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Daily Times

Buffalo embryos allowed to China from specific regions of Pakistan

The General Administration of Customs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China issued a joint announcement recently, allowing specific regions of Pakistan to export buffalo embryos that meet quarantine requirements in China. The latitude and longitude coordinates provided in the announcement correspond to the buffalo epidemic-free ranch of Royal Group in Punjab, according to a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Monday. This marks the first ranch in Pakistan and the only one in the world capable of exporting high-yield buffalo embryos to China. As one of the first agricultural projects initiated under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, Royal Group's "Buffalo Breeding Project" has made significant progress. The importation of buffalo embryos into China can significantly shorten the cycle of improving dairy buffalo breeds from 12 years in the past to 3 years. Additionally, the milk production of a single buffalo can be increased by more than threefold. In addition, Royal Group has established an in vitro embryo production factory and pastures in Pakistan. They have also recruited and trained local researchers and farm managers, and provided high-quality germplasm resources of milk buffalo to Pakistan. This has helped solve the issue of maintaining the local super buffalo resource. In 2021, Royal Group established Royal Cell Biotechnology (Pakistan) and officially launched the "Milk Buffalo Provenance Chip" strategy. In the following year, the Royal Cell in vitro embryo production plant was formally inaugurated. Now, local technicians in Pakistan can produce hundreds of high-quality buffalo embryos in a week. The embryos will breed high-yielding milk buffalo herds and greatly increase buffalo milk production once they are introduced to China. At present, a 10,000-head buffalo breeding ranch funded by Royal Group is currently under intensive construction. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by June 2024. The first phase will provide 3,000 recipient cattle for carrying out embryo transplantation of high-yield buffaloes from Pakistan. This initiative aims to rapidly breed the first batch of high-yield breeding herds in China.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1186260/buffalo-embryos-allowed-to-china-from-specific-regions-of-pakistan/>

Pakistan Observer

Ambassador Luo Zhaohui conferred Hilal-e-Quaid-i-Azam

ISLAMABAD – Ambassador Luo Zhaohui, Chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), was conferred with Hilal-e-Quaid-e-Azam. Ambassador of Pakistan conferred Hilal-e-Quaid-i-Azam upon Ambassador Luo Zhaohui, Chairman, and CIDCA on behalf of the President of Pakistan at an elegant investiture ceremony held at the Embassy of Pakistan today. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Khalil Hashmi felicitated Ambassador Luo on receiving the prestigious award that marked a recognition of his outstanding contribution to China-Pakistan friendship. Paying rich tribute to Ambassador Luo for his meritorious services, the Ambassador called him a 'great friend of

Pakistan' who had always been at the forefront in supporting the people and government of Pakistan. Ambassador Luo Zhaohui, in his remarks, expressed profound gratitude to the President of Pakistan for conferring on him "Hilal-e-Quaid-i-Azam". He referred to Pakistan as his 'second home', recalling especially the extraordinary support extended to him by the Pakistan leadership during his tenure as Ambassador of China to Pakistan. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries, high-level officials and media persons of China and Pakistan.

<https://pakobserver.net/ambassador-luo-zhaohui-conferred-hilal-e-quaid-i-azam/>

The Nation

China to send 5,000 aid PV power generation systems to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - As many as 5,000 sets of household photovoltaic power generation systems, supported by China, have been completed and will soon be shipped to Pakistan. This project is one of the South-South cooperation material assistance projects of China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment to address climate change. It is contracted and implemented by Lattice Technology Co, Ltd of China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP), Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. The 5,000 sets of household photovoltaic power generation systems included approximately 80,000 products across 9 categories. From programme design to production inspection, Lattice High-tech successfully completed the project in less than 30 days. The aid will be installed in Balochistan province, where the temperature in some parts can exceed 50 degrees Celsius. Lattice High-tech fully investigated the local climate environment and people's electricity habits to customize the design of household photovoltaic power generation systems. The system mainly consists of monocrystalline silicon photovoltaic modules, lithium iron phosphate batteries, solar controllers, inverters, LED lamps, power boxes, photovoltaic brackets, etc. These components are utilised to power home lighting and small household appliances by converting solar energy into electricity. According to Lattice High-tech, in addition to production, they will also invite Pakistani technicians to China for technical and installation guidance training to enhance China-Pakistan technical exchanges and share Chinese experience. The successful implementation of this aid project will effectively alleviate the pressure on local electricity supply, address the issue of lighting in remote areas, and enhance Pakistan's capacity to deal with climate change.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/16-Apr-2024/china-to-send-5-000-aid-pv-power-generation-systems-to-pakistan>

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گٹس روٹی، پانی مفید تعاون اور محام کے لیے
فوائد کا حصول دو طرفہ تعلقات اور تعاون کی خصوصیات
خصوصیات ہیں۔ لی پھیانگ نے دو طرفہ چٹاوں
اور مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون میں نئی کامیابیوں کو
آگے بڑھانے کے لیے سوگو کے ساتھ کام کرنے پر
آبادی کا اظہار کیا۔ چینی وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ
چین-افریقہ تعاون کے فورم کے شریک چیئرمین کی
حیثیت سے چین، سیکال کے ساتھ مشترکہ طور پر
اس سال تجربہ میں منصفہ ہونے والے چین-افریقہ
تعاون فورم کے سربراہ اجلاس کی کامیابی کو چینی
بانی کے لیے اظہار تعاون سمیت چین-افریقہ
تعلیمی اور روٹی کو آگے بڑھانے کے لیے تعاون
کا خواہاں ہے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم کی مٹانی سوگو کو
سیکال کا وزارت عظمیٰ قلمدان
سنہالنے پر مبارکباد

بیجنگ (بھوا) چین کے وزیر اعظم کی
پھیانگ نے مٹانی سوگو کو سیکال کی وزارت عظمیٰ
سنہالنے پر مبارکباد دی ہے۔ اپنے مبارکبادی
پیغام میں لی نے کہا کہ چین اور سیکال ترقی اور احیا
کی راہ پر گامزن دوست اور شراکت دار ملک
ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ (باقی صفحہ 6 بجہ نمبر 20)

https://www.epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_ICT&Page=Classified&Date=2024-04-16

