensuring grid stability. The company promises to continue delivering high-quality energy solutions, enhancing the overall reliability of the national grid for the benefit of all stakeholders.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229076/sahiwal-coal-power-plant-exceeds-annual-capacity-test-expectations/>

Pakistan seeks Chinese partnership at Xi'an moot

Pakistan gets ample opportunities at the 8th Silk Road International Exposition held in Xi'an conference seeking Chinese partnership.

Pakistan's Oil and Gas Development Company signed a MoU with Chinese company CCDC for exploration of shale and tight gas potential in Pakistan. Both sides reached the agreement at 8th Silk Road International Exposition held in Xi'an, China from September 20-24, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Wednesday. Pakistan was the guest country at this year's Expo. Minister of Petroleum, along with leading petroleum companies attended the event and introduced investment opportunities in Pakistan, seeking partnership. At the 8th Silk Road International Exposition, China has witnessed record-number participation from the international community, demonstrating the magnetism of China's opportunities.

Country- and sector-specific pavilions and booths had been set up by 73 international business associations and enterprises from 41 countries on five continents as well as overseas Chinese businessmen, registering new highs in the number of participating countries and the variety of products on display. Apart from expanding market opportunities, international enterprises also come for investment and joint ventures. It is learned that a total of 62 international exhibitors from 28 countries and international organizations, including the United Kingdom, Italy, Pakistan, Russia, and South Korea, went to the sector-specific exhibition areas in batches in search of opportunities of cooperation.

Navruz Zaripov, Head of Investment and Trade for the Government of Samarkand, Uzbekistan, emphasized that China's industrial upgrades serve as a key attraction for international businesses. During the Exposition period, a new trans-Caspian route of the China-Europe Railway Express was launched, connecting Xi'an with countries around the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea, opening new avenues for regional countries to share the dividend of China's development.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229032/pakistan-seeks-chinese-partnership-at-xian-moot/>

China launches intercontinental missile into Pacific in rare test

China said it test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile on Wednesday, firing it into the Pacific Ocean in a rare trial run that flexed its military might. Beijing has stepped up its nuclear development in recent years, with the Pentagon last October warning China was developing its arsenal more quickly than the United States had anticipated.

China held more than 500 operational nuclear warheads as of May 2023 and is likely to have more than 1,000 by 2030, it said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229033/china-launches-intercontinental-missile-into-pacific-in-rare-test/>

Pakistan, China working together to build an upgraded version of CPEC: Chinese CG

The Consul General of People's Republic of China in Karachi, Yang Yundong has said China and Pakistan were working together to build an "upgraded version" of CPEC as per consensus of the leadership of both the countries.

He said this while addressing a reception hosted on 75th National Day of People's Republic of China here at Karachi Consulate on Tuesday night.

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori, Chief Minister Syed Murad Shah, provincial Ministers, diplomats of different countries and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Consul General Yang Yundong said Pakistan and China are good neighbors connected by mountains and rivers and good friends with shared trust and integrity.

Over the 73 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, Pakistan and China have maintained mutual respect and support, forging the "ironclad brother" friendship, Yang said, adding that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an important pilot project of the Built Road Initiative (BRI).

He said CPEC was launched in 2013 and now both sides are working for an "upgraded version" of the project. We should fully implement the important consensus of the leaders of our two countries, Yang Yundong added.

He said China will work with Pakistan to upgrade and renovate the Main Line-1 (ML-1) railway, continue enhancing other infrastructure, fully release the potential of these infrastructures, and consolidate the foundation for Pakistan's sustainable development. He said China will encourage investment in Pakistan's automobile manufacturing and new energy sectors, promote technical cooperation in textiles, minerals, fisheries and agricultural and sideline products and further deepen cooperation between the two countries on all fronts.

He said China is eager to further strengthen cultural and people to people exchanges and cooperation, particularly in areas like education, sports, media and think tank.

He also referred post floods disaster reconstruction projects for schools in Sindh province. He said China firmly supports Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism. He said he had served in Karachi for nearly a year and half and deeply felt the profound heritage of China Pakistan friendship.

He also thanked to the friends from all walks of life in Sindh and Balochistan for their long standing support and assistance.

Yang Yundong also shed light on China's unprecedented growth and development and said China's development is to provide a better life for its people not about competing with other countries, let alone seeking hegemony.

He said the IMF recently raised its forecast for China's growth this year to 5% in its latest World Economic Outlook report.

He said China's GDP in first half of this year reached 61.7 trillion yuan.

Speaking in the occasion, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said Pakistan and China would continue to work together to develop projects that promote sustainable growth, particularly in areas such as renewable energy, digital connectivity, and industrialization.

He extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Chinese government and its people on this momentous milestone.

Shah said that China's remarkable journey over the past 75 years, under the visionary leadership of its government, was a source of inspiration for many across the globe. "The rapid economic growth, the technological advancements, and the societal progress that China has achieved in such a short period are nothing short of extraordinary," he said.

The historical and diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China, have been strong since the era of founder chairman of Pakistan Peoples Party Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, CM recalled and said that Shaheed Bhutto's relationship with Chairman Mao Zedong was crucial in laying the foundation for the Pakistan-China partnership.

Referring to the recent visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China, CM Sindh said it had injected fresh energy into this bond, with the signing of several agreements set to further strengthen our bilateral ties, especially as we look ahead to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, which Pakistan is honoured to host in Islamabad this October.

He disclosed that President Asif Ali Zardari will visit China in November this year.

Shah said that collaborative efforts in infrastructure development to the energy sector, our relationship with China has continued to flourish. "The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has played a pivotal role in strengthening these ties, and Sindh has been at the forefront of this partnership," he said.

The Chief Minister said that Pakistan-China's collaboration in various sectors, such as infrastructure, agriculture, technology and education, was a testament to our shared vision for progress," he said and added that China's expertise, combined with Sindh's resources, could create new development opportunities, fostering a brighter future for our people.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229144/pakistan-china-working-together-to-build-an-upgraded-version-of-cpec-chinese-cg/>

CUI marks Chinese mid-autumn festival

The Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated at COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) on late Tuesday through arranging a number of activities, showcasing the vibrant cultural traditions of China.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, coinciding with China's 75th anniversary, was aimed at fostering cultural exchange between Pakistan and China, with activities reflecting both countries' rich cultural heritage.

The celebration began with the inauguration of the Pak-China Art and Cultural Exhibits, displaying a stunning array of artwork and cultural symbols that highlighted the deep connection between both nations.

Following the inauguration, participants were treated to performances representing the rich cultural traditions of China, including instrumental performances and various presentations on cultural values.

The Chief Representative of PowerChina in Pakistan, Mr. Yu Chao, as a chief guest, delivered remarks, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to participate in an event symbolizing harmony and friendship.

He also highlighted the immense contribution of PowerChina to strengthen the energy sector of Pakistan.

Recalling the cherished memories in Pakistan, he said that he had spend a long period of his career in this country and received love and respect from its people.

He said relationship between Pakistan and China is not only limited to the state level but at the level of common people.

Prof. Dr. Sohail Asghar, Incharge of COMSATS Islamabad Campus, emphasized the role of such cultural events in strengthening ties between the two countries.

He also highlighted the educational and cultural significance of the Mid-Autumn Festival, a celebration of unity, good fortune, and peace.

Rector of COMSATS University Islamabad, Dr. Sajjad Qamar earlier presented the welcoming address.

He said that the friendship between Pakistan and China is often described as higher than the mountains and deeper than the oceans.

Pakistan-China relationship has grown from one of diplomatic cooperation to a multifaceted bond that spans economics, defense, infrastructure, and culture.

The workshops were conducted on traditional Chinese arts, including Chinese Calligraphy and Paper Lantern Making,

giving participants a hands-on experience with China's artistic heritage. A cultural exchange workshop explored the traditions and legends behind the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The event concluded with a mooncake section and the release of lanterns, symbolizing the shared hopes and dreams of all attendees.

The participants enjoyed a peaceful and reflective atmosphere, symbolizing unity under the full moon.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1229024/cui-marks-chinese-mid-autumn-festival/>

Dawn News

China commits help for four mega road projects

ISLAMABAD: China has agreed to assist Pakistan in completing four major projects in the transportation and communications sectors.

Minister for Privatisation and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan discussed this collaboration with China's Minister for Transport Li Xiapeng in Beijing on Tuesday, who expressed keen interest in joint ventures and working together on these important projects.

According to the details, Pakistan and China will work together for the completion of ML-1, M-6 and M-9 projects while the second phase of Karakoram Highway (KKH) and the construction of Kaghan-Naran, Jhal Khand, Babusar Top and Tunnel till KKH will be constructed.

Mr Aleem arrived in Beijing to attend the International Transport Conference on Wednesday.

Public-private partnerships and other financial modalities were not just discussed, but a strong commitment was made to ensure their success. It was emphasised that the missing links to CPEC projects, including the motorway from Sukkur to Hyderabad and Karachi, will be completed.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1860928/china-commits-help-for-four-mega-road-projects>

Pakistan Observer

All Pakistan Chinese Association celebrates 75 years of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

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48pc Chinese Cos working in Pakistan want to expand their businesses:

Jiang Zaidong

China Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Jiang Zaidong said that they conducted a survey according to which 48 per cent of Chinese companies want to maintain and expand their businesses in Pakistan.

“We need to expand and consolidate our cooperation. We need to increase cooperation in different sectors including mining and agriculture,” said the Chinese envoy.

He expressed these words during a “High Level Private Leaders Dialogue” xheld under the aegis of newly established Pakistan Regional Economic Forum (PREF) to discuss the potential joint venture opportunities in the region at a local hotel on Wednesday.

Chinese Consul General in Lahore Mr. Zhao Shireen and other Chinese officials also graced the occasion. Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Pakistan Observer Faisal Zahid Malik also took part in the dialogue discussion.

Pakistan former Ambassador to China Naghmana Hashmi and Vice-Admiral (R) Khan Hasham bin Siddique were also present there.

The event was co-chaired by the Chinese Ambassador Mr. Jiang Zaidong and was attended by business leaders of Pakistan. The Minister for Finance Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, addressed the audience via zoom link from New York.

Addressing the forum, the Chinese Ambassador emphasized the need to strengthen confidence in the development prospects of Pakistan confidence in China-Pakistan relations and in the bright future of mankind.

“First, we need to strengthen confidence and work hard. Confidence in the development prospects of Pakistan, confidence in China-Pakistan relations and confidence in the bright future of the mankind,” said the Chinese ambassador.

He emphasized that they must keep the development of the country and the destiny of national development in their own hands. He further stated that in order to strive for practical results, they must consolidate, deepen and expand China-Pakistan cooperation.

Moreover, they need to take the agricultural advantages of neighboring provinces as an example to discuss the agricultural cooperation between China and Pakistan. Also, Pakistan should offer enhanced mutually beneficial preferential policies for Chinese and regional entrepreneurs.

The Chinese Ambassador stated that current problems in Pakistan’s energy sector was not due to Chinese enterprises or the concept of CPEC but due to Pakistan’s perennial issues in the sector. He pointed out that Pakistan’s energy sector had entered an adjustment phase, while power generation capacity had been enhanced, Pakistan’s energy sector is going through a systemic transition towards gaining more efficiency and price stability.

Mr. Jiang Zaidong said that “Our friends have mentioned many advantages and I am agree with them,”.

“Of course, Pakistan geographical location is significant, and therefore we believe that it is window of Asia,” said the Chinese Ambassador.

He also mentioned the great potential of Pakistan by saying that its 60 per cent of population is under 30. He also acknowledged that there are many natural resources in Pakistan. Pakistan, he said, is a major producer of cotton and wheat and other agricultural products in the world.

The ambassador also lauded the incumbent government under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif by saying that Pakistan’s GDP growth is now on the positive trajectory. Inflation, he said, also got reduced while the foreign reserves also improved now.

<https://pakobserver.net/48pc-chinese-cos-working-in-pakistan-want-to-expand-their-businesses-jiang-zaidong/>

The News

Islamic scholars return from China, hail religious freedom in Xinjiang

LAHORE: An 11-member delegation of scholars, led by Dr. Muhammad Raghیب Hussain Naeemi, Chairman of the Council of Islamic Ideology, has returned after a successful 10-day visit to China, invited by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The delegation visited Beijing, Xi’an, Kashgar, and Urumqi, where they held discussions with representatives from the ministry of foreign affairs, mosque committees in various cities, and leaders of the Communist Party.

They also visited the ancient Xi’an Mosque, the Eidgah Mosque in Kashgar, and the Xinjiang Muslim Institute, meeting with prominent Muslim leaders such as Sheikh Abdul Raqeeb, Sheikh Ibrahim, and Sheikh Juma. Commenting on the visit, Dr. Naeemi said that Muslims in Xinjiang, China’s westernmost province, enjoy both religious and economic freedom due to the Chinese government’s positive policies.

He emphasised that the government is actively restoring places of worship for religious minorities and preserving their cultural traditions. Under the guidance of the Islamic Association of Xinjiang, the Muslim Institute trains imams and khateebis for mosques and is responsible for publishing the Quran and other religious books.

Thanks to Chinese government investments worth billions of yuan, the economic conditions of Muslims in Xinjiang, particularly in Kashgar, are improving. Kashgar’s ancient city has been renovated and reopened to tourists, where approximately 170,000 Muslims reside.

This transformation has significantly boosted the local economy and contributed to a marked reduction in extremism. Since 2016, efforts have successfully eradicated terrorism in the region.

Dr. Naeemi highlighted the similarities between Pakistan and China in their fight against terrorism and extremism, stressing that both countries could benefit from each other’s experiences. The delegation also visited the shrine of Sufi saint Khwaja Afaq Naqshbandi in Kashgar.

The delegation included Barrister Zafarullah Khan, Maulana Hamidul Haq Haqqani, Maulana Muhammad Idrees, Allama Allah Bakhsh Kalyar, Maulana Muhammad Tahir, Maulana Abdul Waheed, and others.

This visit is considered significant in enhancing Pakistan-China relations, particularly concerning the Muslim community, and will further strengthen the friendship between the two countries.

The delegation expressed gratitude to the Chinese Embassy and the ministry of foreign affairs for facilitating the successful trip.

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‘BRI, CPEC projects to benefit China, Pakistan equally’

Islamabad: Minister for Communications, Privatisation and Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan Wednesday said that projects initiated under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Project (CPEC) will benefit both Pakistan and China, equally.

Addressing the opening session of the Global Sustainable Transport Forum 2024, which was held in Beijing China, the minister observed that trade corridors of CPEC with the support of China are the guarantor of our strong infrastructure and better transport system. He further said that our safe future lies in green energy and clean technology and we have to integrate our ports and highways keeping in mind the future requirements.

Aleem Khan, in his address at the two-day Global Sustainable Transport Forum clarified that the improvement of the communication system not only promotes the economy but also the culture and society while the economic improvement of transportation, employment provision and national development agenda are the impetus. He said that Pakistan is a supporter of the promotion of Public-Private Partnership and green technology through bilateral cooperation with China.

Aleem Khan pointed out that after the Corona epidemic 2019, along with other changes global logistics have also been modified which took new dimension and integrated improvements in transport sectors through E-Commerce and digital methods. He said that there is no doubt that Pakistan is facing major challenges of urban population growth and environmental degradation and we need to increase our resources.

The safety of the citizens must also be taken into consideration for the improvement of transportation system, he added. He specially thanked China’s Transport Minister Li Xiaopeng and appreciated the holding of this Forum which will provide the delegates of the participating countries with opportunities to benefit from each other’s experiences and to collaborate in future.

Deputy Prime Ministers of Nepal and Thailand also participated and addressed the Forum. This two-day Forum is hosted by the Minister of Transport of China, Li Xiaopeng who in his address expressed special thanks to Pakistan and assured further increase in the development of mutual cooperation and bilateral relations in all fields.

Meanwhile, addressing the Global Governance Session in Beijing, Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that Pakistan is on the threshold of the second phase of CPEC as well as speedy work on the 5 'Es' of Economic Zones, Export, Energy, Equity and Environment has also been launched.

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Book on China as leader launched

Rasheed Khalid

Islamabad: Former ambassador to China Masood Khalid has praised the book "China Leads" by Dr Junaid Ahmad for offering a rich historical context on China's rise from its ancient civilization to modern achievements under the Communist Party of China.

The book was launched here by Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS). Mr Masood highlighted the book's insights on socio-economic development and its pivotal role in global politics. He appreciated the book's detailed historical account, covering dynastic periods, China's modernisation under Mao Zedong and its current trajectory under President Xi Jinping.

He said the book offers valuable insights into China's modernisation efforts, poverty alleviation and its strategic foreign relations, making it an essential resource for researchers and policymakers. He also suggested future editions should include discussions on China's global development, security and civilisation initiatives, further enhancing the book's relevance. Mr Khalid also commended the detailed research, making the book a valuable resource for those interested in China's history, foreign policy and future direction.

Dr Tahir Mumtaz Awan, former Director, China Study Centre, COMSATS University, commended the book for its comprehensive account of China's rise as a global leader not only economically but also culturally, geopolitically and ideologically.

He highlighted the book's historical insights, China's strategic use of soft power and its impact on global perceptions, particularly regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Dr Junaid Ahmad stated that the Chinese civilisation and language embody wisdom and knowledge accumulated over 5,000 years. Throughout its history, China had never been an aggressor. It has only defended itself against numerous aggressors. Chairman Mao laid the foundation for China's global stature by making it a nuclear power in 1964. His successors, starting with Deng Xiaoping, guided China towards a market economy, with leaders like Xi Jinping continuing this trajectory, positioning China as a global leader in various fields. Dr Talat Shabbir, Khalid Mahmood from ISS also spoke on the occasion.