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میں ایک مشترکہ اعلان جاری کیا ہے جس میں چین
نے پاکستان کے مخصوص خطوں سے چینس کے جنین
درآمد کرنے کی اجازت دیدی ہے۔ گوار پرو کے
مطابق اعلان میں فراہم کردہ عرض الیبلڈ اور طول
الیبلڈ کو آرائیٹ پنجاب میں رائل گروپ کے
بھینسوں کی پیاروں سے پاک فارم سے مطابقت
رکھتے ہیں۔ یہ پاکستان میں مکئی اور دنیا کی واحد
لیبلڈ ہے جو چین کو زیادہ پیداوار والی بھینسوں کے
جنین درآمد کرنے کے قابل ہے۔ گوار پرو کے
مطابق چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت
شروع کیے گئے پہلے زرعی منصوبوں میں سے ایک
کے طور پر، رائل گروپ کے "بھینسوں کی افزائش
کے منصوبے" نے نمایاں پیش رفت کی ہے۔

چین نے پاکستان کے مخصوص
خطوں سے بھینس کے جنین درآمد
کرنے کی اجازت دیدی

بیجنگ (آئی این پی) چین کی جزل
ایڈیشن آف کسٹمز اور وزارت زراعت اور دہلی
امور نے حال ہی (باقی صفحہ 6 بجہ نمبر 55)

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Daily Times

Pakistani culture cuisines attract audience at Nowruz festival in China

Pakistan's rich culture coupled with regional costumes and traditional cuisines drew attention of participants at a reception held to mark the International Nowruz Day at the Secretariat of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) here on Tuesday. Pakistan Embassy in Beijing set up a stall to showcase Pakistani culture, food, traditional dresses giving the audience a rare glimpse of rich Pakistani culture and traditions. Pakistan Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, SCO Secretary General, Zhang Ming, ambassadors of SCO countries and representatives of international organizations, as well as prominent public figures, journalists, and cultural representatives of the SCO family attended the reception, Addressing the participants. Secretary General, SCO, Zhang Ming welcomed the distinguished guests and expressed gratitude to the heads of diplomatic missions of the Shanghai family for their assistance and active participation in the celebration of Nowruz. He said that Nowruz is a traditional festival in many SCO countries like spring festival of China, it symbolizes the return of spring, the passing of the old year and the beginning of the New Year. With its long history, it is a festival filled with philosophical insights, and a combination of traditional virtues and fold wisdom.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1186445/pakistani-culture-cuisines-attract-audience-at-nowruz-festival-in-china/>

Dunya News

No compromise on security of Chinese workers in Pakistan: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday assured that the government would make no compromise on the security of the Chinese workers in Pakistan. The prime minister, in a meeting with a delegation of Shanghai Electric Group led by Chairman Wu Lei, said that the government would ensure all possible facilitation of the Chinese investors to further expand the ongoing projects. He urged the Chinese firms to switch the power plants from imported to the local coal and increase their investment in the coal mining sector. In the meeting, the prime minister was briefed about the projects being executed by the Shanghai Electric Group. Citing cordial and time-tested ties with China, Prime Minister Shehbaz said that Pakistan desired to further promote its friendly ties and strengthen economic partnership with the country. The Shanghai Electric Group was currently working on Thar Coal mine development and a 1320MW coal power project. The Thar Coal projects executed by the Group were annually saving around \$400 million. The meeting was attended by Chairman of Thar Coal Block 1 Power Generation Company Meng Donghai, Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Khan Cheema, Energy Minister Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, Petroleum Minister Dr Musaddik Malik, Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Muhammad Jahanzeb and relevant senior officers.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/805650-No-compromise-on-security-of-Chinese-workers-in-Pakistan-PM>

Pakistan Observer

PM Shehbaz seeks expansion of Shanghai Electric Group's coal projects in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD – Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday interacted with China's Shanghai Electric Group to expand its coal mining projects in Pakistan, seeking a transition in country's imported coal-powered plants to locally sourced coal. In meeting with Chinese multinational power Generation Company, PM Sharif discussed expanding its coal mining projects in Pakistan and shift the country's imported coal-fired power plants to local coal. Speaking with Shanghai Electric Group Chairman Wu Lei which, PM Sharif said the government will provide all facilities to the Chinese investors for augmenting their projects. He assured the delegation that the security of Chinese workers in Pakistan would not be compromised. Sharif reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to enhancing friendly ties and economic cooperation with China. The meeting received updates on various projects, including the Thar Coal Mine Development and 1320 Megawatt Coal Power Project, being undertaken by the Shanghai Electric Group in Pakistan. The Group's Thar Coal projects are helping Pakistan save \$400 million in foreign exchange annually. Shanghai Electric Group is among the largest Chinese firms operating in Pakistan as part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project.

<https://pakobserver.net/pm-shehbaz-seeks-expansion-of-shanghai-electric-groups-coal-projects-in-pakistan/>

The News

Bisham suicide attack Deputies given acting charge after cops suspension

PESHAWAR: The deputies were given acting charge following the suspension of four cops after an attack on a carrying Chinese nationals in Bisham last month. The federal government suspended four officers, including, Regional Police Officer, Hazara, Muhammad Ijaz Khan, Deputy Inspector General of Special Security Unit, Zafar Ali and Muhammad Suleman and Jamil Akhtar, who were posted as district police officers in Upper and Lower Kohistan districts. Many were surprised as to why the officers of Hazara region were suspended if the incident had happened in another region. Many raised eyebrows over the government as the area, where the incident had happened, neither falls in the jurisdiction of the RPO Hazara nor any of the suspended DPOs. On Tuesday, a notification was issued in which DPO Abbottabad was given acting charge of RPO Hazara and Abdul Rashid was given acting charge of commandant SSU. Five Chinese nationals and their Pakistani driver were killed a bus was targeted in a suicide attack in Bisham area of Shangla district on March 27. The Chinese nationals were on their way from Islamabad to their camp at the dam construction site in Dasu.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1179165-bisham-suicide-attack-deputies-given-acting-charge-after-cops-suspension>

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Business Recorder

Chinese ambassador meets Dar

Ambassador of China to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong called on Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday. According to a statement from the Foreign Office, multi-faceted discussions were held on the All-Weather Pakistan-China Strategic Partnership and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/04/18/7-page/990773-news.html>

Daily Times

China welcomes third-party cooperation in CPEC

Chinese Embassy here on Wednesday launched a series of interactive sessions with Pakistani media, in order to provide them latest update on growing Sino-Pak cooperative partnership and CPEC-related projects. At the first interaction with a group of Pakistani Media here at the Chinese Embassy, Political and Press counsellor Wang Shengjie announced that such an initiative will be a part of China-Pakistan Information Corridor (CPIC) that is to serve as a bridge between Pakistani and Chinese media. The Embassy, he said, also wants to provide a new platform under CPIC to develop working partnership between two sides. The interactive sessions to be held from time to time with different Media groups will help to expand the coverage of positive and development news about the Sino-Pak ties and the CPEC. Under the new initiative, the Embassy will keep holding a press briefing on China and China-Pak friendship. It will be an opportunity to promote mutual learning & understanding. He asserted the Embassy wishes to closely work with the Electronic, digital and print media to counter the fake news that sometimes come up from vested quarters. Wang Shengjie said that the CPIC is aimed at mobilizing the media to keep the people well-informed about the positive developments, particularly those taking place under the 2nd phase of the CPEC, which mainly focus on industrial, agriculture, mineral and IT sector development as well as those concerning with public welfare. We want to mobilize all the available resources to bridge the information gap about various aspects of the relationship taking place in various spheres of life and to adopt a holistic approach to counter unfounded news. He hoped under the CPIC, both Pakistani and Chinese media will formulate new working mechanism for projecting development and security-related news in their true prospective. He told the media personnel that Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and the Information Minister Atta Ullah Tarar attached great importance to the positive pro-active role of media in implementing the 2nd phase of CPEC on fast-track basis, with close cooperation of public and private sector. During the interactive session, the media team of the Embassy exchanged ideas with the participating journalists as how to strengthen media's role in giving further boost to their cooperative ties. About the CPEC, he said they are developing it as "Open Corridor" to welcome third-party cooperation and to combine all advantages for achieving the ultimate objective of Pakistan's socio-economic development

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1186833/china-welcomes-third-party-cooperation-in-cpec/>

Dunya News

China to fully support Pakistan's counterterrorism efforts, says Ambassador Zaidong

ISLAMABAD (APP) – Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong reaffirmed on Thursday that China would fully support Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism. In a televised interview, the ambassador stated that China would ensure the security of the people and interests of the two brotherly countries, pledging to work shoulder to shoulder with Pakistan. Zaidong emphasized that China's collaboration with Pakistan would thwart attempts to sabotage the bilateral relationship between the two countries. He also highlighted the increased strategic importance of China-Pakistan ties in the evolving global dynamics. The ambassador underscored his country's commitment to advancing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), emphasizing its transformative impact. "With over \$25 billion in direct investments and substantial infrastructure development, the CPEC has not only created thousands of jobs but also facilitated significant advancements in power generation and transportation infrastructure," he added. Recognizing the intertwined security interests of Pakistan and China, Zaidong accentuated the importance of mutual exchange of thoughts and expertise. He underscored the shared destiny of both nations, envisioning a broader societal impact through their collaboration. Regarding the terrorist attack on Chinese nationals [working on the Dasu dam], the ambassador praised the Pakistani government for its swift response and thanked the people of Pakistan for their solidarity and condolences.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/805958-China-to-fully-support-Pakistan%E2%80%99s-counterterrorism-efforts,-says-Ambassa>

Pakistan Observer

Pak-China friendship is exemplary: Qasim

Provincial Health Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Qasim Ali Shah, has said that Pakistan and China are long-standing friends whose friendship is considered exemplary worldwide. He expressed these views while talking to the media during his visit to China Window, a Chinese cultural center in Peshawar. The provincial minister visited various galleries of China Window, signed the friendship wall, and recorded his comments in the guest's book. On this occasion, he said that the main reason for Pakistan-China relations is the full trust of both countries in each other and helping each other in difficult times. Syed Qasim Ali Shah said that besides the friendly relationship between the two countries, the economic and cultural relations are also enviable. In this regard, he referred to CPEC and said that this project is a proud project for the economic development of Pakistan. He said that with the establishment of Rashkai Economic Zone, more than two lakh employment opportunities will be created where the factories will be set up. Likewise, Pakistan will also get valuable foreign exchange from exports to Central Asian countries, including Afghanistan. In response to a question related to law and order, Syed Qasim Ali Shah said that the provincial government and security agencies are using all resources to maintain law and order, and all foreigners, including Chinese, should be provided with all possible security. The provincial minister said that the founder chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Imran Khan, also wanted to build better relations with China, but some circles tried to create

misunderstandings in which they did not succeed. Regarding the Chinese cultural center established in Peshawar, he said that the China Window has given the people of Peshawar and the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa an opportunity to come closer to their Chinese brothers and sisters, and they believe that the message of friendship to the Chinese people from Peshawar is commendable, while the Chinese language teaching program in China Window is also commendable.

<https://pakobserver.net/pak-china-friendship-is-exemplary-qasim/>

The Express Tribune

PM urges Chinese firms to embrace local coal

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to the safety of Chinese workers in Pakistan during a meeting with a delegation from the Shanghai Electric Group, led by Chairman Wu Lei. He assured them of all necessary support to facilitate Chinese investors in expanding ongoing projects. Emphasizing the shift to local coal, he urged Chinese firms to transition power plants and increase investment in coal mining. During the briefing on projects, the prime minister was apprised of the Shanghai Electric Group's involvement in the development of Thar Coal mines and a 1320MW coal power project. The group's significant contributions to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor were acknowledged, with particular mention of the Thar Coal projects, which were estimated to save approximately \$400 million annually. He urged Chinese firms to switch power plants from the imported to the local coal and increase their investment in the coal mining sector. The meeting was attended by the Chairman of Thar Coal Block 1 Power Generation Company Meng Donghai, Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Khan Cheema, Energy Minister Sardar Awaiz Khan Leghari, Petroleum Minister Dr Musaddik Malik, Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Muhammad Jahanzeb and relevant senior officers.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2462994/pm-urges-chinese-firms-to-embrace-local-coal>