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CUI marks Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Islamabad: The Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated at Comsats University, Islamabad (CUI) on late Tuesday through arranging a number of activities, showcasing the vibrant cultural traditions of China.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, coinciding with China's 75th anniversary, was aimed at fostering cultural exchange between Pakistan and China, with activities reflecting both countries' rich

cultural heritage. The celebration began with the inauguration of the Pak-China Art and Cultural Exhibits, displaying a stunning array of artwork and cultural symbols that highlighted the deep connection between both nations.

Following the inauguration, participants were treated to performances representing the rich cultural traditions of China, including instrumental performances and various presentations on cultural values. The Chief Representative of PowerChina in Pakistan, Yu Chao, as a chief guest, delivered remarks, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to participate in an event symbolizing harmony and friendship.

He also highlighted the immense contribution of PowerChina to strengthen the energy sector of Pakistan. Recalling the cherished memories in Pakistan, he said that he had spend a long period of his career in this country and received love and respect from its people. He said relationship between Pakistan and China is not only limited to the state level but at the level of common people. Prof. Dr. Sohail Asghar, Incharge of Comsats, Islamabad Campus, emphasized the role of such cultural events in strengthening ties between the two countries.

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Express News

ایس آئی ایف سی کی معاونت سے چین کا پاکستان میں ٹیکسٹائل پارکس کے قیام کا اعلان

ایس آئی ایف سی کی معاونت سے چین کے روپی شیڈونگ گروپ نے پاکستان کے صوبہ سندھ اور پنجاب میں ٹیکسٹائل پارکس قائم کرنے کا اعلان کر دیا: اسلام آباد ہے۔

ٹیکسٹائل پارکس کا قیام سی بیک کا حصہ ہے، جس کا مقصد دونوں ممالک کے درمیان اقتصادی تعاون کو بڑھانا اور دو طرفہ تعلقات کو فروغ دینا ہے۔

چین سے آئے ہوئے روپی شیڈونگ گروپ کے وفد نے حالیہ دورہ پاکستان کے دوران اس منصوبے کے پیش نظر پاکستان بورڈ آف انویسٹمنٹ کے ساتھ مفاہمی یادداشت پر دستخط کیے۔

چین کے وفد نے پاکستان میں غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری کو آسان بنانے کے لیے ایس آئی ایف سی کے اقدامات پر اپنے مکمل اعتماد کا اظہار کیا۔

ٹیکسٹائل پارکس کے قیام کا مقصد ٹیکسٹائل کی برآمدات میں 5 بلین ڈالر تک اضافہ اور عالمی ٹیکسٹائل حب کے طور پر پاکستان کی پوزیشن کو بہتر بنانا ہے۔

اس منصوبے کے تحت چین کی تقریباً 100 بڑی ٹیکسٹائل کمپنیوں کی سرمایہ کاری کے ذریعے برآمدات میں 2 بلین ڈالر سے 5 بلین ڈالر تک اضافہ متوقع ہے۔

اس کے علاوہ، یہ منصوبہ مقامی باشندوں کے لیے 5 لاکھ تک ملازمتیں پیدا کر کے معاشی ترقی میں اہم کردار ادا کر سکے گا۔

ان ٹیکسٹائل پارکس کو جدید ٹیکنالوجی اور شمسی توانائی کے ذریعے کام کرنے کے لیے ڈیزائن کیا جائے گا جن میں کاربن کا اخراج صفر ہو گا۔ یہ ٹیکسٹائل پارکس ملک میں ٹیکسٹائل کی صنعت کی ترقی و خوشحالی سمیت معیشت کے فروغ میں کلیدی کردار ادا کریں گے۔

ایس آئی ایف سی کے تعاون سے ملک میں سرمایہ کاری کے مجموعی ماحول کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے کیے جانے والے پالیسی سطح کے اقدامات قابل تحسین ہیں۔

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Nawaiwaqt News

شنگھائی کانفرنس اور اکثریتی فیصلہ پر عملدرآمد کا سوال

شام 7 بجے سے رات کے بارہ بجے تک ریٹوٹ کے بٹن دباتے ہوئے ”حالاتِ حاضرہ“ کو زیر بحث لاتے کسی بھی ٹی وی شو پر رکیں تو گماں ہوتا ہے کہ ہماری قوم ان دنوں آئین پاکستان کی ہر شق پر عملدرآمد ہو تا دیکھنے کو بے چین ہے۔ اسے یہ فکر بھی لاحق ہو چکی ہے کہ عدالتی فیصلوں کا دل و جان سے احترام ہو۔ عدالتی فیصلوں پر عمل پیرائی کو بے چین نظر آتی میری قوم مگر بھول چکی ہے کہ 4 اپریل 1979ء کو ایک وزیر اعظم کا پھانسی پر لٹکائے جانا بھی ایک عدالتی فیصلے ہی کا نتیجہ تھا۔ عدالت ہی نے وزیر اعظم یوسف رضا گیلانی کو بھی ایک چٹھی نہ لکھنے کی وجہ سے توہین عدالت کا مرتکب ٹھہراتے ہوئے ان کے منصب سے فارغ کر دیا تھا۔ نواز شریف وطن عزیز کے جب تیسری بار وزیر اعظم تھے تو خود کو ”صادق و امین“ ثابت کرنے کے لئے سپریم کورٹ کے ہاتھوں تشکیل پائی ریاست کے چند تفتیشی اور جاسوسی اداروں کے تنخواہ دار ملازموں پر مشتمل بے آئی ٹی کے سامنے پیش ہوتے رہے۔ بالآخر فیصلہ یہ ہوا کہ موصوف اپنے فرزند سے تنخواہ نہ لینے کے باوجود طے ہوئی تنخواہ سے ٹیکس حکام کو آگاہ نہ رکھتے تھے۔ اس کے علاوہ ان کے پاس خلیجی ملک میں سفر اور رہائش کے لئے ”اقامہ“ بھی تھا۔ ریاست کو اس کے بارے میں بھی بے خبر رکھا گیا۔ مذکورہ ”جرائم“ کی بنیاد پر نواز شریف کو تاحیات انتخابی سیاست میں حصہ لینے کے لئے نااہل قرار دے دیا گیا تھا۔

لطیفہ یہ بھی ہوا کہ موجودہ سپریم کورٹ ڈالوفتار علی بھٹو کی پھانسی اور نواز شریف کی تاحیات نااہلی کو کئی برس گزر جانے کے بعد عدالتی غلطی قرار دے چکی ہے۔ میرے اور آپ جیسے بے شمار پاکستانی حقوق و فرائض کے حامل ”شہری“ نہیں۔ حکمران اثر افیہ کی بے بس ولاچار رعایا ہیں۔ بے بس ولاچار رعایا کا حصہ ہوتے ہوئے اکثر یہ سوچنے کو مجبور ہو جاتا ہوں کہ میرے مر جانے کے بعد کوئی سپریم کورٹ یہ فیصلہ بھی تو سنا سکتی ہے کہ گزرے پیر کی صبح سپریم کورٹ کے 18 اکثریتی ججوں کی جانب سے عوام کے روبرو لایا فیصلہ آئینی اور قانونی اعتبار سے درست نہیں تھا۔ اس کا مقصد ایک مخصوص سیاسی جماعت کو قومی اور صوبائی اسمبلیوں میں خواتین اور غیر مسلم اقلیتوں کے لئے مختص نشستیں دلوانا تھا۔ ”مکمل انصاف“ کے نام پر درحقیقت مذکورہ جماعت کی ڈٹ کر پشت پناہی ہوئی۔ اکثر یہ سوچنے کے باوجود نہایت خلوص سے یہ اعتراف کرنا چاہتا ہوں کہ میری دانست میں پیر کے روز سنائے فیصلے پر عمل ہونا چاہیے۔ حکم عدولی سیاسی بحران کو سنگین تر بنائے گی۔ معاشی استحکام کو ناممکن بنانے کے علاوہ ہمیں کامل انتشار کے الاؤ میں پھینک دے گی۔

ایوان ہائے اقتدار میں لیکن ہم سادہ لوح عامیوں کی آواز پہنچ نہیں پاتی۔ ملکی سیاست کا کئی دہائیوں سے شاہد ہوتے ہوئے احساس ہو رہا ہے کہ اب کی بار عموماً اعلیٰ عدالتوں کے روبرو ”کبریٰ“ ہوئے سیاستدان ”پارلیمان کی بالادستی“ اجاگر کرنا چاہ رہے ہیں۔ انہیں ”چور اور لٹیروں“ پکارتے ہوئے تیسری قوت کی صورت ابھری تحریک انصاف مگر ”عدلیہ کی آزادی“ یقینی بنانا چاہ رہی ہے۔ مطلوبہ آزادی اسے قومی اور صوبائی اسمبلیوں میں عددی اعتبار سے مزید طاقت و رہائے گی۔ ”مکمل انصاف“ کے تصور پر حقیقی عملدرآمد ہو تو موجودہ چیف جسٹس کی ریٹائرمنٹ کے بعد ”فارم 45 اور فارم 47“ کے مابین فرق کی بنیاد پر بالآخر ”فارم 45“ کی چھان پھینک کرتے ہوئے فروری 2024ء کے انتخابی عمل کو کالعدم قرار دینے کے امکانات بھی اپنی جگہ موجود ہیں۔ ایک بار پھر واضح کرنا ضروری ہے کہ یہ میری خواہش نہیں بلکہ تحریک انصاف کے کئی زعماء کی توقع ہے۔ ان کی توقع پر عملدرآمد بھی سیاسی بحران کو سنگین تر بنا دے گا۔

کالم مگر اس شکایت سے شروع ہوا تھا کہ ٹی وی سکرینوں پر توجہ دیں تو پاکستان کو فی الوقت ایک ہی سوال کا سامنا ہے اور وہ یہ کہ خواتین اور غیر مسلم اقلیتوں کے حوالے سے 18 اکثریتی ججوں کے سنائے فیصلے پر عمل ہو گیا نہیں۔ اندھی نفرت و عقیدت میں تقسیم ہونے فریقین اس سوال کے جواب میں اپنی ترجیح کے مطابق تاویلیں گھڑ رہے ہیں۔ وہ جسے ”درمیانی راہ“ کہا جاتا ہے ڈھونڈنے کی کوشش ہی نہیں ہو رہی۔ بطور پاکستانی مگر میں کئی دیگر امور کے بارے میں گزشتہ چند دنوں سے نہایت فکر مند ہوں۔ ”خبر“ اور وہ بھی ”سچی“ سنا ہے ان دنوں فقط سوشل میڈیا کی بدولت ملتی ہے۔ مجھے خبر نہیں کہ سوشل میڈیا کی بدولت ”باخبر“ ہوئے کتنے افراد اس حقیقت سے آگاہ ہیں کہ آئندہ ماہ کے وسط میں پاکستان شنگھائی کو آپریشن آرگنائزیشن (ایس۔ سی۔ او) کا میزبان ہو گا۔ ہمارے دیرینہ اور مشکل وقت کے یار چین کے ایمپائر اس تنظیم کا قیام عمل میں لایا گیا تھا۔ روس کے علاوہ سابق سوویت یونین میں شامل بیشتر ریاستیں مثلاً ازبکستان و قزاقستان بھی اس کی رکن ہیں۔ ایران بھی اس میں شامل ہو چکا ہے اور

سب سے اہم بات یہ کہ بھارت بھی وسطی ایشیاء کے ممالک میں اپنا اثر و رسوخ برقرار رکھنے اور روس کو خوش رکھنے کیلئے اس تنظیم کارکن بن چکا ہے۔ امریکہ اور اس کے اتحادی گزشتہ دو دہائیوں سے بھارت کو چین کے مقابلے میں جنوبی ایشیاء کا ”پردھان“ بنانا چاہ رہے ہیں۔ 1962ء سے بھارت کا چین سے سرحدی تنازعہ بھی اپنی جگہ موجود ہے۔ اس کے باوجود چین بھارت کا اہم ترین تجارتی شراکت دار ہے۔ ان دو ممالک کے مابین تجارت چین کی کامل (معاشی) بالادستی کا ٹھوس اظہار بھی ہے۔ ایس سی او کی میزبانی کرتے ہوئے پاکستان کو غیر رسمی سفارت کاری کے ذریعے اس امر کو یقینی بنانا چاہیے تھا کہ 15 اور 16 اکتوبر کو جو کانفرنس ہو رہی ہے بھارت، روس اور چین کے نمائندے اس میں ذاتی طور پر شریک ہوں۔ ایران سے بھی فیصلہ سازی کے حوالے سے ایسا مہمان آنا چاہیے۔ مذکورہ ممالک کے اعلیٰ سطحی نمائندوں کے مابین متحرک سفارت کاری کے ذریعے پاکستان اپنے جغرافیائی حقائق پر توجہ دلاتے ہوئے علاقائی تجارت کو تیز تر بنانے کے لئے اہم ترین راہ داری کا کردار ادا کر سکتا ہے۔ یہ کالم لکھنے سے قبل گزشتہ دو دنوں کے دوران میں نے سفارت کاری کے حوالے سے چند معتبر افراد سے ٹیلی فون پر روابط کئے۔ یہ جاننے کی کوشش کی کہ ایس سی او کانفرنس کو ”تاریخی“ بنانے کے لئے حکومت پاکستان نے کیا حکمت عملی تیار کی ہے۔ مجھے بے نیازی یا امید کھو جانے کا تاثر ہی ملا۔ طویل عرصے کے بعد وطن عزیز میں ایک اہم ترین علاقائی بلکہ بین الاقوامی اعتبار سے بہت اہم کانفرنس کا انعقاد مجھے کاربے سود محسوس ہوا۔ ”آئیاں جانیاں“ تک محدود مشق۔ علاقائی تجارت کا ذکر چلا ہے تو ذکھی دل کے ساتھ اعتراف یہ بھی کرنا ہو گا کہ منگل کی شام اپنے ٹی وی شو میں ایس سی او کانفرنس کا ذکر کر رہا تھا تو پروگرام میں لئے وقتوں کے دوران خیبر پختونخواہ سے متعدد تصاویر اور پیغامات ملے۔ ان کے ذریعے علم ہوا کہ شمالی وزیرستان کے ایک اہم شہر میر علی میں مذہبی انتہا پسندوں کے گروہ ریاست کو اشتعال دلاتے ہوئے جھڑپوں میں الجھائے ہوئے ہیں۔ جائے وقوعہ سے بہت دور سٹوڈیوز میں بیٹھے میں فون پر آتی اطلاعات کی تصدیق یا تردید کے قابل نہیں تھا۔ پیغامات مگر تشویش ناک تھے۔ نام نہاد مین سٹریم میڈیا میں لیکن ان کا تذکرہ نہیں ہو رہا۔ سوشل میڈیا کے ذریعے پھیلائی اطلاعات اگر غلط تھیں تو وہ فوری اور غیر مبہم تردید کی حقدار تھیں۔

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Business Recorder

PCJCCI marks China's National Day

LAHORE: Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) celebrated China's National Day in collaboration with Information and Culture Department by conducting an interactive, festive and cultural event on Thursday at a local Hotel. The chief guest of the event was Rana Sikandar Hayat, Minister Education Department, Government of Punjab and various guest of honors which included; Zhao Shiren, Consul General China in Lahore, Gen Nasir Khan Janjua, former National Security Advisor, Sunny Yang, Chairperson, All-Pakistan Chinese Enterprises' Association, Nazir Hussain, President PCJCCI, Arshad Ansari, President, Lahore Press Club, Dr Murtaza Jafri, Vice Chancellor NCA, Muhammad Asad Manzoor Butt, President, Lahore High Court Bar Association, Javed Iqbal, Chairman PIEDMC, Dr Asghar Masoudi, Director General, Cultural Center, Islamic Republic of Iran in Lahore and many others.

President PCJCCI Nazir Hussain said during his welcome address that, "I congratulate the people and leadership of China on the occasion of National Day. We highly admire and appreciate the development of China, especially during the last four decades. We believe it is all due to the visionary leadership of China and the right reforms and policies introduced by the Chinese government."

He added that through this event our aim is to celebrate the diversity and multiculturalism between China and Pakistan. The CPEC is the strongest pillar of economic, commercial and cultural connectivity between Pakistan and China.

Rana Sikandar Hayat, Punjab Minister Education Department said that I would like to wish our Chinese brethren a very happy Chinese national day. China is definitely Pakistan's well-wisher; Pakistan and China are undoubtedly tied with the largest economic engagement - CPEC which will prove instrumental to change the whole scenario and indeed can be termed as fate-changer.

Zhao Shiren, Consul General China in Lahore shared that I believe the bilateral relationship between the two neighboring countries is characterized by feelings of mutual trust, respect and goodwill towards each other; PCJCCI has set a remarkable example of this goodwill.

Lt General Nasser Khan Janjua, former Corps Commander Quetta appreciated the idea of celebrating cultural diversity through various Chinese performances and by organizing live exhibition of handicrafts by the artisans, depiction of Pakistan's culture by various instrumental and other performances.

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UAF, XJAU celebrate ten-year completion of Chinese Confucius Institute

FAISALABAD: The Confucius Institute, University of Agriculture Faisalabad has produced 22,000 students of Chinese language courses in a decade. Out of which, 600 are studying in Chinese universities under scholarship programmes, said University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan. The Xinjiang Agricultural University (XJAU) and the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) convened ceremony to commemorate the inauguration of the Model Confucius Institute and celebration of ten-year completion of Chinese Confucius Institute. Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan said that the Confucius Institute has played an instrumental role in fostering mutual understanding and respect through the promotion of Chinese language, culture, and heritage. Over the past decade, this institute has become a beacon of academic cooperation, knowledge sharing, and intercultural dialogue. He said that this institute has also contributed to deepening the Pakistan-China relationship in ways that go beyond academics. I firmly believe that the establishment of this new building will further enhance these efforts and expand the opportunities for both countries. The Model Confucius Institute has not only become a leading hub for learning but also a catalyst for progress. Prof Dr Jian Ping'an, President XJAU online said the collaboration between our two universities serves as a tangible manifestation of the amicable relationship shared by our two nations. A decade ago he said that they signed an agreement to jointly establish the Confucius Institute at UAF. Since then, we have worked hand in hand, jointly opening a new chapter in the cooperation between our two universities in the construction of CI-UAF. Over the past ten years, CI-UAF has made fruitful achievements in Chinese culture promotion, language teaching, academic cooperation, and teacher-student exchanges.

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Pakistan must leverage its friendship with China: Hina

KARACHI: Former Minister of State of Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar on Thursday said that it is crucial for Pakistan to leverage its friendship with China to foster industrial and technological growth.

Speaking at a seminar organized by KASB Ktrade to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of People's Republic of China, she said it involves moving beyond a mere reliance on infrastructure projects to cultivate innovations that can benefit both nations and the broader global community. Such a transition is essential for creating an ecosystem of sustainable growth in Pakistan, she added.

She said that the world is undergoing rapid changes. China has made remarkable growth, particularly in technology and production. Despite some challenges, Pakistan has steadfastly embraced its relationship with China, having historically been one of the first countries to sign a free trade agreement with it, she said.

She emphasized that the China-Pakistan partnership runs deep, transcending superficial narratives. This collaboration involves strategic and multilateral cooperation, with both nations supporting one another in international forums. They share a mutual commitment to pursuing sovereign paths to development, firmly rejecting imposed orders that fail to consider unique national contexts.

She said China has emerged as a global leader in sectors such as artificial intelligence and space exploration, and Pakistan must strive to align more closely with these advancements.

Nadeem Naqvi, the Managing Director of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), in his speech emphasized the enduring and robust relationship between the PSX and China. He highlighted the pivotal role of three major Chinese exchanges—namely the China Financial Futures Exchange, Shanghai Stock Exchange, and Shenzhen Stock Exchange—which serve as key shareholders in the PSX.

He pointed out that over the past seven years, the PSX has experienced substantial benefits from Chinese investments and expertise, particularly through advancements in technology transfer. He noted that Shenzhen's state-of-the-art trading engine was introduced to the PSX at a minimal cost, significantly enhancing the operational capabilities of the exchange.

Furthermore, Naqvi elaborated on the PSX's ongoing initiatives, mentioning plans to display Pakistan's stock market data on Chinese investor screens within the next six months. He also discussed the exploration of cross-border products, such as Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), as a means to further enhance collaboration between the two nations.

Highlighting the opportunities available, Naqvi stated that Pakistan's stock market stands out as one of the top performers globally, thereby presenting compelling investment prospects for Chinese investors. He also emphasized that Pakistan's fixed-income securities offer attractive returns, providing another viable investment avenue for Chinese institutional investors.

Expressing optimism, Naqvi conveyed his belief in the tremendous potential for further collaboration, including the prospect of listing Chinese companies involved in Pakistan on the PSX, thereby strengthening economic ties even further.

Members from the China Economic Net (CEN) team, with Ms. Wang Kai attended the seminar virtually. Among the key speakers were prominent figures such as Mahmood Nawaz, President of the Sindh Agri Board, Ali Farid Khawaja, Chairman of K Trade, Ali Hussain, Director of The Organic Meat Company, and Danish Lakhani and Muhammad Ali Khawaja.

The speakers spoke highly of the enduring Sino-Pak friendship, underscoring the numerous benefits derived from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which stands as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). They praised China's impressive technological advancements and robust economic growth, extending heartfelt congratulations to the Chinese leadership and the nation on the momentous occasion of the Diamond Jubilee and the 75th founding anniversary of China.

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Daily Times

Pakistan, China Electrify Ties: Joint EV innovation on horizon

Pakistan's Consul General in Shanghai, Shehzad Ahmad Khan, reaffirmed Pakistan's steadfast commitment to enhancing its bilateral relations with China, with a particular focus on the rapidly growing automotive sector.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of a four-day 2024 Taizhou International Automobile Industry Expo, he said Taizhou's pivotal role as a trailblazer in China's automobile industry and praised the city's innovative achievements and its substantial contributions to the global market. Highlighting the importance of technological collaboration, Shehzad emphasized the potential for groundbreaking advancements in automotive technology through joint efforts between Pakistani and Chinese enterprises. "Such collaboration can drive significant strides in knowledge sharing, capacity building, and sustainable practices within the industry," he said, as reported by China Economic Net on Thursday. He further stressed the need for a comprehensive framework of cooperation encompassing research and development, manufacturing, and market access. "By working together, we can shape a future where clean, efficient, and sustainable mobility solutions are accessible to all," he added. Taizhou, renowned as the 'First City of Private Automobile Manufacturing' in China, is home to five national automobile industry bases and over 6,000 automobile and parts enterprises. The expo, which covers six exhibition halls across 50,000 square meters, features 2,500 booths showcasing the latest products and technologies in the sector. On the sidelines of the expo, Shehzad organized an Electric Vehicle (EV) investment conference. The event brought together key stakeholders from both countries, including industry leaders, officials, and potential investors, to explore opportunities in Pakistan's EV sector. Discussions focused on investment prospects in manufacturing, infrastructure development, and supply chain management. The 2024 Taizhou International Automobile Industry Expo marks a significant step in further solidifying Pakistan-China relations, particularly in fostering innovation and growth in the automotive industry.

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The News

Pakistan signs contract to sell JF-17 fighter jets to Azerbaijan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's military said on Thursday that the country has signed a contract to sell JF-17 Block III fighter jets to Azerbaijan.

The aircraft is co-produced by the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex and developed jointly with China.

The military did not provide the cost or quantity of jets agreed to, but said in a statement that the sale was part of Islamabad's efforts to enhance defence cooperation with friendly countries and bolster the air power capabilities of Azerbaijan.

Pakistan is also a close ally of Turkey, which backed Azerbaijan in its standoff with Armenia when clashes erupted between the two South Caucasus countries last year, resuming decades-old hostilities.

Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev was in Pakistan in July on a state visit where the two countries agreed to enhance cooperation in a number of areas, including defence.

Following the visit, Pakistan deployed an air force contingent at Baku to participate in the Azerbaijan defence exhibition to showcase the aircraft, Pakistan's military said.

The aircraft "is capable of undertaking a wide array of combat missions providing contemporary airpower employment options," the statement added.

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Express News

سرمایہ کاری کیلئے چینی کمپنیوں کی پاکستان آمد خوش آئند ہوگی، علیم خان

وفاقی وزیر عبد العلیم خان نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کیلئے اہم چینی کاروباری کمپنیوں کی منتقلی خوش آئند ہوگی، چین سے تعلیم، ٹیکنالوجی اور مختلف: اسلام آباد شعبوں میں دو طرفہ سرمایہ کاری کریں گے۔

وزارتِ نجکاری و سرمایہ کاری کے مطابق ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے بیجنگ میں 25 اہم چینی کمپنیوں کی پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کیلئے مشترکہ بزنس کانفرنس کے دوران خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع وفاقی وزیر نجکاری و سرمایہ کاری عبد العلیم خان نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستانی آبادی میں 70 فیصد نوجوان کاروبار کیلئے بہتر لیبر اور زیادہ صارفین مل سکتے ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ آئی ٹی کی بہتر فورس موجود، شمالی امریکا اور یورپ سے نسبتاً 70 فیصد کم لاگت آئے گی، پاکستان آبادی کے لحاظ سے پانچواں بڑا ملک، تعاون اور کاروبار کیلئے موزوں ہے۔

وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ زراعت اور لائیو سٹاک میں بہتری لاکر خطے میں کاروباری سرگرمیوں کا مرکز بن سکتے ہیں، پاکستان میں تاجروں کے ساتھ بڑے اور کونسلے کے دوسرے بڑے ذخائر موجود ہیں، امریکا، یورپی یونین اور برطانیہ سمیت پاکستان کو مختلف ممالک کی مارکیٹ تک رسائی ہے۔

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ہے۔ بجلی کی بددستی ہوئی گیس سے بری طرح متاثر ہوا ہے۔ بجلی بجلی یہ مسئلہ بہت سے کاروباروں کی چھ کو خطرے میں ڈالنے کے علاوہ روزگار اور معاشی ترقی کے لیے نقصان دہ بن چکا ہے۔ سیکل، بسٹن، ٹیکسٹائل اور میٹالورجیک انڈسٹری شدید متاثر ہو چکی ہے۔ کاروباری اداروں کو زیادہ بلوں کے علاوہ بجلی کی بندش سے بھی مشتعل بنا رہا ہے۔ ان مسائل کی وجہ سے، کاروبار توانائی کے متبادل ذرائع تلاش کرنے یا مینجے تک اپ جزیرہ خریدنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ بینک اپ بجلی کی سرمایہ کاری اپنا کسہ کاروباروں کو کم کر رہی ہے، لیکن ان کے نتیجے میں انکڑا پر مشتمل اخراجات بہت زیادہ ہوتے ہیں، جو نتائج کے مابین کو کم کرتے ہیں اور سہولت کو کم کر دیتے ہیں۔ اگرچہ پاور سیکر کی کارکردگی کو بڑھانے اور توانائی کے متبادل ذرائع پر غور کرنے کے لیے نئی کامیابیوں کی تلاش کی جاتی ہے تو توانائی کے شعبے کی تکمیل نو کے لیے ایک جامع منصوبہ بندی کی ضرورت ہے۔ حکومت کو چاہیے کہ پائیدار ترقی پر محصولات کو برقرار رکھنے کے لیے طویل مدتی نقطہ نظر کو توانائی کی پیدوار کو بڑھانے، بنیادی ڈھانچے کو بڑھانے اور زیادہ سائنسی توانائی کی مارکیٹ بنانے پر توجہ مرکوز کرنی چاہیے۔ اس وقت بہت سے فرمیں توانائی کے زیادہ بھروسے کی وجہ سے کسی اور توانائی جیسے قابل تجدید توانائی کے ذرائع میں سرمایہ کاری کر کے گراؤ سے باہر جانے کا انتخاب کر رہی ہیں۔ ایک ایسا مالی بوجھ ہے جسے بہت سے چھوٹے اور درمیانے درجے کے کاروباری رہداشت نہیں کر سکتے تھے۔ ان کے طور پر یہ کمپنیاں مکمل طور پر کام بند کر دیتی ہیں۔ اگر انہیں کام جاری نہیں رکھیں تو معاشی بددستی اور معاشی تباہی پیدا ہو سکتا ہے۔ جس سے بے روزگاری میں اضافہ ہوگا اور سماجی جرائم بھی بڑھ جائیں گے جن سے بچنے کے لیے حکومت کو سخت اور فوری اقدامات کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔



تعمیرات ہیں اس کاؤں میں دوسرا سائڈ کراس چاویہ اکثر اور ڈوبتی معیشت سے بھی ملاقات ہوئی چکا کہنا تھا کہ جو اصل شاہراہ ریشم ہے وہ اسی کاؤں کے گزرتی تھی جو آگے جا کر چین ممالک کے بارڈرز سے مل جاتی ہے۔ ان چین ممالک میں چین، افغانستان اور روس شامل تھا لیکن حکومت نے 1966 میں شاہراہ ریشم کو تبدیل کر دیا جس پر 2006 سے گلگت سے کاشغر، سکا گیا تک بس سروس ہی چل رہی ہے اور اب تو لاہور سے بھی چائینیک سس چل رہی ہے ان علاقوں میں بجلی اور موٹائل ٹیٹ درگ کا بڑا بحران ہے۔ پاکستان کے مختلف شہروں سے آنے والے لوگ جیسے ہی گلگت-بلتستان پہنچتے ہیں تو وہ اپنے مگر والوں اور شہر داروں اور دوستوں سے کٹ جاتے ہیں ان علاقوں میں صرف ایس کام ہی کام کرتا ہے جسکے انگریز کی سپیڈ بھی نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے جبکہ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ ناقابل بیان ہے انکڑا واقعات تو ہماری رات بجلی ناقص رہتی ہے ظمیر اور گلگت-بلتستان میں عوام کو ایک فائدہ تو ہے کہ انہیں بجلی انجنیٹی کم قیمت پر ملتی ہے جبکہ پاکستان بھر میں بجلی کے بڑھتے ہوئے بلوں نے عوام کی جیبیں کھلوا رکھی ہیں جن کمروں میں ایک چمکا، پانی والی موٹر اور اسٹری چٹی سے انہیں 30 ڈیڑھ سے زائد مل آنے کی وجہ سے انکے میٹر اڑتے ہیں کچھ لوگوں نے کمروں کا سامان بچھ کر اپنے بل منع کروانے ہیں انکے ساتھ ساتھ بجلی کے پیگے زخموں نے پاکستان میں بہت سی صنعتوں کو بند کرنے یا آف لائن کرنے پر مجبور کر دیا ہے۔ میٹالورجیک سیکٹر، جو معیشت کے 16 فیصد اور ترقی کے لیے ناگزیر

ایک طرف ہم دنیا کے بلند ترین مقام پر ہیں تو دوسری طرف پستیوں کی اتھاہ گہرائیوں میں ڈوبے ہوئے ہیں درمیان میں صرف ایک لاکھ کی ٹیکہ کو چھبے سی ہم ہار کر رہے ہیں تو دوسری طرف ترقی و خوشحالی اور سہولتوں کا عروج ہے جو انسان کو حیرت میں ڈال دیتا ہے دنیا کی خوبصورت ندی، نالوں، دریاؤں اور وادیوں سے گزرتا ہوا جیسے ہی میں پاک چائنہ بارڈر گزرنا پڑتا ہے تو خوشحالی اپنی اوج پر پہنچی ہوئی تھی اسی جگہ ہماری دولتوں کی اہم مشینیں پھسل چکی ہیں اور مصیبت تک بھی گئی ہوئی ہیں جن پر لکھا ہوا ہے کہ یہ دنیا کے بلند ترین مقام پر ہیں۔ اسی بلندی پر ہمارے جوان جو بڑے بڑے سرمایہ داروں سے رہے ہیں وہ بھی ناقابل یقین ہیں اس لحاظ سے بلند ترین مقام پر کسی بھی مائز کو حکومت نے سروس سے بھاد کے لیے کچھ نہیں دیا ہوا ہماری حالت پر ترس کھاتے ہوئے چائینہ ہی ایک چین و ڈے رکھا ہے کہ اگر بارش ہو جائے تو اس چھوٹے سے چین میں پناہ مل سکے۔ اس بارڈر تک آنے کے لیے جو سڑک استعمال ہوتی ہے وہ بھی چائینہ کا ہی قبضہ ہے ہمارے بارڈر پر کسی بھی گاڑی کو چیک کرنے کے لیے کوئی آگاہ نہیں ہیں اور نہ ہی چیک ہوتی ہیں جبکہ چائینہ نے چیننگ کا جدید نظام بنانے کے ساتھ ہی بارڈر تکلیف سے موڑوے طرز کی سڑک بنائی ہوئی ہے انکے سیکورٹی اداروں کے پاس موسم کے مطابق جدید اور بہترین وردی ہے جو شدید برف پوری میں بھی ہم کو گرم رکھتی ہے انکے مقابلہ میں ہماری قراقرم بارڈر فورس کے لیے چائینہ بنانے کی بھی سہولتیں ہیں میں سلام پیش کرتا ہوں اپنے جوانوں کو جو اتنی سختی میں بھی اپنی اڑتی سرمایہ داروں سے رہے ہیں پاک چین بارڈر گلگت-بلتستان میں دنیا کے بلند ترین مقام پر ہے اور یہاں تک جاتے جاتے ایسے خوبصورت اور دلچسپ نگاروں سے گزرتا پڑتا ہے کہ ہر وادی

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PowerChina keen to convert imported coal plants to local coal ones

ISLAMABAD: Chinese company PowerChina has shown interest in conversion of imported coal power plants on local coal and construction of underground powerhouse and other generation system works of Diامر-Bhasha hydropower project.

This offer has been made by the Power Construction Corporation of China Chairman Ding Yanzhang, in a letter to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The offer of Chinese company is part of the agenda which is under discussion in the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.

The chairman is of the view that as the world's leading enterprise in renewable energy sector, PowerChina leverages its expertise and advantages to promote the development of renewable energy industry in Pakistan.

In addition to our self-investment of the Dawood 50 MW Wind Farm, PowerChina supported local enterprises to develop totally 1,190MW Renewable Energy projects in EPC or FEPC model.

According to the company, it helped to secure finance for the Sachal 50MW Wind Power besides assisting local Atlas Group to materialise investment in 100MW solar in Attock (Punjab).

“Relying on our global network, we are talking with world famous investors for investing in renewable energy sector in Pakistan. As the renewable energy industry is booming all around the world, in the future, PowerChina will continue to mobilise our global resources to contribute to Pakistan's renewable energy development,” Yanzhang added.

The chairman of the company, in his letter has further stated that PowerChina knows well that the completion of the Diامر-Bhasha Dam project is the expectation of Pakistan, adding that since the commencement of the project, with the prime minister's support, PowerChina has successfully overcome many difficulties and challenges to delivering satisfying construction speed and quality.

The company has requested the prime minister that for continued smooth progress, issues of land acquisition for pozzolan be sorted out as the key cooling admixture material for dam pouring.

“PowerChina is participating in the bidding for the second phase of underground powerhouse and other generation system works. Since PowerChina is undertaking RCC Dam (MW-1) Part of Bhasha Project, we are familiar with the project and have a lot of construction equipment and resources on site. Therefore, if PowerChina undertakes the works of constructing subsequent power generation system, it can be assured of high quality and on-schedule delivery. We will mobilize all our resources to assist the employer to secure finance, facilitating the early completion of this great project,” Yanzhang continued.