The Nation

Pak, China long-standing friends: KP minister

PESHAWAR - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Health Syed Qasim Ali Shah on Wednesday said that Pakistan and China are long-standing friends whose friendship is considered exemplary worldwide. He expressed these views while talking to the media persons during his visit to China Window, a Chinese cultural centre in Peshawar. The provincial minister visited various galleries of China Window, signed the friendship wall, and recorded his comments in the guests' book. On the occasion, Shah said that the main reason for Pakistan-China relations is the full trust of both countries in each other and helping each other in difficult times. He also said that besides the friendly relationship between the two countries, the economic and cultural relations are also enviable. In this regard, he referred to CPEC and said that the project is a proud project for the economic development of Pakistan. He said that with the establishment of Rashakai Economic Zone, more than two lakh employment opportunities will be created where the factories will be set up. Likewise,

Pakistan will also get valuable foreign exchange from exports to Central Asian countries, including Afghanistan. In response to a question related to law and order, Qasim Shah said that the provincial government and security agencies are using all resources to maintain law and order, and all foreigners, including Chinese, would be provided with all possible security. The minister said that the founder chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan, also wanted to build better relations with China, but some circles tried to create misunderstandings in which they did not succeed. Regarding Chinese cultural centre established in Peshawar, he said that the China Window has given the people of Peshawar and the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa an opportunity to come closer to their Chinese brothers and sisters, and they believe that the message of friendship to the Chinese people from Peshawar is commendable, while the Chinese language teaching program in China Window is also commendable. The minister on behalf of the provincial government assured that Pakistan-China relations, especially at the public level, are rich for communication and cooperation will be provided. Earlier, they were briefed about China Window and were told that the centre of Pakistan-China friendship has been visited by more than two lakh people in a short time. China Window has played an important role in Pakistan-China friendship.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/18-Apr-2024/pak-china-long-standing-friends-kp-minister>

We must work hard to achieve economic stability soon: PM

Shehbaz Sharif tells cabinet Saudi delegation impressed by briefings given by ministers n Special Court II (Anti-Terrorism) authorised to hear cases reported under Official Secrets Act. ISLAMABAD - Federal Cabinet Wednesday directed the Ministry of National Food Security and Research to work out an effective strategy in coordination with the provincial governments for achieving the wheat procurement target. While chairing the cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif directed to take all possible steps to ensure that the farmers get full reward of their hard work. Acknowledging the endeavours of Federal Cabinet and relevant authorities with regard to the successful visit of Saudi delegation, the prime minister said the delegation was impressed by the preparatory work and comprehensive briefings by the Pakistani ministers and officials. He also expressed special thanks to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for his keen interest in Pakistan, which led to a successful visit of the Saudi delegation. “ We must work hard with the same spirit and dedication to ensure the completion of projects under this Saudi investment in Pakistan,” he added. He warned that any obstacles or impediments in that regard would not be spared. He reiterated the commitment to working day and night for Pakistan’s progress and prosperity, as pledged to the people. “If we continue to work hard, we will soon achieve the goal of country’s development, prosperity and economic stability.” The cabinet, on the recommendation of the Federal Ministry of Education and Technical Training, approved the bill regarding the establishment of the Institute of Modern Sciences in Wah Cantonment. The prime minister directed to form a committee to further improve the procedure for establishing new universities and higher education institutions, which would be headed by the Minister for Federal Education and Technical Training, while the Minister for Petroleum, the Minister of State for Information Technology and the Attorney General for Pakistan would be its members. The cabinet, on the recommendation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, allowed

former ambassador Manzoor Ahmad Chaudhry to receive the Commandeur de l'Ordre National Award from the Government of Cote D'Ivoire in recognition of his services. On the recommendation of the Ministry of Law and Justice, it gave its approval for the conversion of Accountability Court-VIII Karachi to Special Court (Customs, Taxation and Anti-Smuggling-II), Accountability Court-III Hyderabad to Banking Court Mirpur Khas, Accountability Court-III Sukkur to Banking Court, Ghotki and Accountability Court-IV Sukkur to Banking Court Shaheed Benazirabad. On another recommendation of the Ministry of Law and Justice, the cabinet gave its consent for authorising the Special Court II (Anti-Terrorism) to hear cases reported under the Official Secrets Act, 1923. The Special Court II was given the authority in view of proceeding of the Special Court I judge on leave. The cabinet, on the recommendation of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Labour, the Government of Qatar and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development regarding labour relations, labour inspections, and occupational safety and health. It was told that currently 300,000 Pakistanis were working in Qatar, who were sending foreign exchange worth Rs 850 million to Pakistan. The cabinet also approved the Federal Public Private Policy of Pakistan 2023-2028 on the recommendation of the Ministry of Planning and Special Initiatives. In this regard, the prime minister stressed that through public-private partnership, the country's economy could be strengthened, and directed all the ministries to submit their proposals in that regard. The cabinet also endorsed the decisions taken in its meeting held on April 4. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday assured that the government would make no compromise on the security of the Chinese workers in Pakistan. The prime minister, in a meeting with a delegation of Shanghai Electric Group led by Chairman Wu Lei, said that the government would ensure all possible facilitation of the Chinese investors to further expand the ongoing projects. He urged the Chinese firms to switch the power plants from imported to the local coal and increase their investment in the coal mining sector. In the meeting, the prime minister was briefed about the projects being executed by the Shanghai Electric Group. Citing cordial and time-tested ties with China, Prime Minister Shehbaz said that Pakistan desired to further promote its friendly ties and strengthen economic partnership with the country. The Shanghai Electric Group is currently working on Thar Coal mine development and a 1320MW coal power project. It was told that the Shanghai Electric Group was one of the biggest firms engaged under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in Pakistan. The Thar Coal projects executed by the Group were annually saving around \$400 million. The meeting was attended by Chairman of Thar Coal Block 1 Power Generation Company Meng Donghai, Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Khan Cheema, Energy Minister Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, Petroleum Minister Dr Musaddik Malik, Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Muhammad Jahanzeb and relevant senior officers. Saudi delegation's visit to help bring huge investment in Pakistan: PM Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, chairing a meeting of the federal cabinet, said investment worth billions of dollars, was expected as a result of recent visit by the Saudi delegation. Commending the endeavours of federal cabinet and relevant authorities over the successful visit, he said the Saudi delegation was impressed by the preparations of Pakistani ministers and officials. He also expressed special thanks to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for special interest in Pakistan, which led to a successful visit by the