The company has also shared progress report of the coal conversion from imported coal to Thar lignite coal in CPEC coal-fired power plants.

“Following our discussion in Beijing, PowerChina, China Huaneng and SPIC have started to invite professional institutes to conduct the detailed study on the coal conversion, which covers the cost of power plant renovation, economic analysis of using Thar lignite coal, and other policy and commercial issues. Base on technical and economic feasibility, we will proceed this work as instructed by your government and the Chinese government,” he maintained.

On renewable energy R&D Centre in Pakistan, the company has informed that one subsidiary company of PowerChina was established in Karachi in 2021, with core business on renewable energy research. Currently, its business stretches in multiple countries in Southeast Asia, MENA, and Central Asia. By far, the R&D Center has cultivated over 100 Pakistani engineers, who are showcasing their talents in projects around the world. The company will continue to develop and expand this R&D center as requested by the Pakistan prime minister.—MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN

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Economic recovery

COAS praises role of China, Saudi Arabia and UAE

NUZHAT NAZAR

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, on Friday, inaugurated the Innovista Indus IT Park in Karachi, a major project aimed at empowering Pakistan’s youth through collaboration between academia and industry in information technology, with a focus on artificial intelligence.

According to the military’s media wing, General Munir inaugurated the Innovista Indus IT Park.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, alongside notable members of the civil community.

Chief Minister Shah underscored the vital role of the IT sector in harnessing the potential of Pakistan’s youth and driving economic growth.

General Munir emphasised that such initiatives would foster the growth of Pakistan’s IT industry, which is already advancing at a significant pace.

The COAS also engaged with Karachi’s business community, lauding their contributions to the nation’s economic progress.

Business leaders expressed their support for the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), which they credited with creating a favourable environment for economic expansion.

General Munir praised the collaborative efforts of the federal and provincial governments in supporting economic initiatives and commended the positive role played by friendly nations such as China, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE in Pakistan’s economic recovery.

In his remarks, General Munir highlighted Pakistan's vast potential across multiple sectors and called for collective confidence in the country's bright future, asserting that Pakistan is destined to secure its rightful place on the global stage.

He also visited the Karachi Corps where he was briefed on the operational preparedness and ongoing training initiatives of the Pakistan Army.

The COAS was welcomed by the Corps Commander Karachi upon his arrival.

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Investment objective: 25 Chinese cos express interest

BEIJING: As many as, 25 major Chinese investment companies have expressed their deep interest in investing heavily in Pakistan.

In a business roundtable conference of Chaoyang District, Beijing including agriculture, automobile, electrical alliances, pharmaceuticals, logistics, Medical equipment and technology companies are included.

Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization & Communications Abdul Aleem Khan presided over this heavily attended conference arranged at Pakistani Embassy in China. Country Director of Hong Kong business group Anna Su, Mayor of Daming County Li Shuang, Chief Advisor Qin Linzheng, Deputy Mayor Sun Deshi, Group President of Lianghao Li Hui, Qin Linz Heng and Ambassador of Pakistan to China Khalil Hashmi addressed this conference which discussed the cooperation between China and Pakistan and various MoUs were signed in the fields of textile technology, agriculture and animal husbandry.

The Director of Trade City Administrative Commission Qu Zong Kuan also delivered speech. Federal Minister, in his key note address said that Pakistan's population consists of 70% youth which is the 5th largest country in the world with a population of 23 million and where better labour and more consumers are available. Abdul Aleem Khan said that with China we will make bilateral investments in education, technology and various sectors in Pakistan who is a major partner in China's Belt Road Initiative (BRI) and project besides CPEC. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that Pakistan has the 2nd largest reserves of Coal and the 7th largest reserves of copper while we can become the centre of business activities in the region by improving the agriculture and livestock sectors. Abdul Aleem Khan said that for investment the atmosphere in Pakistan is favourable, we will welcome Chinese companies to shift their industry and today's Round Table will be a milestone in this regard.

Moreover, Chairman of China Roads and Bridges Corporation Du Fie along with his delegation held a meeting with Federal Minister for Board of Investment and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan in Beijing regarding the interest in Privatization of DISCOs in Pakistan and investment in the Special Economic Zone of Karachi. Chinese officials offered mutual cooperation in the projects of Sukhar-Hyderabad Motorway M-6, Hyderabad-Karachi Motorway M-9, Karakoram Highway (KKH) Phase Two, Mansehra, Naran Kaghan, Babusar Tunnel to Karakoram Highway. Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan also discussed the participation of Pakistan's technical institutions in the technology sector by

Chengdu University of China while the Executive Director of Price Waterhouse Copper (PWC) and other officers also held a meeting with the Federal Minister. In his conversation, Abdul Aleem Khan said that with China we are deeply interested in Public-Private Partnership and Business-to-Business activities. He described meetings with Chinese experts in the fields of Textiles, Leather, Green Energy and Furniture as positive and beneficial for both the countries.—APP

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Cnergyico buys Pakistan’s first Black Sea CPC Blend

MOSCOW/ISLAMABAD: Pakistan’s biggest oil refiner Cnergyico said it has recently bought Black Sea CPC Blend, marking the country’s first import of this grade.

CPC Blend is a light grade of oil from Kazakh and Russian producers which is loaded for export from Russia’s Black Sea port of Yuzhnaya Ozereyevka and is largely used to produce gasoline for cars or petrochemicals.

“We have purchased CPC Blend crude oil ... CPC Blend crude oil produces more motor gasoline and lower fuel oil than Urals, which adds to its suitability,” a Cnergyico spokesperson said.

The CPC Blend was bought after “conducting due diligence on the transaction in accordance with our policies and procedures,” the spokesperson said, without providing further details.

“Pakistan’s crude slate is dominated by Saudi and Emirati grades. The Cnergyico refinery in Balochistan tends to be more entrepreneurial with its feedstock, mixing cargoes from the UAE and Russia”, head of crude oil analysis at Kpler energy consultancy Viktor Katona said.

Cnergyico said it purchased Russian Urals oil in 2023, making the country’s first private-sector shipment of Russian crude oil. Prior to that purchase, Pakistan’s government bought Russian oil under a government-to-government agreement.

Cnergyico says it has refining capacity of 156,000 barrels per day.

Two tankers carrying 100,000 metric tons each delivered CPC Blend to Cnergyico’s single point mooring buoy (SPM) near Karachi in August and September, data from LSEG and energy consultancy Kpler showed.

The SPM is Pakistan’s only floating liquid port and allows Cnergyico to pump oil and products to its refinery storage tanks 15 kilometres away through undersea and onshore pipes.—Reuters

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Daily Times

Pakistan steadfast supporter of China since its independence: CG

Pakistan has been a steadfast supporter of China since the dawn of the People's Republic in 1949, becoming one of the first nations to recognize the new China and the pioneering Islamic country to establish diplomatic ties in 1951. This historic gesture laid the groundwork for a partnership that has flourished over time, deepening the bond between the two nations, said. Shehzad Ahmad Khan, Pakistani Consul General in Shanghai in an interview to China Economic Net (CEN). "Over the past 75 years, China has achieved significant milestones incrementally, steadily, and peacefully. This multidimensional progress and socio-economic transformation have not only established China as a global leader but have also inspired other developing countries to emulate its success," On the occasion of 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Khan pointed to the nation's exceptional leadership and long-term vision as the key drivers of this remarkable transformation. "As I traverse the streets of Shanghai, a microcosm of China's meteoric rise, I am struck by the tangible evidence of the country's economic prowess and social transformation," remarked the Consul General. He noted that China's GDP has made a historic leap from a low starting point to high-speed growth and then to high-quality development, lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty-a testament to its commitment to inclusive development.

The Consul General also highlighted China's technological advancements, stating that the country has emerged as a leader in artificial intelligence, 5G technology, and renewable energy. He pointed out that the milestone of China's railways exceeding 160,000 kilometers has significantly contributed to its technological leapfrogging. The high-speed rail network alone spans over 46,000 kilometers, consistently ranking among the world's best. This technological prowess is supported by a vibrant tech industry that has nurtured giants like Alibaba and Huawei, both of which engage in collaborative efforts with Pakistan.

"China has emerged as a global leader, sharing its progress, prosperity, and perspectives with developing countries through platforms like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), along with global development, security, and civilization initiatives," he added.

"The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) exemplifies our strategic partnership, showcasing the potential for mutually beneficial cooperation."

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Pakistan Observer

China's new economic reforms: An expert opinion

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As usual the Economist and the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal and many sponsored regional media outlets have termed the latest economic reforms of China as inadequate to avoid the imminent deep recession after 2008 causing many economic imbalances, social inequalities and manufacturing imperfections. It seems that the global economic watch dogs are intentionally twisting the hard facts and hard won Chinese economic stability and sustainability through equating with different baseless economic performance models and financial projections. These universal principles of objectivity, relevancy and accuracy are being compromised and compressed.

Most recently, the Chinese policymakers announced numerous major policy measures to support the country's macro-economy, covering all important sectors including the housing market and the stock market and cuts to the policy rate and the reserve requirement ratio (RRR), all aimed at creating a favourable and supportive monetary and financial environment for stable economic growth and high-quality development. Hopefully, the policy rate and RRR cuts will release a reasonable level of liquidity, lower the financing costs for the real economy, and stimulate consumption and investment activities.

Thus it is indeed a series of major policy readjustments to integrate the numerous sectors of the economy to achieve the desired goals of socio-economic development and pace of qualitative industrialization. It is a strong signal of Chinese policymakers' determination to ensure stable economic growth, which will boost market confidence in the country's economic development in the rest of the year. The majority of the prominent regional economists are of the view that the strong policy support has further raised expectations that the world's second-largest economy will be able to achieve its annual growth target of around 5 percent in 2024, despite downward pressure and external uncertainties. However, the pseudo intellectuals and paid economists have their own dubious economic interpretation polluting the credibility of the Chinese government.

The Chinese stocks reacted positively and closed significantly higher with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index up 4.15 percent, marking the biggest single-day gain in over four years, while the Shenzhen Component Index rose 4.36 percent reconfirming reliability and economic correlation of these newly announced economic reforms boosting the confidence of the markets, investors and businessmen in the country carrying the message of economic strength, diversity, high production yields, and manufacturing speed. The further cutting of the RRR by 0.5 percentage points in the near future, which would inject about 1 trillion yuan (US\$142 billion) of long-term liquidity into financial markets is a right step in right direction removing all propagated economic so-called uncertainties and negating all false and fake financial weakness in the Chinese banking & financial sector. Thus there would be no liquidity crunch in short-to-medium and long terms in China consolidating all sectors of economy and production.

Additionally, the Central Bank of China will lower the interest rate of seven-day reverse repos from 1.7 percent to 1.5 percent, while the interest rate for the medium-term lending facility will likely drop by about 0.3 percentage points, and the long-term lending facility and deposit rates will decrease by 0.2 to 0.25 percentage points. Therefore, it will further enhance China's financial transparency and credit facility to the private sector providing all possible support and strategic cushion needed for robust economic growth. In the case of the housing market, the PBC chief announced that China will lower mortgage rates on existing home loans by an average of 0.5 percentage points, and reduce the national minimum down payment requirement to 15 percent on second homes, among other measures. So it is a giant step towards the right direction propelling the housing and real estate industry towards greater stability and sustainability.

It seems that it is an accommodative monetary policy stance, for strengthening the intensity of monetary policy regulation, improving the precision of monetary policy regulation, and creating a favourable monetary and financial environment for stable economic growth and high-quality development. Interestingly, the policy makers and regulators of China also announced supportive measures for the small and micro enterprises. The National Financial Regulatory Administration (NFRA) will work with the National Development and Reform Commission, the country's economic planner to establish a working mechanism to support financing coordination for small and micro enterprises.

To support stable operations of major commercial banks, China plans to inject the tier-1 capital into six major commercial banks in an orderly manner, with coordinated advancement, phased implementation and tailored policies. These are indeed significant policy measures which will help reduce the costs of capital and provide a strong policy boost for the continuous development of the Chinese economy. In summary, all economic indicators suggest that China's GDP growth target will be achieved despite all western propaganda of the so-called China's economic collapse moving towards recession although its consumption and domestic saving strongly reject these economic falsehoods.

Tackling of ongoing challenges in China's real estate market through the minimum down payment for second-home mortgages vividly reflects the real essence of the Chinese unique economic model supporting people's centric policies by avoiding strict principles of capitalism, always preferring profits over people. It will be further lowered from 25 percent to 15 percent nationwide. Hopefully, the new package of policies, coupled with those already in place, including the issuance of ultra-long special treasury bonds to support large-scale equipment renewal, will lay a solid foundation for strong economic growth in the fourth quarter of the year. And with strong fourth-quarter growth, the growth target of around 5 percent will be reached. The newly announced economic reforms are timely, integrated, productive and progressive, participatory singling the message of positivity, productivity, and purposefulness.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinas-new-economic-reforms-an-expert-opinion/>

The Express Tribune

Crackdown in Balochistan launched

Targets foreign-funded NGOs to halt grey funding, secure CPEC interests

Zafar Bhutta

ISLAMABAD: In a decisive move, the government has launched a crackdown in Balochistan aimed at blocking grey channels of funding, including foreign sources funnelled to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and international NGOs (INGOs). This is part of a broader effort to disrupt the financial networks of terrorist organisations operating in the region, which have long targeted the development projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Balochistan has emerged as a hotspot for terrorist activities orchestrated by various organisations whose primary goal is to derail the CPEC initiatives.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has made it clear that the government will not compromise on the CPEC initiative, and discussions are already underway between Pakistan and China to move forward with CPEC Phase 2.

Additionally, the government has announced a significant shift in its logistics strategy, intending to reroute 60% of freight transportation from Karachi port to the underutilised Gwadar port, as part of a strategic effort to make Gwadar fully operational. This decision is expected to have far-reaching implications, as Central Asian states, and even Russia, have expressed interest in gaining access to Gwadar for their trade routes. However, some of Pakistan's allied nations have raised concerns, fearing that the operationalisation of Gwadar port could divert significant cargo traffic away from other regional ports.

China, a key player in CPEC, is particularly keen on utilising Gwadar port as it would shorten its shipping routes by approximately 3,000 kilometres, thus enhancing trade efficiency. Furthermore, Gwadar's status as a deep-sea port presents vast opportunities for increasing maritime traffic, provided the necessary security and operational frameworks are in place.

Sources indicate that terrorist organisations active in Balochistan have ties to rival nations and foreign interests that oppose CPEC and activities at Gwadar port.

To address these threats, the government has now formed a high-level committee tasked with exploring all viable options to choke off funding streams to these terrorist networks.

Sources told The Express Tribune that the committee, composed of the Minister for Law & Justice, the Secretaries of Foreign Affairs, Economic Affairs, Interior, Finance, and Law & Justice, is expected to develop a comprehensive action plan to block funding sources to alien organisations operating in the province.

According to the committee's Terms of Reference, the review will focus on identifying the financial channels through which NGOs and INGOs receive foreign funding. The aim is to block any grey or opaque channels and ensure complete transparency in all funding sources,

ensuring that any funds received by these organisations are used solely for their intended purposes.

In a recent cabinet meeting, the Ministry of Interior highlighted the importance of legal measures to counter terrorism. The Ministry reminded the cabinet that Section 11E of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997, had been amended in 2014 to empower the government and authorised Armed Forces or Civil Armed Forces to conduct preventive detention of individuals suspected of terrorist activities. This provision, designed to enable pre-emptive action by security agencies, allowed for the detention of suspects for up to three months, ensuring thorough investigations and the prevention of potential terrorist attacks. However, the provision expired in 2016 due to a sunset clause.

Since its expiration, Balochistan has seen a noticeable increase in terrorist activities. Insurgent groups have grown more sophisticated and coordinated, resulting in a rise in deadly incidents and widespread damage to critical infrastructure across the province. This alarming trend has prompted calls for the reintroduction of Section 11E to strengthen the government's legal framework in dealing with these threats.

The government now believes that the reactivation of this provision is essential to enable law enforcement and military forces to detain individuals who pose a serious risk to national security, providing the necessary tools to combat the escalating insurgency in Balochistan.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2499187/crackdown-in-balochistan-launched>

Chinese photovoltaic exports to Pakistan skyrocket

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BEIJING: "Power shortages have long plagued Pakistan. We've also faced severe damage to our power system due to frequent floods over the past two years, making the demand for large-scale solar photovoltaics increasingly urgent," stated Abbas, a Pakistani trader, at the Investment and Trade Forum for Cooperation between East & West China on September 22.

Pakistan is undergoing a significant energy transformation. As of 2024, the country has emerged as a key overseas market for Chinese photovoltaic (PV) companies. Data from the China Photovoltaic Industry Association (CPIA) shows that Asia overtook Europe as the largest export destination for PV products in the first half of 2024, with Pakistan ranking as the second-largest module export market after Europe.

In the same period, China exported inverters worth RMB 1.714 billion to Pakistan. In August alone, inverter exports to Pakistan reached 326 million yuan, reflecting a year-on-year growth of 429.04%. Today, solar panels are becoming a common sight on the rooftops of factories, homes, hospitals, and mosques.

This surge in solar energy adoption is not without cause. Pakistan's traditional power sector is heavily reliant on coal imports, and the country's circular debt crisis, slow transmission network development, and frequent transmission line damage have severely hampered progress. These issues have driven Pakistan to turn toward renewable energy sources like solar power.

"Electricity prices continue to rise, so people are seeking alternatives," Abbas added. As of June 2023, Pakistan's installed solar capacity stood at 630 megawatts—only 1.4% of its total installed power capacity—leaving ample room for growth.