Saudi delegation. “We must ensure the completion of this investment in Pakistan with the same spirit and dedication,” he added. He warned that no obstacles or hindrances in this regard, will be spared. He also reiterated the commitment to working day and night for Pakistan’s progress and prosperity, as pledged to the people. “If we continue to work hard, we will soon achieve Pakistan’s development, prosperity, and economic stability.” Meanwhile, the prime minister also extended Eid greetings to the participants and prayed for Pakistan’s progress and prosperity due to the blessings of Ramazan. Development of Balochistan, among govt’s top priorities: PM Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday reiterated that the development and prosperity of Balochistan province were among the top priorities of the government. He stressed upon maximum utilization of the natural resources in the province so that it could be used for its development and said that in that regard, the Federal Government was taking all possible steps. The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti who called on him, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. During the meeting, different matters pertaining to the province were discussed. The meeting was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs Ishaq Dar, Minister for Interior Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal and Jaffar Khan Mandokhel, a PML-N leader. The prime minister expressed his deep grief over the recent rain related losses and assured that the Federal Government was supporting the provincial government in the rehabilitation of the affected people. He maintained that the Federal Government would also provide all-out support to the provincial government in the promotion of education, adding that the network of Danish Schools was being expanded to the province.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/18-Apr-2024/we-must-work-hard-to-achieve-economic-stability-soon-pm>

The News

Chinese embassy launches series of interactive sessions with media

Islamabad: Chinese Embassy here on Wednesday launched a series of interactive sessions with Pakistani media, in order to provide them latest update on growing Sino-Pak cooperative partnership and CPEC-related projects. At the first interaction with a group of Pakistani Media here at the Chinese Embassy, Political and Press Counsellor Wang Shengjie announced that such an initiative will be a part of China-Pakistan Information Corridor (CPIC) that is to serve as a bridge between Pakistani and Chinese media. The embassy, he said, also wants to provide a new platform under CPIC to develop working partnership between two sides. The interactive sessions to be held from time to time with different Media groups will help to expand the coverage of positive and development news about the Sino-Pak ties and the CPEC. Under the new initiative, the Embassy will keep holding a press briefing on China and China-Pak friendship. It will be an opportunity to promote mutual learning & understanding. He asserted the embassy wishes to closely work with the Electronic, digital and print media to counter the fake news that sometimes come up from vested quarters. Wang Shengjie said that the CPIC is aimed at mobilizing the media to keep the people well-informed about the positive developments, particularly those taking place under the 2nd phase of the CPEC, which mainly focus on industrial, agriculture, mineral and

IT sector development as well as those concerning with public welfare. We want to mobilize all the available resources to bridge the information gap about various aspects of the relationship taking place in various spheres of life and to adopt a holistic approach to counter unfounded news. He hoped under the CPIC, both Pakistani and Chinese media will formulate new working mechanism for projecting development and security-related news in their true prospective. During the interactive session, the media team of the Embassy exchanged ideas with the participating journalists as how to strengthen media's role in giving further boost to their cooperative ties. About the CPEC, he said they are developing it as "Open Corridor" to welcome third-party cooperation and to combine all advantages for achieving the ultimate objective of Pakistan's socio-economic developments.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1179543-chinese-embassy-launches-series-of-interactive-sessions-with-media>

Pak-China friendship termed exemplary

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah has said that Pakistan and China have a longstanding friendship, which is considered exemplary worldwide. He expressed these views while talking to the media during his visit to China Window, a Chinese Cultural Centre in Peshawar. The minister visited various galleries of China Window, signed the friendship wall, and recorded comments in the guest book. He said the main reason for the great Pakistan-China relations was the full trust of both countries in each other. Syed Qasim Ali Shah said besides the friendly relationship between the two countries, economic and cultural relations were worth mentioning. The minister referred to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and said that the cluster of projects was aimed at the economic development of Pakistan. "Over 200,000 employment opportunities would be created with the establishment of Rashakai Economic Zone. Pakistan will get valuable foreign exchange from exports to Central Asian Republics," he said while elaborating on his statement. In response to a question related to law and order, the minister said the government would ensure the security of all foreigners, including Chinese people. The minister said the China Window had given the people of Peshawar and those of KP an opportunity to come closer to Chinese brothers and sisters. He was all praise for the Chinese language teaching programme at the China Window. Earlier, the minister was briefed about the China Window and told that the center had been visited by a large number of people in a short time.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1179549-pak-china-friendship-termed-exemplary>

Express News

ہماری ”آہنی“ دوستی عوام کے دلوں میں جڑیں پکڑ چکی، چینی رہنما

چین اور پاکستان چار موسموں کے اسٹریٹجک تعاون کے شرک تدار، چاولہ جی، دانگ جو نینگ چینی رہنماؤں کی جانب سے یوسف رضا گیلانی کو چیئر مین سینیٹ بننے پر