Pakistan's natural conditions are highly favourable for solar energy. According to the World Bank's Global Solar Atlas, Balochistan Province, for example, has an average annual photovoltaic output of 1990kWh per kilowatt, significantly higher than in New Delhi and Shandong Province. The Global Tilted Irradiance (GTI) for the region is also 36% and 61% higher than New Delhi and Shandong, respectively.

Policy support is also strong. The Pakistani government aims to increase the share of renewable energy in the country's electricity mix to 20% by 2025 and 30% by 2030. NEPRA's IGCEP2047 report projects that Pakistan's PV installed capacity will reach 12.8GW by 2030 and 26.9GW by 2047, requiring an annual installation of 1.65GW and 1.07GW, respectively.

Businesses in Pakistan are seizing this opportunity. "Every bit of space I have, even if it's just a few feet, I want covered in solar panels," said Khawaja Masood Akhtar, CEO of Forward Sports. His company, a leading football manufacturer, plans to boost its solar energy share to 80% by April next year, following substantial investments in Chinese solar panels.

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The Nation

25 major Chinese companies keen to invest heavily in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - As many as 25 major Chinese investment companies have expressed their deep interest in investing heavily in Pakistan.

The interest was shown in a Business Roundtable Conference of Chaoyang District, Beijing. Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization & Communications Abdul Aleem Khan presided over this heavily attended Conference arranged at Pakistani Embassy in China. Country Director of Hong Kong business group Anna Su, Mayor of Daming County Li Shuang, Chief Advisor Qin Linzheng, Deputy Mayor Sun Deshi, Group President of Lianghao Li Hui, Qin Linz Heng and Ambassador of Pakistan to China Khalil Hashmi addressed this conference which discussed the cooperation between China and Pakistan and various MoUs were signed in the fields of textile technology, agriculture and animal husbandry.

Director of Trade City Administrative Commission Qu Zong Kuan also delivered speech. Federal minister, in his key note address said that Pakistan's population consists of 70% youth which is the 5th largest country in the world with a population of 23 million and where better labor and more consumers are available. Abdul Aleem Khan said that with China we will make bilateral investments in education, technology and various sectors in Pakistan. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that Pakistan has the 2nd largest reserves of coal and the 7th largest reserves of copper while we can become the center of business activities in the region by improving the agriculture and livestock sectors. Abdul Aleem Khan said that for

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Moreover, Chairman of China Roads and Bridges Corporation Du Fie along with his delegation held a meeting with Federal Minister for Board of Investment and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan in Beijing regarding the interest in privatization of DISCOs in Pakistan and investment in the Special Economic Zone of Karachi. Chinese officials offered mutual cooperation in the projects of Sukhar-Hyderabad Motorway M-6, Hyderabad-Karachi Motorway M-9, Karakoram Highway (KKH) Phase Two, Mansehra, Naran Kaghan, Babusar Tunnel to Karakoram Highway. Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan also discussed the participation of Pakistan's technical institutions in the technology sector by Chengdu University of China while the Executive Director of Price Waterhouse Copper (PWC) and other officers also held a meeting with the Federal Minister. In his conversation, Abdul Aleem Khan said that with China we are deeply interested in public-private partnership and business-to-business activities. He described meetings with Chinese experts in the fields of textiles, leather, green energy and furniture as positive and beneficial for both the countries. He observed that his visit to Beijing, China has been wonderful and successful which will further promote bilateral cooperation and mutual investment. Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan praised the performance of the Embassy of Pakistan in China in this three-day visit which has expressed excellent performance in the promotion of business activities between Pakistan and China.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/28-Sep-2024/25-major-chinese-companies-keen-to-invest-heavily-in-pakistan>

The News

'Pakistan, China to make bilateral investments in various sectors'

Islamabad:As many as, 25 major Chinese investment companies have expressed their deep interest in investing heavily in Pakistan. In a Business Roundtable Conference of Chaoyang District, Beijing including agriculture, automobile, electrical alliances, pharmaceuticals, logistics, medical equipment and technology companies are included, says a press release.

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K2 Daily

پاکستان نے قابل ذکر معاشی تبدیلی کا آغاز کیا ہے، غیر ملکی ذخائر دگنے سے زیادہ ہو چکے ہیں

بہترین معاشی، مالیاتی اور شرح مبادلہ کی پالیسی کو مستقل رکھ کر ٹیکسوں میں اضافہ کرنا ہے، آئی ایم ایف

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پنجاب پولیس کے آرگنائزڈ کریم ہونٹ نے کارروائی کے طبعی ہٹ کے ہونے پر رپورٹ کے گل میں ملوث 2 حریفوں کو گرفتار کر کے انٹرنیٹ کیسین ونگ کے حوالہ کر دیا۔ آرگنائزڈ کریم ہونٹ (اوی بی) کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتاروں میں شرکاء اور شیراز خان شامل ہیں، جنہیں غیر ہتھیاروں سے گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ اوی بی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتاروں نے دوران تحقیقات کا طرز پر مہم عارف نے انہیں اور ایس کو اسٹریٹ آف اکریم خان کے پاس بھیجا تھا جبکہ دونوں ملوثوں نے گرفتاروں کو دیکھا اور ایس کو پتہ دی تھی۔ ذراغ اوی بی کا کہنا ہے کہ پولیس نے اسٹریٹ آف اکریم خان کی حاشی بھی شروع کر دی ہے تاکہ پانڈی کیلئے چھانے مارے جا رہے ہیں۔

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China's economic growth in the past decades is of speed, consistency and inclusive of wide impact, that also left positive impact on Pakistan's economy, this was stated in a newly published report titled "CHINA's 75-Year JOURNEY Breaking Myths & Inspiring Hope" by KTrade Securities Limited, China Economic Net reported.

According to the Report, Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a key project launched in 2013 under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is rated by the report as capitalizing on Pakistan's geographical significance and improve the socio-economic conditions of Pakistan.

The Large Scale Manufacturing (LSM) index in Pakistan grew by 43% in the past decade while indicating an exponential growth after commencement of energy projects under CPEC. SEZs of CPEC are expected to substantially increase the index by 2030.

The report added, "The reason is that China has broken a lot of the myths and shackles which many emerging countries especially believed in. For example, one concept in most emerging markets is that we can never grow and catch up with the developed countries.

That is why people from India, Pakistan, Africa, etc. always choose to migrate to developed countries. China showed that in a very short time period that your economy can grow and catch up and become a developed country.

The most important reason is that Chinese economic growth drove 800 million people out of poverty," he added.

China's economic rise. "Throughout history, the model of economic growth was always about resource extraction.

But, China's growth was not driven by this sense like my victory has to be on your loss. It was all about domestic reforms, just driven by putting the existing resources which they already had into more efficient users."

From telecom equipment, LED to solar cell and electric vehicle,

"China Model is, we will make it cheap and high capacity at the best technology level, and we will give it to everybody who wants it. In fact, in certain cases, they even subsidized it for the rest of the world.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1230030/pakistans-exports-to-china-grow-by-over-14-reaching-a-total-of-3-6-billion/>

Pakistan Observer

75th anniversary of the founding of PRC

Sultan M Hali

ON 1 October 1949, Mao Zedong, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) declared the independence of modern China, named the People's Republic of China (PRC). From the very outset, the nascent state was beset with problems. Having faced a century of domination, struggling against Japanese imperialism and decades of struggle against Chiang Kai Shek's Chinese Nationalist Party, commonly known as Kuomintang (KMT), had taken a huge toll. The KMT had been driven out of the mainland but took refuge in Taiwan, where they established the Republic of China (ROC) but prior to that, they had ravaged China, emptying its coffers. Adding salt to the wound, the Occident's suspicions of Communism, caused 543 million Chinese inhabiting PRC being ignored while the tiny island of Taiwan was recognized as a sovereign state and granted permanent membership of the UN Security Council (UNSC).

The biggest task ahead of Chairman Mao was feeding and helping the war weary Chinese to stand on their own feet in the absence of international support. Besides the Soviet Union, Pakistan was one of the main countries that had not only recognized PRC, established diplomatic ties but also served as a window for China to the outside world. For twenty-five years, Pakistan raised its voice to get PRC recognition by the west, providing technology and other support denied to China by the west. In 1971, US National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger made a clandestine visit to Beijing. Despite being embroiled in a war against insurgency in its eastern wing, Islamabad organized the top-secret visit to Beijing, where Mr. Kissinger met Premier Zhou Enlai and Chairman Mao Zedong. Thus, the foundations for US President Richard Nixon's visit to China were laid, which was a precursor to the recognition of PRC's recognition and the restoration of its permanent seat in the UNSC.

Chinese leadership has never forgotten Pakistan's support in those bleak years, recognizing it as its "Iron Brother". The opening up of PRC by Deng Xiaoping and his revolutionary economic reforms propelled China from an underdeveloped country into an economic giant. Stability and consistency in policies by the CPC and revisiting the reforms by subsequent leaderships to look inwards—carry out a critical analysis and execute course correction—has ensured the development of PRC. In 2021, the centenary of the foundation of CPC, China's first centennial goal—the eradication of absolute poverty from PRC was realized. The meteoric economic rise of the eastern provinces had left a gap between them and the less opulent western region as well as between the rapidly growing urban community and the countryside. The disparity between the western and eastern regions has been bridged by sharing resources. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) added impetus to the process while the uplift of the rural community helped immensely.

Reports indicate that the Chinese government offered free cattle and funds to farmers in remote mountain community, which have now multiplied, enabling the dwellers to lead a better life. Roads have been paved and lit with solar panels, subsidies granted to create jobs and build better housing while officials visit residents weekly to check on their progress. The

campaign took on new urgency in 2020 as the country bore the brunt of the coronavirus pandemic. Amidst adversity was opportunity. Facilities were established all over, including the rural region to manufacture medical supplies, including face masks and bodysuits to avert the pandemic not only in China but the world over. Organizations that employed people who were existing below the poverty line, were provided subsidies as incentive while relatively lower income workers were given bonuses for their effort.

Resultantly, 700 million people have not just been lifted out of poverty, but to a standard of living where their offspring are admitted to institutions of higher learning and they themselves reside in decent living conditions, with civic amenities and a higher quality of life. The accomplishments of PRC in science, technology, defense production, space travel and medical research is remarkable. The bold handling of the global pandemic in keeping the number of casualties to a bare minimum, developing a potent anti-COVID-19 vaccine and sharing its expertise with the world as well as free distribution of the vaccine to less developed countries is admirable.

In the current milieu of turbulence and conflict, the PRC's proposal for solving security challenges is like a whiff of fresh air. The Global Security Initiative (GSI), which was announced by China's President Xi Jinping in April 2022 at the BOAO Forum, is meant to 'uphold the principle of indivisible security, build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture, and oppose the building of national security based on insecurity in other countries'. Climate change has received ample attention but equally importantly, the GSI not only points out the issues and avenues necessitating consideration, but also names various platforms and mechanisms of cooperation. Prominent among them are the UN, Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), BRICS cooperation, which has recently been expanded, and various other regional cooperation organizations.

In a nutshell, GSI not only promotes openness and inclusiveness but welcomes and looks forward to the participation of all parties to jointly enrich its substance and actively explore new forms and areas of cooperation. Perhaps the world will be a safer place if the GSI is understood and implemented sans biases. Besides GSI, China calls for putting into action the Global Development Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and endeavours to advance a foreign affairs agenda on multiple fronts, at different levels, in various areas and of multiple dimensions. It should bring solace to the rest of the world that China has resolved to work to promote coordination and sound interaction with other major countries and grow relations with its neighbouring countries in accordance with the principle of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness and the policy of enhancing friendship and partnership with its neighbours and works to strengthen solidarity and cooperation with other developing countries. Well done, China.

<https://pakobserver.net/75th-anniversary-of-the-founding-of-prc/>

The Express Tribune

'China's progress serves as inspiration for developing nations'

Pakistani consul general praises leadership, highlights strategic partnership

SHANGHAI: "Over the past 75 years, China has achieved significant milestones incrementally, steadily, and peacefully. This multidimensional progress and socio-economic transformation have not only established China as a global leader but have also inspired other developing countries to emulate its success," stated Shehzad Ahmad Khan, the Pakistani Consul General in Shanghai.

In a recent interview marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Khan attributed the country's remarkable transformation to its exceptional leadership and long-term vision.

"As I walk the streets of Shanghai, a microcosm of China's meteoric rise, I am struck by the tangible evidence of the country's economic prowess and social transformation," remarked Khan. He highlighted China's leap from a low starting point to high-speed growth, now progressing toward high-quality development, which has lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty. This, he said, is a testament of China's commitment to inclusive growth.

The consul general also highlighted China's technological advancements, noting its leadership in fields such as artificial intelligence, 5G technology, and renewable energy. He cited China's railway network, which has exceeded 160,000 kilometres, with the high-speed rail system alone spanning over 46,000 kilometres, consistently ranking among the world's best. These advancements are supported by a vibrant tech industry that has produced giants like Alibaba and Huawei, both of which collaborate with Pakistan.

"China has emerged as a global leader, sharing its progress, prosperity, and perspectives with developing countries through initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), along with global development, security, and civilisation platforms," Khan added. He underscored the significance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which exemplifies the strategic partnership and showcases the potential for mutually beneficial cooperation.

Pakistan has been a steadfast supporter of China since the founding of the People's Republic in 1949.

It was among the first nations to recognise the new China and the first Islamic country to establish diplomatic ties in 1951.

This historic step laid the foundation for a deepening partnership that continues to flourish between the two nations.

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ہربل آئل انڈسٹری کا فروغ، پاک چین کمپنیوں کے درمیان مفاہمتی یادداشت پر دستخط

سلام آباد (آئی این پی) پاک چین کمپنیوں کے درمیان ہربل آئل انڈسٹری کے فروغ کیلئے خصوصی زرعی پارک میں شراکت کی مفاہمتی یادداشت پر دستخط ہو گئے۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق پاکستان کیریم ہیلم کیئر انوویشن کمپنی لمیٹڈ نے انہوئی انونگڈ ایگریکلچرل سائنس اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کمپنی لمیٹڈ کے ساتھ مفاہمت کی یادداشت پر دستخط کئے ہیں جس کا مقصد چین پاکستان خصوصی زرعی صنعتی پارک کے قیام کے لئے ایک مشترکہ منصوبے کا آغاز ہے۔ یہ شراکت داری خالص تیل اور روایتی ادویات کی خصوصیات سے مالا مال پودوں اور جڑی بوٹیوں کی کاشت کے ساتھ ساتھ خالص تیل نکالنے میں تحقیق اور ترقی پر مرکوز ہے۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق مفاہمت کی یادداشت پاکستان کے قدرتی وسائل کو بروئے کار لانے اور جدید طریقوں کو فروغ دینے کے مشترکہ عزم کی عکاسی کرتی ہے جس سے عالمی خالص تیل کی صنعت میں پاکستان کا مقام بلند ہو گا۔ اس شراکت کا مقصد اعلیٰ معیار کے خالص تیل کی پیداوار ہے جو فارماسیوٹیکل، کاسمیٹکس اور ویلنٹس پروڈکٹس جیسے شعبوں میں بڑھتی ہوئی طلب کو پورا کرے۔ اس اقدام کے ایک حصے کے طور پر، وہ پارک میں خالص تیل نکالنے کے لئے سٹیویا، جاپانی پودینہ اور بیٹھے آلو کی کاشت کریں گے۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق خالص تیل، جو اپنی علاج کی خصوصیات کے لئے مشہور ہیں، نے اپنی متنوع ایپلی کیشنز کی وجہ سے مقبولیت میں اضافہ دیکھا ہے۔ اروما تھراپی اور جلد کی دیکھ بھال سے لے کر قدرتی علاج تک، یہ تیل جدید صحت کے معمولات کا ایک لازمی حصہ بن گئے ہیں۔ پاکستان، اپنے متنوع آب و ہوا کے حالات اور مٹی کے ساتھ، جڑی بوٹیوں اور پودوں کی کاشت کے لئے مثالی ہے جو خالص تیل سے مالا مال ہیں۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق اس شراکت داری کے تحت انہوئی انونگڈ پاکستانی کاشتکاروں کو کاشت کاری کی جدید ترین تکنیک منتقل کرے گی جس سے نہ صرف فصلوں کی پیداوار میں اضافہ ہو گا بلکہ اعلیٰ معیار کے خالص ہربل تیل کی پائیدار اور موثر پیداوار کو بھی یقینی بنایا جاسکے گا۔

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Business Recorder

Gwadar power plant

Chinese co CPPCL shows conditional willingness to work

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese company, M/s CIHC Pak Power Company (Pvt) Ltd (CPPCL), has shown willingness to work on a power project at Gwadar in case proposed 300-MW imported coal-fired project is abandoned by both Pakistani and Chinese governments, well-informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder.

Sharing the details, sources said PPIB has cited the reference of progress a review meeting regarding 300-MW Gwadar coal power plant of CPEC held under chairmanship of Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI) on September 11, 2024.

It was informed that earlier, CIHC Pak Power Company (Pvt) Ltd (CPPCL) responsible for implementation of 300-MW Gwadar coal power plant was issued Letter of Support (LoS) on August 23, 2019, with Financial Closing (FC) deadline of April 23, 2020. However, on account of various issues including notable delays in obtaining acceptable tariff from National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra), lenders' reluctance, issuance of Sinosure policy, execution of Land Lease Agreement (LLA) with the government of

Balochistan and No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from Balochistan EPA, CPPCL could not achieve the FC.

Accordingly, the PPIB, while facilitating CPPCL, approved six extensions in FC, thereby, extending FC date till December 31, 2024. Nevertheless, despite repeated reminders, the CPPCL has not obtained extension in FC through amendment to its LoS, due to non-submission of FC date extension fee.