مبارک باد

یہنگ (اے پی پی چین کی قومی عوامی کانگریس کی قائمہ کمیٹی کے چیئر مین چاولہ جی اور چینی عوامی سیاسی مشاورتی کانفرنس کی قومی کمیٹی کے چیئر مین وانگ جو نینگ نے یوسف رضا گیلانی کو چیئر مین سینیٹ کا عہدہ سنبھالنے پر الگ الگ مبارکباد کے پیغامات بھیجے ہیں، چینی رہنماؤں نے کہا کہ چین اور پاکستان چار موسموں کے اسٹریٹجک تعاون کے شرکت دار ہیں اور ہمارے درمیان ”آہنی“ دوستی عوام کے دلوں میں جڑیں پکڑ چکی ہے حالیہ برسوں میں صدر شی جن پنگ اور پاکستانی رہنماؤں کی اسٹریٹجک رہنمائی میں چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان باہمی سیاسی اعتماد مضبوط ہوا ہے تعاون کے وافر ثمرات برآمد ہوئے ہیں اور بین الاقوامی و علاقائی امور میں تعاون اور افرادی و ثقافتی روابط قریب رہے ہیں، چینی رہنما نے کہا کہ وہ چیئر مین سینیٹ یوسف رضا گیلانی کے ساتھ مل کر چین کی قومی عوامی کانگریس اور چینی عوامی سیاسی مشاورتی کانفرنس اور پاکستانی سینیٹ کے مابین تبادلوں اور تعاون کو آگے بڑھانے کے لئے کام کرنے کے خواہاں ہیں۔

https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1110925346&Issue=NP_KHI&Date=20240418

Nawaiwaqt News

چینی کمپنیاں کان کنی میں مزید سرمایہ کاری بجلی پلانٹس امدی کے مقامی کوئلے پتھن کریں وزیر اعظم

عوام سے کئے عہد کے مطابق دن رات محنت کریں گے، چینی کمپنیاں اور ملازمین کو کیورٹی پر کوئی سبوتا نہیں کیا جائے گا، وزیر اعظم کی چیئر مین شگھائی الیکٹریک سے گفتگو، چین کیساتھ دوستانہ تعلقات، معاشی اشتراک کے فروغ کا اعادہ

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/KPK/2024-04-18/page-1>

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Daily Times

China's Global Development Initiative a 'clear framework' for achieving SDGs: Pakistan

The Global Development Initiative (GDI), launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping in the wake of the Covid crisis, has institutionalized the cooperation required for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a shared future of peace and prosperity for all mankind, Pakistan Ambassador Munir Akram has said.

“China has not only institutionalized the cooperation but also set up the institutions on funding for project development as well as the consultative mechanisms that are required to achieve our goals,” he told a high-level meeting of the Group of Friends of the GDI, at UN headquarters in New York on Wednesday.

In this context, Ambassador Akram called GDI a clear framework to achieve SDGs. The Pakistani envoy expressed the hope that China, having lifted more than 700 million people out of poverty, can offer its invaluable experiences, lessons, and support to enable other developing countries to reduce poverty and realize their development objectives.

Referring to the GDI as “an example of action,” Ambassador Akram highlighted China’s institutionalized cooperation and establishment of institutions for funding project development, as well as consultative mechanisms necessary for goal achievement. Speaking on cooperation with China, Ambassador Akram emphasized how the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) enabled Pakistan to overcome its energy and infrastructure deficits. He expressed confidence that under the framework of the GDI, this cooperation would extend to many developing countries, aiding progress towards the SDGs.

At this pivotal juncture in global efforts toward achieving the SDGs, Ambassador Akram underscored the critical importance of addressing two key issues: financing and project development. He said that without adequate financing, aspirations for sustainable development would remain elusive. Pakistan is actively engaged in securing concrete commitments at the Summit of the Future, including endorsement of the Secretary-General’s \$500 billion stimulus proposal, fulfillment of the ODA commitment of 0.7% of GNI, re-channeling of at least \$200 billion of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) for the SDGs, recapitalization of the MDBs, improved lending terms by MDBs, incorporation of vulnerability criteria for concessional finance allocation, and massive scaling up of climate finance to meet COP-28 goals, he said.

Ambassador Akram highlighted the paramount importance of international finance in achieving these goals and advancing the 8 priority areas identified under the GDI. He emphasized the significance of viable projects in translating finance into actionable development and sought assistance for developing countries in preparing pipelines of viable projects across the GDI’s 8 priority areas. Demonstrating Pakistan’s commitment to continued cooperation with China and other members of the Group of Friends, Ambassador Akram expressed aspirations for SDG implementation and a shared future of peace and prosperity for all mankind. The high-level meeting of the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative (GDI) was attended by representatives from member countries of the GDI, ambassadors and delegates to the United Nations, officials from relevant UN agencies including UN General Assembly President Dennis Francis, and other stakeholders involved in global development efforts.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1187167/chinas-global-development-initiative-a-clear-framework-for-achieving-sdgs-pakistan/>

Chinese workers to continue contributing to Pakistan's development: Ambassador Jiang

Chinese staff and workers at different CPE-related projects will continue contribution to Pakistan's socio-economic development with same spirit and zeal, said Jiang Zaidong, the Ambassador of China to Pakistan. In an interview with private TV channel on Thursday, the Ambassador expressed his satisfaction that the high-level inquiry initiated by the government of Pakistan into recent terrorist attack in which five Chinese personnel were killed was progressing smoothly, hoping that it will pave the way safeguarding the safety of the CPEC-projects and the Chinese workers. He noted that the incident was widely condemned by all sections both at the government and the public level. Following this tragic mishap, the government and the security agencies took immediate steps to expose the culprits and bring them to book. His government, the Ambassador said is willing to work with Pakistani security agencies to achieve the security objectives. To ensure, consistent progress of CPEC, the government will have to ensure the safety of those who are engaged in the development work at various locations of the country. Ambassador Jiang congratulating the new government in Pakistan said that it showed its seriousness in maintaining the depth of Sino-Pak decade's old strategic partnership. He said the regional and global interests of the two countries are interlinked both for security and economic development, and they are committed to work together to protect them by all possible means. He said, the President Xi attaches great important to the welfare of the people, and wished that their security and welfare should get priority, while carrying out cooperative partnership at different level. Ambassador Jiang Zaidong said that his country stands ready to further strengthen counterterrorism and security cooperation with Pakistan. He further said, "We should take the people's security as the ultimate goal, and effectively protect Chinese citizens in Pakistan. People are the foundation of a country and country's rule also for them." He said that the national security work is ultimately to protect the interests of the people and enable them to lead a satisfied life and work in peaceful environment. The Ambassador said that President Xi Jinping always emphasized to give priority to people ensuring security of their lives and property. "A holistic approach to national security takes the people's position as the fundamental position, and emphasizes that national security is for the people and relies on the people, which clearly reflects President Xi Jinping's deep feelings for the people," he added. Ambassador Zaidong said that Chinese citizens in Pakistan actively participate in Pakistan's national construction and to promote China-Pakistan friendly cooperation. "We should do everything possible to ensure their safety and value their contributions." "We hope and believe that the Pakistani side will speed up the investigation of the incident, find out the truth, severely punish the perpetrators, raise counterterrorism efforts, resolutely crackdown on and root out the evil, and take all measures to ensure the safety and security of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Pakistan, and create favorable conditions for advancing China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperation and building a China-Pakistan community with a shared future," he added. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/1187152/chinese-workers-to-continue-contributing-to-pakistans-development-ambassador-jiang/>

Pakistan Observer

Interior Minister directs foolproof measures for protection of Chinese nationals

ISLAMABAD – Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said all security agencies including police should ensure complete implementation of SOPs for the protection of Chinese nationals in Pakistan. Chairing a meeting to review implementation of National Action Plan at NACTA headquarters in Islamabad, he said any negligence in this regard will not be tolerated at all. Mohsin Naqvi said strict disciplinary action will be taken for negligence in implementing the SOPs for the protection of foreign nationals. The Interior Minister said we have to equip our departments with modern technology to eradicate terrorism. He said the Federation will provide all possible support to the provinces in this regard. Mohsin Naqvi said miscreant elements will be permanently eliminated from the Kacha area through a joint operation. He said modern technology, including drones, will be used for joint operations in Kacha area. Expressing satisfaction over the anti-smuggling operations, the Interior Minister said all departments must ensure strict legal action against smugglers.

<https://pakobserver.net/interior-minister-directs-foolproof-measures-for-protection-of-chinese-nationals/>

The Nation

China's EV tech offers opportunity for Pakistani auto industry

China has firmly established itself as a global leader in EV technology, providing an opportunity to the Pakistani auto industry to leverage this momentum for its growth. Talking to WealthPK, Aisha Moriani, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication, said Pakistan's automotive industry faced both opportunities and obstacles due to the increasing influence of China in the electric vehicle (EV) market. "China's expertise in producing smart and affordable electric cars presents an attractive prospect for Pakistan's auto sector, offering potential for collaboration, technology transfer, and investment," she noted.

She pointed out that one key benefit for Pakistan's auto sector lay in the prospect of the Chinese companies viewing the country as a strategic investment destination. As China expands its global footprint in EV production, Pakistan emerges as a potential manufacturing base due to its geographic proximity and favourable economic conditions, she observed. She said the Chinese automakers seeking to circumvent trade restrictions or tap into the emerging markets could find Pakistan as an attractive option. This could lead to joint ventures (JVs), technology transfers, and localized production, thereby bolstering Pakistan's automotive industry and creating employment opportunities. The allure of Chinese EVs lies in their superior quality and competitive pricing, reflected in Europe's adoption rate surging from 0.5% in 2019 to over 9% last year. Talking to WealthPK, Muhammad Imran Hyder, Director General of National Information Technology Board (NITB) highlighted that Pakistan's auto sector could potentially leverage China's progress in battery technology, a vital aspect of electric vehicles (EVs). He further said that by accessing the Chinese expertise, Pakistani

manufacturers had the opportunity to bolster their proficiency in battery manufacturing and integration, which is crucial for fostering the competitiveness of domestic electric vehicle development. “Collaboration with the Chinese firms in research and development initiatives could accelerate the pace of innovation in Pakistan's auto industry, enabling it to remain globally competitive in the evolving EV landscape,” he noted. However, despite the opportunities presented by China's EV market dominance, Pakistan faces significant challenges in fully capitalizing on this potential. Lack of strong charging infrastructure and low domestic demand for electric vehicles pose hurdles to attracting substantial investment in EV manufacturing. Without addressing these fundamental issues, Pakistan may struggle to position itself as a preferred destination for Chinese EV production. Thus, while the rise of Chinese EVs offers a promise for Pakistan's auto sector, navigating the complexities of infrastructure development and market demand will be crucial for realizing its full benefits.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/19-Apr-2024/china-s-ev-tech-offers-opportunity-for-pakistani-auto-industry>

China to fully support Pakistan's counterterrorism efforts, says Ambassador Zaidong

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong reaffirmed on Thursday that China would fully support Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism. In a televised interview, the ambassador stated that China would ensure the security of the people and interests of the two brotherly countries, pledging to work shoulder to shoulder with Pakistan.

Zaidong emphasised that China's collaboration with Pakistan would thwart attempts to sabotage the bilateral relationship between the two countries. He also highlighted the increased strategic importance of China-Pakistan ties in the evolving global dynamics.

The ambassador underscored his country's commitment to advancing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), emphasising its transformative impact.

“With over \$25 billion in direct investments and substantial infrastructure development, the CPEC has not only created thousands of jobs but also facilitated significant advancements in power generation and transportation infrastructure,” he added.

Recognising the intertwined security interests of Pakistan and China, Zaidong accentuated the importance of mutual exchange of thoughts and expertise. He underscored the shared destiny of both nations, envisioning a broader societal impact through their collaboration. Regarding the terrorist attack on Chinese nationals [working on the Dasu dam], the ambassador praised the Pakistani government for its swift response and thanked the people of Pakistan for their solidarity and condolences.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/19-Apr-2024/china-to-fully-support-pakistan-s-counterterrorism-efforts-says-ambassador-zaidong>

Pakistani student joins Chinese champions in singing ‘One Heart, One Dream’