According to the PPIB, after groundbreaking of the project in November 2019, the PPIB assisted CPPCL in finalisation of Security Package Agreements (IA, SIA and Quadripartite PPA) which were signed on April 8, 2021, with Required Commercial Operations Date (RCOD) of June 30, 2023.

Upon groundbreaking and signing of Security Package Agreements, it was believed that CPPCL would immediately commence construction activities, in order to achieve COD by June 30, 2023; however, major construction activities on project site were not started by CPPCL.

Afterwards, in order to discuss early start of construction activities at site, a meeting was held in January 2023 between Minister for PD&SI/ Co-Chairman of JCC, Chinese Ambassador and SAPM on Coordination, wherein, it was decided that project work must be started immediately before FC to complete/ energise the project by December 2025.

Consequently, the PPIB held various meetings with CPPCL for resumption of construction at site; however, site activities still remain suspended and no palpable development has been made at project site, since groundbreaking.

Regarding, assistance in obtaining an acceptable tariff, the Government of Pakistan (GoP) also extended its maximum support in tariff determination process.

The Nepra initially determined tariff of 6.6337 cents/kWh for the project in 2018, which was revised thrice in response to review petitions filed by CPPCL.

Latest tariff announced by the NEPRA on May14, 2024 is 9.0818 cents/kWh, which is much higher, as compared to other imported coal power projects developed under CPEC, but CPPCL is still not satisfied and wants further revision in tariff. The CPPCL has so far neither approached the Nepra's Appellate Tribunal for tariff revision, even after a lapse of more than four months, nor started any major construction activities at site.

In view of the GoP's efforts to implement the project, the minister for PD&SI during his visit of China in July 2024 discussed delays in construction of the project with officials of NDRC and representatives of CCCG, and clarified that since Nepra has already reviewed tariff for the project thrice, hence it may not be reviewed, any further. Accordingly, Chinese side and project sponsors were urged to make decision on the project, or propose any alternate project within 15 days. The same was communicated to CPPCL on July 26 and August 5, 2024, with an advice to consult with Chinese authorities, regarding further course of action and provide its feedback.

Response of CPPCL received on August 13, 2024 was not considered satisfactory, since it did not provide any further course of action regarding development of the project.

Later, on August 20, 2024, the minister for PD&SI chaired a CPEC progress review meeting, wherein, he, while discussing the project again desired to seek the CPPCL's official latest position on implementation of the project.

Accordingly, as per decision of the minister for PD&SI, the CPPCL was approached again to seek their official position, to which, CPPCL replied through letter of September 13, 2024, conveying its stance. The CPPCL, while reiterating its concerns on tariff has requested both the governments to jointly negotiate an alternative proposal, if this power plant is abandoned by all parties.

The CPPCL also communicated its commitment and keenness for development of this strategically-located CPEC coal power plant at Gwadar.—MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN

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Naqvi highlights China's development as model for world

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren to extend congratulations on China's National Day.

During the meeting, Naqvi praised China's progress under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, stating that China has achieved new milestones in development.

He further emphasized the enduring relationship between the two nations, calling China Pakistan's "most trusted and sincere friend."

Naqvi highlighted China's rapid development as a model for the world, stressing that China has played a historic role in stabilizing Pakistan's economy.

Naqvi added, "Pakistan is proud of its everlasting friendship with China, which has reached new heights through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)."

He affirmed that the Pak-China friendship will remain strong forever.

During the meeting, Consul General Zhao Shiren thanked Minister Naqvi for certain amendments made by the Ministry of Interior,

based on requests from Chinese businessmen in Pakistan.

He expressed his gratitude by calling "Pakistan China's best friend" and reaffirmed that cooperation between the two countries would continue.

Senior officials from the Chinese consulate were also present at the meeting, where both sides discussed mutual interests and the further enhancement of bilateral relations.—APP

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Daily Times

Aleem Khan engages top Chinese investors to invest in Pakistan

* Pakistan, China collaborate for promoting traditional medicines: Ma Jian

Abdul Aleem Khan, Federal Minister for Investment and Privatization engaged here over 30 top Chinese entrepreneurs in various sectors to invest in Pakistan, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Sunday.

Addressing the “Business Roundtable” at Pakistan’s Embassy, the Minister said that he was pleased to see that a big number of Chinese companies are eager to invest in important sectors such as construction, logistics, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, technology, agriculture and automobile industry.

He said, “CPEC has already delivered results in transport infrastructure, connectivity, and energy generation.

As we advance the next phase of high-quality development of CPEC, our joint focus is on industrialization, especially through focuses B2B cooperation, the development of SEZs, Export Processing Zones (EPZs), and the Gwadar Free Zone.”

Pakistan’s renewable energy sector also holds great promise, with an estimated potential of generating 3,300 GW of electricity. The energy consumption is expected to increase further by 1.5 times by 2030. “Pakistan also boasts a vast agricultural potential possessing 9.1 million hectares of arable land and 22.4 million hectares of rangeland for the livestock. By leveraging China’s advanced agricultural technologies and food processing capabilities, Pakistan can be transformed into a regional hub for agriculture and livestock industry”, the Minister added.

He mentioned that Pakistani Government has already launched a solarization drive to promote environment-friendly energy solutions and reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels, with special incentives provided for solar panel manufacturing in the country.

Sun Deshi, Deputy Mayor of Linyi Government, Shandong Province and Li Shuang, Mayor of Daming County, Hebei Province showed their willingness to invest in Pakistan, the report added.

“As Pakistan’s healthcare landscape is evolving, we see immense potential in tapping into the demand for its medical tourism,” highlighted Ma Jian, representative of the Sichuan Liaison Office of the China-Pakistan Business Council.

Speaking at a roundtable dialogue on “Cross-Border Medical Tourism” as part of the 2024 World Medical Tourism and Global Healthcare (Boao) Forum (WMTF) held in the picturesque Chinese city of Haikou, Ma highlighted the unique blend of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and modern medical practices offered by China, particularly Hainan, as a prime destination for Pakistani patients seeking world-class treatments at competitive prices. “China boasts advanced medical technologies, groundbreaking drugs and a rich heritage of traditional medicines,” Ma emphasized according to a report carried by China Economic Net (CEN) on Sunday.

He cited China's biotechnology innovations in stem cell therapy for anti-aging and chronic degenerative diseases, as well as immune cell and gene therapies for cancer, as world-class offerings that hold exceptional value for international patients.

The global recognition of TCM is on the rise, and Ma sees immense potential in attracting Pakistani patients seeking alternative or complementary therapies.

"There is a growing presence of Chinese medicines in Pakistan, with products like Huoxiang Zhengqi Liquid and Lianhua Qingwen capsule already approved and proving their efficacy in treating various conditions," he added.

The global market for medical tourism is colossal, generating over US\$600 billion in revenue last year alone, Ma noted.

However, he acknowledged that collaboration between Pakistan and China in this sector is still in its infancy.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1230288/aleem-khan-engages-top-chinese-investors-to-invest-in-pakistan/>

Pakistan, China to establish Special Agricultural Industrial Park

China's Anhui Annongda Agricultural Science and Technology Company will collaborate with Pakistan to establish a Special Agricultural Industrial Park. In this connection, it inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pakistan Carium Healthcare Innovation Company, marking the beginning of a collaborative venture aimed at establishing the Park.

This is a move to bolster the essential oil sector in Pakistan. The partnership will focus on research and development in essential oil extraction, along with the cultivation of plants and herbs rich in essential oils and traditional medicinal properties, China Economic Net (CEN) reported. The MoU underscores the shared commitment to harnessing Pakistan's natural resources and fostering innovative practices that will elevate the Pakistan's position in the global essential oil industry.

The collaboration aims for the production of high-quality, pure essential oils, catering to the burgeoning demand across sectors such as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and wellness products. As part of the initiative, they will cultivate stevia, Japanese mint and sweet potatoes, with the first batch of crops in the Park for the extraction of essential oils destined for the pharmaceutical industry. Essential oils, renowned for their therapeutic properties, have witnessed a surge in popularity due to their diverse applications. From aromatherapy and skincare to natural remedies, these oils have become an integral part of modern wellness routines.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1230277/pakistan-china-to-establish-special-agricultural-industrial-park/>

Nawaiwaqt New

پاکستانی معیشت کو مستحکم بنانے میں چین کا تاریخی کردار ناقابل فراموش ہے: محسن نقوی

اسلام آباد، لاہور (اپنے سٹاف رپورٹرز سے) وفاقی وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی سے چینی توئیں جزل ژاؤ شیرین نے ملاقات کی اور چین کے قومی دن کی مبارکباد پیش کی۔ ملاقات کے دوران محسن نقوی نے صدر شی جن پنگ کی قیادت میں چین کی ترقی کی تعریف کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چین نے ترقی کے نئے سنگ میل عبور کیے ہیں۔ انہوں نے چین کو پاکستان کا سب سے قابل اعتماد اور مخلص دوست قرار دیتے ہوئے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان پائیدار تعلقات کے فروغ پر مزید زور دیا۔ وزیر داخلہ نے چین کی تیز رفتار ترقی کو دنیا کے لیے ایک ماڈل کے طور پر اجاگر کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چین نے پاکستان کی معیشت کو مستحکم کرنے میں تاریخی کردار ادا کیا ہے۔ محسن نقوی نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستان کو چین کے ساتھ اپنی لازوال دوستی پر فخر ہے، جو چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) کے ذریعے نئی بلندیوں تک پہنچی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاک چین دوستی ہمیشہ مضبوط رہے گی۔ ملاقات کے دوران توئیں جزل ژاؤ شیرین نے پاکستان میں چینی تاجروں کی درخواستوں کی بنیاد پر وزارت داخلہ کی طرف سے کی گئی بعض ترامیم پر وفاقی وزیر سے اظہار تشکر بھی کیا۔ انہوں نے پاکستان کو چین کا بہترین دوست کہہ کر اظہار تشکر کیا اور اس بات کا اعادہ کیا کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان تعاون جاری رہے گا۔ ملاقات میں چینی توئیں جزل ژاؤ شیرین نے فریقین نے باہمی دلچسپی کے امور اور دوطرفہ تعلقات کو مزید فروغ دینے پر تبادلہ خیال کیا۔

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Chinese Newspapers

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Xinhua News

Asia Album: Pakistani students compose symphony of cultures with Chinese to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival

GWADAR, Pakistan, Sept. 19 (Xinhua) -- Under the glow of the full moon in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, Pakistani students and Chinese nationals gathered to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, a cherished tradition symbolizing family reunion at the China Business Center in the port city of Gwadar.

Approximately 20 students from various disciplines at the China-donated Pakistan-China Technical and Vocational Institute, including Chinese, English, maritime technology, tourism, and hospitality, attended the celebration at the event.

<https://english.news.cn/20240919/5651092f70354591b8429e10dfc2b421/c.html>

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People's Daily

The secret to success in North China's bag town

(Xinhua)

SHIJIAZHUANG, Sept. 19 (Xinhua) -- Despite the sluggish global economy, the Baigou new area in north China's Hebei Province has been enjoying a steady increase in exports.

Baigou is one of China's largest bag production and marketing bases, accounting for about 28 percent of the country's domestic market. Selling products to 195 countries and regions in the world, the small town is particularly popular among traders from Eastern Europe and the Middle East, some of whom gather here all year round.

On a random morning recently, three different groups of foreign traders from Europe and the Middle East were seen in the lobby of a local hotel.

Among them was Hafiz Abubakr, a Pakistani businessman who now lives in London. "I spent more than 60,000 U.S. dollars in just five days," he said.

This was his first time in China, and he planned to make a "big investment" to sell wheeled luggage to the United Kingdom.

"This customer started to get in touch with us through Alibaba livestream," said Nancy Zhang, a salesperson with Omaska, one of the two local companies that Abubakr signed contracts with. "It's not our biggest order. Two months ago, an Indian buyer ordered 10 containers of products."

She added that the total sales of her company this year are expected to exceed 200 million yuan (28.18 million U.S. dollars), more than 30 percent higher than last year, and the majority of sales are from foreign trade orders.

With an area of only 50 square kilometers, Baigou has formed an industrial cluster that provides jobs for more than two million people nearby. Every year, over 800 million bags and cases are sold to the world from this small town.

Despite the global economic slowdown, Baigou's total export figure for bags and cases in the first half of 2024 was 7 billion yuan, up over 17 percent year on year. Such figures have caused many to ponder the secret to the town's success.

Baigou's bag industry began in the 1970s when people sold hand-made bags, along with toys and groceries, at fair stalls by the roadside. Over two decades, producers here tried to achieve mass sales by setting prices low. However, this path of development was unhealthy for the industry.

"Since we didn't attach much importance to branding and quality back then, it was difficult for small factories like us to make a profit as sales declined," said Wang Jinlong, founder of a leatherware company.

Things started to change in 2003. Over a period of five years, businesses in Baigou registered more than 1,400 brands. By building brands, this small town's influence in the bag market grew. With a household population of just 60,000, Baigou has formed a complete industrial chain for bag production, including raw-material supply, product design, manufacturing and sales.

In recent years, live-streaming commerce has grown rapidly in Baigou. Now nearly 10,000 live shopping events are held here every day, introducing products to customers from home and abroad through more than 20 languages.

The total output value of Baigou's bags and cases increased from about 10 billion yuan in 2020 to 41.9 billion yuan in 2023, over 70 percent of which was achieved through online sales.

At a cross-border e-commerce enterprise in Baigou, workers are packing goods, analyzing customer preferences, and adding women's bags to online shops accordingly. This company sells products to nearly 50 countries around the world through about a dozen international platforms, such as Shein, Amazon and Shopeee.

"It's easier to peak online sales by providing quality goods that match the preferences of foreign buyers and the selling styles of international platforms," said the company's owner Wang Lei, who is also executive vice president of the E-commerce Association of Baigou new area.

He noted that Baigou is also making efforts to build cross-border e-commerce industrial parks, as well as developing a professional team of live-streamers through training courses and competitions.

According to Wang Weinan, director of Baigou's bureau of investment promotion, led by the local government, a group of young Chinese entrepreneurs visited bag companies in seven countries last year to gain experience and seek larger overseas markets.

"We'll set off again immediately. We are heading to Japan and the Republic of Korea in September, and Indonesia and Malaysia in October," he added.

Along with other 38 marketplaces, Baigou's bag market is part of China's market procurement trade mode pilot program. This new trade mode offers a channel through which micro, small and medium-sized enterprises can export bags and cases, thus participating in international trade. It provides many preferential policies and services, such as value-added tax exemption and simplified customs clearance.

Baigou's bag industry still relies heavily on craftsmen rather than automation, due to the difficulties in making rapidly updated products with irregular shapes and complex processes. However, the town has been trying to combine its methods of design and production with artificial intelligence.

In 2022, an industrial transformation center was established in Baigou new area to provide accurate digital services for more than 20,000 companies in the local bag and case industry. At the center, companies can grasp the latest trends, design new products and generate 3D simulations with the help of online systems.

Another foreign trader lingering in the hotel lobby was Behnam Fadavi. This is the seventh year that the Iranian merchant and his brother have cooperated with Chinese companies. They mainly import backpacks and women's handbags from China to the United Arab Emirates.

Fadavi said that what he values most is good design.

When asked how much he intended to spend in Baigou this time, the businessman said, "We don't have a purchasing limit, so long as the design is new and good."

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Pakistan, China strengthen economic ties with 350 mln USD MoUs at trade fair: foreign office

(Xinhua)

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"These agreements underscore Chinese investors' confidence in Pakistan's market and highlight Pakistan's role as a key regional partner," the spokesperson said.

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Pakistan-China cooperation on AI education to boost global competitiveness: senior official

Pakistan is in the process of introducing advanced artificial intelligence (AI)-based education in schools, with cooperation from China to play a vital role in this initiative, said a senior Pakistani official.

<https://english.news.cn/20240920/1a120c2592ac4307bca04406c45b1585/c.html>

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People's Daily

China emerges as stabilizing force in global affairs under CPC leadership: Pakistani president

(Xinhua)

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 20 (Xinhua) -- China, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), has emerged as a stabilizing force in global affairs, bolstering the global economy and showing tremendous progress in the fields of science, innovation and technology, Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said on Thursday at a ceremony celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

China is poised to achieve significant milestones in the coming decades, which would not only bolster its development but also reshape the global landscape in politics, economics and culture, Zardari said.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has helped Pakistan to transform its economy as the first phase of the project brought socio-economic benefits to the people.

"We are entering into the second phase of CPEC, which has huge potential for cooperation in agriculture, information technology, mines and minerals, and many other important areas of mutual interests," the prime minister said.

Speaking at the event, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong said that China and Pakistan would further accelerate the construction of a closer China-Pakistan community of shared future in the new era, bringing more welfare to the peoples of the two countries and making greater contributions to the modernization of the world.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/0922/c90000-20221631.html>

Xinhua News

Fishermen aspire for transformation of fishing industry in Pakistan's Gwadar under CPEC

The recently completed China-aided New Gwadar International Airport will draw Chinese investors to Gwadar, and we hope that investment in the fishing industry will be a priority, said Abdul Majeed, a representative of the local fishing community.

by Misbah Saba Malik

GWADAR, Pakistan, Sept. 22 (Xinhua) -- Sitting at his jetty, surrounded by colorful boats adorned with traditional designs, in Gwadar city of Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, Jalil Afzal gazed thoughtfully at the towering cranes of the China-constructed Gwadar port.

"My grandfather was a fisherman, my father was a fisherman, and I am a fisherman as well. Around 80 percent of Gwadar's population relies on fishing, but I want a different future for my children. The port, right in front of me, symbolizes the city's transformation and is a beacon of hope. I hope it changes my children's fate," Afzal told Xinhua.

Afzal explained that, despite many young fishermen graduating from colleges and universities, they often prefer to return to fishing due to the lack of career opportunities linked to the fishing industry.

"This is our heritage, our identity. Yet, if Chinese companies invest in Pakistan's fishing industry, it could be a win-win for both Pakistani fishermen and Chinese investors," he said.

In conversations with Xinhua, fishermen and community representatives expressed optimism about Gwadar's rapid development, driven by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in Pakistan with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

The fishermen said that while CPEC has already created numerous job opportunities, they hope the project will soon bring business prospects for their industry.

Abdul Majeed, a representative of the local fishing community, noted the potential impact of the recently completed China-aided New Gwadar International Airport.

"It will draw Chinese investors to Gwadar, and we hope that investment in the fishing industry will be a priority," he said, talking to Xinhua while touring the city's bustling fish market.

The local market is small, said Majeed. To avoid losses, they often export their catch to neighboring Iran at marginal prices, where it is processed, packaged, and sold under Iranian brands at a much higher value.

"If Chinese companies could provide value-added services like processing and packaging the fish here, the product could be sold at a better price. It would also create jobs for our educated youth involved in fishing, and the fish would carry the 'Made in Pakistan' label," Majeed said.

The fishermen also noted the absence of fish farming in Gwadar, an area they believe has untapped potential.

"Investment in sea fish farming could significantly boost fish production and open new doors for Balochistan province's blue economy," said Afzal.

He mentioned that a vocational training center is currently operating in the city under CPEC, providing training for students in various disciplines. He hopes the center will also introduce courses specifically for fishermen to help modernize their fishing practices.

With the rise of CPEC, Gwadar's fishermen envision a future where their industry becomes more profitable, diversified, and internationally recognized, driven by investment that will elevate Gwadar's fishing sector, create a brighter future for generations to come, and further strengthen the bond of friendship between Pakistan and China.

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BYD's reported plan for Pakistan plant signals growing cooperation amid CPEC upgrades

Wang Yi

Chinese electric vehicle (EV) giant BYD's reported plan to build its first EV assembly plant in Pakistan has sparked optimism about Pakistan's prospects to boost EV production and exports. This development signals a strengthening of industrial cooperation, particularly in the context of ongoing upgrades to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Pakistan's biggest private electricity producer Hub Power (Hubco), a joint venture partner for a number of Chinese power projects established under the CPEC, said that its subsidiary Mega Motor was entering a partnership with the Tesla rival to set up the country's first EV assembly plant by 2026, the Financial Times reported on Sunday.

Pakistan's Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb said the country is encouraging BYD to export to markets in Africa and South Asia, including Bangladesh and

Sri Lanka, according to the report. "We want Pakistan to become an export hub," the official was quoted as saying.

As the global EV market continues to grow, BYD's planned facility in Pakistan not only marks a crucial business step for the company to increase its presence in the South Asian market, but also signals the strengthening industrial cooperation between China and Pakistan in the new-energy sector under the CPEC.

In light of the unfounded accusations of "overcapacity" directed at China's thriving EV and new-energy sectors by certain Western countries, this situation exemplifies how China's green capacity provides both economic and environmental advantages to other developing nations. This fosters mutually beneficial development and contributes to regional sustainable development.

Pakistan's demand for new-energy vehicles (NEVs) is growing, especially against the backdrop of accelerated urbanization and heightened environmental awareness. The prospects of its NEV market are becoming increasingly attractive.

Pakistan targets an EV market share of 30 percent by 2030 and 90 percent by 2040 in total vehicle sales. The country offers lucrative investment opportunities for manufacturers, assemblers and suppliers, according to media reports.

If BYD implements its cooperation plan in Pakistan as reported, it will be well-positioned to tap the potential of this promising market, bolstered by a large young population and a growing middle class. Additionally, the company stands to benefit from Pakistan's ambition to promote green growth and expand exports to other economies across South Asia.

Meanwhile, BYD's entry into Pakistan's EV production sector is expected to greatly advance and strengthen the local EV industry. This move will enhance the automotive supply chain, stimulate growth in related sectors such as battery manufacturing and charging station infrastructure, create jobs and boost exports.

China and Pakistan's efforts to enhance their industrial chain and trade cooperation in new-energy sectors, particularly in EV manufacturing, hold significant importance for the continued development of the CPEC and regional economic integration.

Since its official launch in 2013, the CPEC has made notable progress in its initial phase of development. Key infrastructure projects, including the Gwadar Port and the expansion of Pakistan's national highway network, have established a strong foundation for the continued growth of the country's economy.

China and Pakistan have recently agreed to enhance the CPEC by building an upgraded version that includes several corridors: the growth corridor, livelihood-enhancing corridor, innovation corridor, green corridor and open corridor. These initiatives are designed to align with new economic development needs and serve as new growth drivers for both economies.

A key focus of this upgraded CPEC is industrial cooperation, which holds significant potential for both nations. Pakistan's traditional industries are primarily labor- and resource-intensive. By leveraging China's capital and technologies, Pakistan can achieve industrial

upgrading and accelerate its economic development. In June, the two countries signed four documents to strengthen industrial cooperation.

Among the above-mentioned corridors, the green corridor is particularly noteworthy due to its alignment with global trends of the green transition and Pakistan's national conditions. New-energy projects under this corridor can address Pakistan's energy demands.

Partnerships with China's leading EV manufacturing industry can enable Pakistan to enhance its manufacturing sector and boost exports. This collaboration has the potential to transform Pakistan's labor and resource advantages into sustainable economic growth.

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Xinhua News

BRICS helps build fairer, more equitable global governance system: survey

MOSCOW, Sept. 23 (Xinhua) -- The BRICS mechanism contributes to building a fairer and more equitable global governance system, said a survey published Monday.

The Global Survey: BRICS Cooperation in the New Era of Global Development 2024, conducted in 30 countries with 12,316 valid samples, showed the average recognition of the role of the BRICS mechanism in improving the global governance system reached 94.6 percent among the participants.

The respondents believed that the BRICS mechanism would enhance the representation of developing countries in global governance and enhance the reform and improvement of the global governance system, the survey said.

Such sentiment is stronger among developing countries, with recognition in the BRICS countries and other developing nations exceeding 95 percent, the survey noted, adding that countries like Russia, Brazil, Pakistan, Cuba, Peru and Mexico all have a recognition rate of over 96 percent.

The survey was conducted from May to July 2024 by the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies in collaboration with Beijing Dataway Technology Co. Ltd. It was released at the BRICS Seminar on Governance & Cultural Exchange Forum 2024 in Moscow.

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2024 China-Central Asia Teenager Maker Camp kicks off in Urumqi

2024 China-Central Asia Teenager Maker Camp kicks off in Urumqi The 2024 China-Central Asia Teenager Maker Camp, hosted by Children and Youth Science Center of CAST and Xinjiang Association for Science and Technology, kicked off at Xinjiang Medical University on September 22, as an important part of the National Science Popularization Day in Xinjiang. About 200 teenagers and teachers from seven countries, including China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and Azerbaijan, gathered in

Urumqi to immerse themselves in the unique charm of Xinjiang through engaging hands-on activities, promoting technological and cultural exchanges.

The theme of this year's Maker Camp is "Dream of Future Science, Dedication to Better World." The week-long camp is divided into four chapters: Science & Technology, Culture, Ecology and Cooperation, featuring four scientific courses and 15 activities focused on technological and cultural exchanges.

During the event, participants will embark on a cultural journey at the Xinjiang Museum, explore Xinjiang's unique natural resources at the Xinjiang Natural Museum and experience the vibrant culture of Xinjiang at the Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar. They will also visit Turpan to explore the Karez Wells, one of China's three ancient engineering marvels, and learn about the use of science and technology in their construction.

Additionally, they will participate in scientific investigation activities at popular science bases, including the Turpan Eremophytes Botanical Garden of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Nanshan Base of the Xinjiang Astronomical Observatory, CAS. They will also explore the innovative spirit of enterprises such as Xinjiang Bayi Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of China Baowu Steel Group. Moreover, activities showcasing intangible cultural heritage will offer participants an opportunity to appreciate the richness of traditional Chinese culture. Nokhon Akhilmietova, a student from Uzbekistan, said, "Last year's experience was incredible, and this year we have come with more people to explore even more places. I'm particularly excited about the Nanshan Observatory and the Karez Wells in Turpan. I hope to learn more about technology, gain insights into traditional Chinese culture, and make new friends."

To foster deeper connections between students and teachers from the Xinjiang region and Central Asian countries, participants will visit Urumqi Bayi High School, where they will engage with local students in AI courses, space technology innovation classes, and other science classes. "The Maker Camp not only allows us to showcase the technological innovations of Xinjiang's teenagers, but also enables us to gain insights into the customs and cultures of different countries, facilitating mutual learning and collective progress," said Yang Haozhe, a student at Urumqi Bayi High School. Since its launch in 2017, the Maker Camp has successfully hosted eight editions, attracting over 40 million teenagers and science teachers from more than 50 countries, regions, and international organizations to pursue their scientific aspirations. In 2023, the camp was included in the practical cooperation project list for the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, making it the only project specifically focused on teenagers. "The China-Central Asia Teenager Maker Camp serves as a vital platform for teenagers from Central Asian countries to chase their scientific dreams," said Su Hong, director of the Xinjiang Youth Science and Technology Education and Popularization Center. "This platform promotes enhanced interaction and exchanges between Chinese teenagers and teachers and their counterparts from Central Asia. We look forward to co-developing and sharing science education outcomes with more Belt and Road countries in the future."

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People's Daily

Private sector should play leading role in construction of CPEC: Pakistani minister

(Xinhua)

LAHORE, Pakistan, Sept. 25 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani private sector should play a leading role in the construction of the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistani Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said on Tuesday via Zoom link.

Addressing the High-Level Private Sector Dialogue on "Leveraging Private Capital for CPEC II and the Region," one of the series events of the Pakistan Regional Economic Forum, the minister said the first phase of the CPEC construction was about infrastructure and the second phase of CPEC will be the monetization of the infrastructure.

Pakistan's current macroeconomic situation is stabilizing as the inflation rate has started decreasing, laying a good economic foundation for the second phase of the CPEC, he said.

The minister expressed confidence that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) board will approve a 37-month Extended Fund Facility worth 7 billion U.S. dollars, and expressed gratitude to China for its support of the IMF program as Pakistan's longstanding partner.

Khalid Mansoor, the former special assistant to the prime minister of Pakistan on the CPEC, presented potential projects in agriculture, textile, information technology, mining and other fields for the private sector, saying that all the projects should substitute the import, export-oriented and create the employment which is needed.

Speaking at the event, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong said Pakistan has advantages in geographical location, and human and natural resources, adding that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the Pakistani government has done massive work and achieved a lot.

China is willing to work with Pakistan to strengthen confidence, work hard, consolidate, deepen and expand cooperation and help Pakistan achieve sustainable development, the ambassador added.

The event was well attended by a diverse audience, including entrepreneurs, media personnel and diplomats, reflecting widespread interest in the future of CPEC.

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China to launch moon base mission as early as 2026, expected to be equipped with wireless network

(Global Times)

China's lunar exploration program will carry out two more launch missions to lay the groundwork for the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS), with the first launch expected to take place as early as 2026, announced the China National Space Administration (CNSA) on Tuesday.

According to the plan, China will launch the Chang'e-7 mission in 2026 and the Chang'e-8 mission around 2028, China Central Television (CCTV) reported on Tuesday.

Chang'e-7 will survey the environment and resources of the lunar South Pole, while the Chang'e-8 mission will focus on validating technologies for in-situ resource utilization on the moon, laying the foundation for the future construction of the ILRS, which is expected to be established around 2035, said Bian Zhigang, deputy director of the CNSA.

The construction of the ILRS, jointly initiated by China and Russia, will be divided into two phases.

In the first phase, a basic model of the station will be established at the lunar South Pole region, capable of conducting scientific operations within a radius of 100 kilometers. This phase will utilize an integrated information network between the Earth and the moon to enable interconnectivity and interoperability among various missions, including unmanned lunar exploration, manned lunar landings, and international cooperation. This phase will feature a comprehensive lunar research platform with essential functions.

The second phase will focus on expanding the station's capabilities, with the goal of establishing a comprehensive lunar station network by 2050. This network will be centered around the lunar South Pole station, with a lunar orbital station as the hub, and exploration nodes at the lunar equator and the far side of the moon. The station will have a large-scale, multifunctional research platform that operates continuously with long-term unmanned and short-term manned missions. As for whether it will be possible to access the internet or live on the moon, Guan Feng, deputy director of the CNSA Lunar Exploration and Aerospace Engineering Center, revealed that the Chang'e-8 mission will consider communication capabilities. "There will definitely be wireless networks and energy on the moon, and scientists are still researching the feasibility of growing vegetables there, an area where the Chang'e-8 mission may conduct scientific studies," Guan said. In September, Senegal along with several African institutions announced their participation in the ILRS program, bringing the total number of members of the moon base to more than 10 countries and over 40 international organizations worldwide. To date, Venezuela, Belarus, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, South Africa, Egypt, Nicaragua, Thailand, Serbia, Kazakhstan, and Senegal have joined China and Russia as part of the venture. US-based and European organizations have also joined the program, including the Hawaii-based International Lunar Observatory Association, Swiss company Nano-SPACE for Cooperation, and France's Thales Group.

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Commentary: Chang'e lunar missions -- China's feat for the whole humanity

(Xinhua)

BEIJING, Sept. 26 (Xinhua) -- Since its inception in 2004, the Chinese lunar exploration program, also known as the Chang'e project after Chinese Moon goddess Chang'e, has greatly helped expand humanity's knowledge of the Moon and the broader cosmos.

The recent Chang'e-6 mission, which brought back lunar soil from the Moon's far side for the first time, is just one of its many groundbreaking achievements.

China's lunar exploration has never been about showcasing its scientific prowess, but rather about a shared journey to understand the Earth's celestial neighbor.

The mission, which included international payloads from the European Space Agency, France, Italy, and Pakistan, highlighted China's commitment to fostering a broader and more inclusive approach to space exploration.

This inclusive approach will continue with two additional Chang'e missions, scheduled for 2026 and 2028. With six international payloads already selected for Chang'e-7 and over 30 proposals collected for Chang'e-8, China is further opening the doors of lunar research to the world.

These missions are part of a larger blueprint for an International Lunar Research Station, a platform that aims to bring together space scientists from across the globe in the spirit of equality, mutual benefits, peaceful utilization and win-win cooperation.

China's space agenda is nevertheless not confined to lunar missions. Such projects as the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System and the China-Brazil Earth Resources Satellite attest to its endeavor to form open and inclusive partnerships.

Unlike the exclusive space clubs led by some traditional spacefaring powers, China is keen to lower the barriers to entry to space and invite participation from countries with emerging space capabilities.

As of November 2023, China had signed over 150 intergovernmental space cooperation agreements with more than 50 countries and international organizations. In an era where space exploration is increasingly viewed as a shared human endeavor, China's attainments resonate far beyond its borders, a vivid reminder that the universe belongs to the whole humanity.

From providing satellite technology to Brazil for rainforest monitoring, to enabling remote education in Laos via the LaoSat-1 satellite, and to aiding Tajikistan in dam monitoring with the BeiDou system, China has been continuously extending the benefits of space technology.

The international community has nodded recognition. In an interview with Xinhua earlier this year, Aarti Holla-Maini, director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, depicted China as a "well-respected spacefaring nation," applauding its collaborative efforts to build capacity, reduce disaster risks, and help all countries, especially the developing ones, gain access to space.

Her remarks were echoed by Neil Melville-Kenney, a technical officer from the European Space Agency, who emphasized that the very nature of space exploration demands thinking of humanity as one.

"It is absolutely key for us to continue our young journey out into the cosmos by working together," he said.

Indeed, as China emerges as a key player in deep space exploration, the Chang'e era created by China represents more than just a series of successful lunar missions, but a broader vision of shared human progress.

Much the way the successive Chang'e probes have traversed part of the boundless cosmos, China's space cooperation transcends borders, inviting nations worldwide to extend the frontiers of human knowledge together.

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SCO focuses on strengthening economic cooperation, enhancing connectivity: Pakistani foreign office

(Xinhua)

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 26 (Xinhua) -- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is focusing on strengthening economic cooperation and enhancing connectivity in the region and beyond, the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Thursday.

Commenting on the upcoming prime ministers' meeting of the SCO in Islamabad, spokesperson of Pakistan's Foreign Office Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said that subjects pertaining to the economy, trade, finance, investment, trade facilitation and economic collaboration, as mentioned in Astana Declaration, will be further elaborated.

Highlighting joint building of China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) as mentioned during the SCO Astana Summit, the spokesperson said that Pakistan has been supporting initiatives in the SCO that foster connectivity and establish new linkages among member states.

"Pakistan fully supports the Belt and Road Initiative, which is also an important connectivity project for the region and Pakistan. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the BRI, is critical for Pakistan's economic prosperity and development," she said. Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to the fields of agriculture and livelihood.

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China's remarkable achievements serve as model for Pakistan: officials

Raheela Nazir

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 27 (Xinhua) -- Over the last few decades, China has made remarkable achievements, serving as a model for countries around the globe including Pakistan, Pakistani officials said here on Thursday during a ceremony celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

The visionary leadership of China played a vital role in initiating a new era of development for China, transforming it to a thriving society while sharing the dividends with the world, said officials and experts from the country's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province.

Speaking at the event, Babar Saleem Swati, speaker of the provincial assembly of KP, said that Pakistan has a lot to learn from China in pursuit of shared economic prosperity and development, highlighting the importance of further deepening ties between the two friendly countries.

Acknowledging the significant role of China in Pakistan's development, Swati said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, has brought socio-economic benefits to the people of Pakistan, including KP.

He also called for deepening parliamentary connections and dialogues between Pakistan and China to foster meaningful connections, enhancing the already exemplary relations.

"It is a joint responsibility of leaders of both countries to foster and pass on the resilient ties between Pakistan and China to the coming generations, guaranteeing sustainable development for both nations."

Talking about the cooperation between China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and Pakistan's KP province, Arshad Ayub Khan, provincial minister for local government, elections and rural development, said that the two regions need to further promote economic cooperation and people-to-people contacts.

Under CPEC, special economic zones are being established in the province, opening new avenues of prosperity for Pakistan by spurring economic activities and promoting industrialization in the country, especially in KP.

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China's GDI, GSI, and GCI foster global cooperation, address urgent challenges

Building bridges for shared future

Xie Wenting

In an era marked by unprecedented global transformations, the world stands at a critical crossroads, grappling with deepening deficits in peace, development, security, and governance. As humanity faces unparalleled challenges during this tumultuous period, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chinese president, has put forth a solemn call to action through the Global Development Initiative (GDI), the Global Security Initiative (GSI), and the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI).

The three pivotal initiatives address the pressing issues of our time, offering viable pathways and robust support for the building of a global community of shared future. Rooted in the rich historical experiences of the CPC's century-long struggle and infused with the wisdom of China's traditional culture, these initiatives are expected to unite the world in the pursuit of common progress and stability.

To offer a deep understanding of the GDI, the GSI, and the GCI, and elaborate on their significance on a global scale, the Global Times is launching series of articles featuring engaging stories and in-depth interviews to provide our readers with a comprehensive insight into the three initiatives.

In April 2022, President Xi proposed the GSI to promote universal security while delivering a keynote speech via video link at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022. The initiative is a global public good offered by China, as well as a vivid illustration of the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind in the security field.

On July 23, 2024, 14 Palestinian factions gathered in Beijing and signed the Beijing Declaration on Ending Division and Strengthening Palestinian National Unity after participating in reconciliation talks mediated by China, a lively demonstration of the GSI's function in practice, which many international observers hailed China for having "made something impossible possible," and regarded it as a milestone in the Middle East reconciliation process.

"Palestinian unity is key to the realization of Palestinian statehood and China is committed to facilitating it," read an article on news outlet Al Jazeera.

"The Palestinian question is at the core of the Middle East issue. Over the past years, China has put forward proposals and taken action to address the Palestinian question with Chinese wisdom and solutions," stated the article.

China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning said at a regular media briefing on July 24, that "China firmly supports the Palestinian people in restoring their legitimate national rights, and supports the people of Middle East countries in holding their future in their own hands. China will continue to advance the GSI and make more contribution to peace and stability in the Middle East."

On the day that the "Beijing Declaration" was signed, many Chinese people hailed the important step in peace in the Middle East and shared the sentiment "Because we have been caught in the rain, we want to hold an umbrella for others" on social media platforms.

They recalled the history that 164 years ago, the Qing government was forced to sign the humiliating "Convention of Peking" in 1860, which included ceding territories and paying indemnities. That dark era saw China reduced to a semi-feudal and semi-colonial society, when bullying by foreign powers and frequent wars tore the country apart and plunged the Chinese people into an abyss of great suffering. After a strenuous fight, the CPC has closely united and led the Chinese people of all ethnic groups to work hard for a century to put an end to China's national humiliation, guiding the country to progress and prosperity.

The past suffering is not merely a reminder of a dark history; it has also made the Chinese people more sympathetic to the suffering of others and has deepened their understanding of the value of peace.

Turkish Ambassador to China İsmail Hakkı Musa hailed the significance of the GSI in an exclusive interview with the Global Times. "The GSI has its own rations. It focuses on sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, and [the] peaceful settlement of the disputes. You may have noticed that too many people - too many analysts - defended the idea that, for example, the role assumed by China between the approach of Saudi Arabia and Iran was a kind of application or practice of this initiative," Musa said.

"We all know that this approach is a good thing. Lesser tension in that region is an important contribution to the world peace," he stressed.

In practice, China is not only playing an unselfish, active role in the brokering of peace in the Middle East while some other countries ignore human lives for selfish interests, but has also become an important force in maintaining world peace.

Since the restoration of its legitimate seat in the United Nations, China has faithfully fulfilled its international legal obligations as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Currently, China is the second-largest contributor to the UN's regular budget, the second-largest contributor to UN peacekeeping operations, and the largest troop-contributing nation among the permanent members of the Security Council. China actively participates in negotiations and the formulation of rules on global security issues in various fields, including international arms control and preventing nuclear proliferation.

It also collaborates with various parties in non-traditional security areas such as counter-terrorism, biosecurity, and food security. In the face of ongoing hotspot issues, China is committed to playing the role of a responsible major power.

Right to development

In the heart of Africa, where the sun shines brightly and the needs of the people are as vast as the savannah, a new story of development is unfolding. It's a tale of "small but beautiful" projects born from China-Africa cooperation, ranging from crop cultivation and maize growth and combating the region's hunger issue, to clean energy projects that provide affordable new energy, and to the Luban Workshop, which offers training to many in Africa.

The implementation of these "small and beautiful" projects echoes the GDI's call for sustainable and people-centric growth.

Three years ago, Xi proposed the GDI at the general debate of the 76th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, calling for the building of a consensus in pursuing development, promoting shared growth, and helping accelerate the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

China achieved the goal of eradicating absolute poverty 10 years ahead of the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, making significant contributions to global poverty alleviation efforts. Internationally, China is fully committed to development, actively sharing its development opportunities and experiences with other countries, especially with those in the Global South.

Since the initiative was proposed, the content has been consistently substantiated, with its implementation mechanisms becoming more refined over time. This has led to the gradual establishment of practical cooperation within its framework, providing China's approach to addressing the development gap in Global South countries.

At the just concluded 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), the China-Africa Joint Statement on Deepening Cooperation within the Framework of the Global Development Initiative was released.

"Since the launch of the GDI, China and Africa have joined forces and mutually supported each other in exploring paths toward modernization, further implementing the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035, advancing the nine programs to a high standard, as well as completing 175 'small and beautiful' livelihood cooperation projects," read the statement.

More than 30 African members of the FOCAC have joined the Group of Friends of the GDI and the Global Development Promotion Center Network to put in place an efficient working mechanism and platform for alignment in development policies, coordination of development resources, and facilitation of joint actions.

Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, CEO of the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development in Pakistan, told the Global Times that he believes that the GDI, which advocates that development "holds the master key" to solving problems and ensuring sustainable peace, is what the world is desperately seeking now. He noted that apart from Africa, other Global South countries are benefiting from the GDI and China's development dividends.

"Without sharing the dividends of development, we cannot preach ethics, and the dream of peace will remain a dream. Without cooperation, concrete programs, and the allocation of financial resources, we cannot achieve these goals. China is cognizant of this reality and has launched numerous programs and provided financial support such as \$4 billion to the Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund," he said.

Musa noted to the Global Times that "China initiated the concept of the 'right to development.' The GDI also offers action-based policies and result-based projects."

According to China's Foreign Ministry, over the last three years, the GDI has made remarkable achievements. Over 100 countries and some international organizations have given support to or taken part in the initiative. More than 80 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the GDI. China has set up a Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, which has financed over 150 programs. The Global Development Promotion Center Network is bringing more members on board.

"The GDI was put forward by China, but its opportunities and benefits are shared by the world. On the path toward development and prosperity, no country or individual should be left behind. This is the vision of the GDI, as well as the goal advocated by the UN," Mao Ning said at a regular media briefing on September 20, 2024.

Respect for diverse civilizations

In March 2023, Xi proposed the GCI for the first time at the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting, advocating for the respect of the diversity of world civilizations, the promotion of common values for all humanity, the emphasis on the inheritance and innovation of civilizations, and the strengthening of international cultural exchange and cooperation.

The initiative is another major public product offered to the world by China after the GDI and the GSI. It sends a sincere call to the world to deepen the dialogue of civilization exchanges and promote the progress of human civilization through inclusiveness and mutual learning, contributing Chinese wisdom and solutions to promote a higher level of international cooperation, experts said.

Shahbaz Khan, director of the UNESCO Regional Office, told the Global Times that the GCI aligns with UNESCO's mission to foster respect for cultures worldwide, particularly those that possess outstanding universal value.

China now boasts 59 World Heritage sites, including the Beijing Central Axis, a "remarkable example" of urban heritage that showcases advancements from the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368) to the present day, Khan said.

In recent years, China has enhanced communication and coordination with UNESCO, working with all parties to promote the implementation of the United Nations' Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations, strengthening dialogue and exchange among civilizations, and increasing the sharing of values, concepts, and experiences behind the policies of various countries, jointly exploring solutions to global challenges and issues.

Ramay noted that the GCI, together with GDI and GSI, "negates the idea of superiority and present the vision of equality and equity built on respect for diversity and cultures. The vision categorically highlighted the need for a fair and just system where everyone (country or human) can pursue the dream of development and peace."

"These initiatives promote the idea of resolving conflicts or disputes through dialogue and development to strengthen peaceful and cooperative co-existence. Thus, the world welcomed the initiative, especially the Global South," he said.

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China-built Orange Line in Pakistan optimizes daily travel for passengers

"After its completion, traveling within Lahore has become incredibly easy, affordable and comfortable," said Syed Sana, a student of Lahore College for Women University.

By Xinhua writer Tang Binhui

LAHORE, Pakistan, Sept. 28 (Xinhua) -- "The Orange Line Metro Train (OLMT) is a very good project and I hope China will further engage such projects in Pakistan," said Safdar Husain, an advocate at Lahore High Court, who is a frequent commuter of the metro service.

The Orange Line subway project was jointly constructed by China Railway Group Corporation and China North Industries Corporation under the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Pakistan's east Lahore city. It was put into operation on Oct. 25, 2020.

Syed Sana, a student of Lahore College for Women University, told Xinhua that before the introduction of the OLMT, she relied on public transportation, which was time-consuming and very expensive.

"After its completion, traveling within Lahore has become incredibly easy, affordable and comfortable. As a female, I appreciate the security and convenience it offers," said Sana.

She added that it efficiently connects one end of Lahore to the other, reducing the need for personal vehicles and consequently decreasing pollution.

Talking to Xinhua, Adnan, an employee working at a private office near the OLMT route, said he used to go to work by motorcycle, regardless of winter, summer, or rainy days.

"Now my difficulties are gone and all sorts of people, like blue workers, students and professionals, are using the metro train service," Adnan said.

According to the project staff, the Orange Line has been operating safely for 47 months, with train punctuality and fulfillment rates at the industry's leading level. The total passenger flow exceeded 10 million on March 12, 2021, and exceeded 200 million in September 2024.

"Due to the construction of this massive project, there are a lot of business activities going on in this area," Husain said.

The train also passes by some of the cultural and historical sites of the city, helping tourists to get there easily and promoting tourism of the millennium-old city known as the cultural hub of Pakistan.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. It highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, and expands to areas such as agriculture and livelihood in the new phase.

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75 years on, China committed to global common development

‘Where is humanity headed?’ Nation aspires to find answer

By Fan Anqi and Zhang Han

October 1 this year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past 75 years, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the country has undergone tremendous changes, realizing unprecedented development. China has achieved in a few decades what took developed countries several centuries, with its economy now ranking as the second largest in the world. With strenuous efforts, China has realized its first centenary goal - building a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

China's influence on the world has never been as profound and long-lasting as it is today. Likewise, the world's attention to China has never been as deep, and focused as it is now.

As globalization deepens, nations are becoming more interdependent, while various global challenges continue to emerge. Humanity faces natural challenges such as climate change and the loss of biodiversity, as well as common global threats like extreme poverty, nuclear proliferation, political extremism, hegemony, and escalating geopolitical conflicts. The need for cooperation has never been more urgent or important than it is today, experts said.

"Where is humanity headed?" has become a significant question concerning the future and destiny for all.

To answer this question, Chinese President Xi Jinping put forward the vision of building a community with a shared future for humanity in 2013. This is seen as China's solution to addressing global challenges and creating a better future through concerted efforts of the international community. "The common interest of all humankind is in a world united and peaceful rather than divided and volatile," Xi said, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Building a community with a shared future for humanity is not about replacing one system with another or one civilization with another. Instead, it is about countries with different

social systems, ideologies, historical contexts, and levels of development achieving mutual benefits, sharing rights, and jointly bearing responsibilities in international affairs, experts said.

"Unlike the confrontational or competitive approaches that often dominate international relations, this concept advocates for inclusivity and multilateralism," Hamad Al Hosani, senior researcher at TRENDS Research and Advisory, a think tank of the United Arab Emirates, told the Global Times. "It also reflects a shift from traditional approach to one that embraces a holistic and interconnected global outlook."

Hosani added that this concept helps address global challenges by focusing on shared responsibilities, such as equitable resource distribution, environmental stewardship, and collective security measures. It encourages countries to promote a sense of global solidarity and cooperation in managing transnational threats.

A different path

China's vision, embodied in initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative, focuses on infrastructure investment, trade connectivity, and mutual development without imposing political conditions, Hosani told the Global Times, adding that "this reflects a more pragmatic and cooperative approach that respects the individual paths of nations."

However, many Western development ideologies, particularly those rooted in neoliberalism, often advocate for reforms and governance structures based on Western norms. These Western approaches have historically been linked to conditions imposed on developing nations, Hosani noted.

Therefore, the Chinese path offers developing countries an alternative model of engagement, one that values equal partnership and mutual benefit rather than hierarchical or conditional relationships. "This has attracted many countries, particularly in the Global South, to China's approach, which they see as less intrusive and more respectful of their developmental needs and choices," Hosani said.

Jeffrey Sachs, a professor of economics at Columbia University, who has served as a Special Advisor to three UN Secretaries-General, told Chinese media in a recent interview that he believes there are two competing visions of the world. The first vision entails one country or region leading the rest of the world, a belief held by elites in the Western-led world since 1800. The second vision is one in which all parts of the world share in true common prosperity - In UN jargon, "No one left behind."

Li Haidong, a professor at the China Foreign Affairs University, told the Global Times that China has provided substantial aid to the Global South over the past decade and established various organizations such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), which reflect China's principles of equality, inclusiveness, cooperation, and sustainability.

"In contrast, the US exhibits a hegemonic mindset, most clearly illustrated by NATO's strategic concept, which emphasizes an order where alliances dominate international affairs and countries outside these alliances are dictated by US directives

The expansion of NATO in recent years, even into the Asia-Pacific region, represents an arrangement aimed at dividing the world into different camps," Li said.

The primary damage caused by this Western value system is the undermining of the principle of indivisible security and the disruption of global trend toward economic integration. Li elaborated that the compromising of the indivisible security is reflected in US' stirring up divisions in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, while the global economic integration is disrupted by the US' building of "small yard, high fence" and the promotion of "near-shoring" and "friend-shoring," which is irresponsible.

For a better world

Over the 11 years since the concept of building a community with a shared future for humanity was proposed, China has been both an advocate and a practitioner. Through joint efforts, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has transformed from a Chinese proposal to an international practice, from an idea to concrete actions. It has not only brought tangible benefits to the participating countries but also contributed positively to promoting healthy globalization, addressing global development challenges, and improving global governance.

Projects such as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, China-Europe Railway Express, China-Laos Railway, Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, Piraeus Port have greatly benefited local people. By the end of June 2023, China had signed over 200 cooperation documents with more than 150 countries across five continents and over 30 international organizations under the BRI framework, creating countless iconic projects as well as smaller, people-centered projects.

Bojan Lalic, director of the Belt and Road Institute in Belgrade, told the Global Times that different from the West's selective alliances, China has opted for a path of inclusive multilateralism, advocating for broader cooperation and promoting inclusive frameworks such as the BRI to facilitate development across numerous nations.

"As developing countries increasingly engage with China, a shift in global power dynamics may occur, enabling a multipolar world where various development models coexist," Lalic said.

Under the vision of building a community with a shared future for humanity, President Xi proposed the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative successively from 2021 to 2023. These three initiatives focus on addressing global development challenges, eliminating global security dilemmas, and promoting exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations.

So far, more than 100 countries and international organizations have voiced support for the Global Development Initiative, with over 70 countries joining this "Group of Friends." More than 200 development cooperation projects have yielded results, according to the People's Daily Overseas Edition. UN Secretary-General António Guterres praised the Global Development Initiative as a "valued contribution to addressing common challenges and accelerating the transition to a more sustainable and inclusive future."

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People's Daily

Chinese FM proposes 4 suggestions at 3rd informal meeting of foreign ministers of China, Russia, Pakistan, Iran on Afghan issue

(Xinhua)

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Friday proposed four suggestions when attending the third informal meeting of the foreign ministers of China, Russia, Pakistan and Iran on the Afghan issue on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said that over the past three years, the situation in Afghanistan has undergone a stable transition on the whole, but there is still a long way to go for reconstruction and development, and many difficulties and challenges for long-term stability.

Wang put forward four suggestions on guiding the situation in Afghanistan:

The first is to build security together. Strengthen intelligence exchange and sharing, expand law enforcement and security cooperation, so as to ultimately achieve the goal of eradicating violent terrorist groups within Afghanistan.

The second is to implement comprehensive measures. Jointly promote the Tunxi Initiative to support Afghanistan's reconstruction.

The third is to uphold justice. Make Afghanistan a platform for cooperation among all parties, rather than a venue for geopolitical competition.

The fourth is to provide positive guidance. Encourage the international community to focus on the most urgent challenges facing Afghanistan.

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