BEIJING - A heartwarming moment unfolded as Pakistani student Azeem, along with 11 other Asian international students, joined forces with 2 well-known singers and 8 Chinese Winter Olympic champions, world champions, and national champions to sing the original song of the 9th Asian Winter Games, ‘One Heart, One Dream’. It was held on the occasion of the 300-day countdown to the eagerly anticipated 9th Asian Winter Games Harbin 2025, held at Harbin Grand Theater, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday. Azeem sings the original song of the 9th Asian Winter Games, ‘One Heart, One Dream’, with 2 singers and 8 Chinese champions at Harbin Grand Theater. The song is a powerful expression and beautiful melody, with heartfelt lyrics that embody the unity and friendship among the people of Asia, as well as the determination and perseverance of athletes pursuing their dreams. Under the interpretation of Azeem and the international students, the song becomes even more moving and deeply touching. Azeem, who is pursuing his master’s degree at Heilongjiang University in Harbin, was invited to participate in the countdown ceremony as a representative of Pakistani youth. His participation not only showcased the strong ties between Pakistan and China but also demonstrated the inclusive nature of the Asian Winter Games. After the performance, Azeem expressed his excitement and honour, saying, “It is a great honour and pride to be a part of this event.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/19-Apr-2024/pakistani-student-joins-chinese-champions-in-singing-one-heart-one-dream>

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Daily Times

Pakistan, China to explore new avenues of cooperation in tea sector: Envoy

Pakistan aims to fortify bilateral relations and explore new avenues of economic cooperation with China through mutual ventures in the tea industry. This strategic move underscores both nations’ commitment to fostering stronger diplomatic and economic bonds, leveraging cultural significance and economic potential of the tea trade, said Pakistan’s ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday. During a tea seminar Ambassador of Pakistan to China Khalil Hashmi said that in both Pakistan and China, tea is not just a drink; it is a tradition, a ritual, and a way of life. From the tranquil tea gardens of China to the bustling streets of Pakistan, the aroma of freshly brewed tea evokes a sense of warmth and communal spirit that knows no boundaries. “As we celebrate the tea culture, it is hard to ignore the profound connections that tea weaves between our nations and traditions. The linguistic parallel between the Pakistani word “chaey” and its Chinese counterpart “cha” signified our shared heritage, where tea transcends its mere beverage status to embody a symbol of hospitality, friendship, and unity,” he added. He further explained that in Pakistan, the art of making tea, or chai as Pakistanis affectionately call it, is steeped in tradition and symbolism. It is a gesture of welcome, a gesture of respect, and a gesture of connection. Whether enjoyed with family at home, shared among friends at a local chai dhaba, or served

to honored guests, chai is a thread that binds us together, fostering meaningful conversations and lasting relationships. “The cultural significance of tea extends beyond its consumption; it also serves as a bridge between diverse communities, fostering dialogue, understanding, and appreciation for each other’s customs and traditions. Through tea-related interactions, we share flavors, we share stories, memories, and aspirations, building a foundation of mutual respect and cooperation,” Hashmi stated. He said these kinds of events are invaluable. They provide a platform to celebrate our shared love for tea, exchange insights, and explore opportunities for collaboration. Initiatives such as tea festivals, cultural exchanges, and collaborative research projects enrich our understanding of tea culture.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1187539/pakistan-china-to-explore-new-avenues-of-cooperation-in-tea-sector-envoy/>

Dunya News

PM Shehbaz Sharif says Pak-China economic, cultural relations developing swiftly

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has asserted that economic and cultural relations between Pakistan and China are strengthening rapidly due to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Sharing his message on the International Day of Chinese Language, the PM emphasized today was the day of Chinese language representing decades-old Chinese culture. Shehbaz Sharif said that with the prowess of its economic development, China had made its mark across the globe. He added that the Chinese culture and language were rapidly becoming popular all over the world. He affirmed that the Chinese language had become the major language of communication around the world, making it official language of communication by the United Nations (UN). He said the number of people learning Chinese in Pakistan was increasing rapidly, which would further strengthen relations between the two countries. PM Shehbaz Sharif said all possible measures were being taken at the public and private level to promote the Chinese language and literature in Pakistan in order to further strengthen bilateral relations.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/806319-PM-Shehbaz-Sharif-says-Pak-China-economic-and-cultural-relations-develop>

PM Shehbaz to undertake China visit in May to fast-track CPEC projects, says Mashhood

PESHAWAR (Dunya News) – Prime Minister’s Youth Programme Chairman Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan has stated that Pakistan’s economy was heading in the right direction under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Mashhood expressed these views while talking to reporters during his visit to the China Window, a Chinese cultural centre established in Peshawar. Mashhood told media that from May 14, the prime minister would make an official visit to the People’s Republic of China which would restore the confidence of the brotherly neighboring country and the CPEC project would move towards success quickly.

He said that during the last regime, not only the CPEC project was neglected, but also an attempt was made to spoil the relations between the two brotherly countries. He said the

premier wanted to make Pakistan a partner in economic development and that was the reason he was bringing investment from Pakistan's friendly countries so that the country could become self-reliant.

According to a press release issued here, Mashhood visited different galleries of the China Window, signed the friendship wall and recorded his comments in the Visitor's Book.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/806360-PM-Shehbaz-to-undertake-China-visit-in-May-to-fast-track-CPEC-project,-s>

Pakistan Observer

Pakistan's finmin meets Chinese counterpart, resolves to accelerate CPEC phase-II

ISLAMABAD – Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb met with Chinese counterpart Lan Fo'an, in Washington D.C and expressed the resolve of the government to accelerate the Phase-II of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Pakistan finance minister lauded Chinese invaluable contribution to Pakistan's development as an "all-weather friend" through initiatives such as CPEC and support at international financial institutions. He informed that Phase-I of CPEC was about infrastructure-building and Phase-II would be about monetizing assets through operationalization of Special Economic Zones and relocation of Chinese Private-Owned Companies (POC). Aurangzeb thanked the Chinese government for SAFE deposits and their regular roll-overs to plug external financing gaps. He informed that Pakistan was entering into a larger and extended programme with IMF and looked forward to the support of China. He also briefed the Chinese official on priorities of the government including broadening the tax base, fixing the energy sector and overhauling the SOEs. He stated that Pakistan wanted to tap into the Chinese Bond Market and launch Panda Bond during FY 2025-26. Both sides agreed on the need to continue their cooperation in the international institutions. The Pakistan minister also conveyed condolences on behalf of the leadership and people of Pakistan on the terrorist attack against Chinese nationals in Pakistan and reaffirmed commitment to their safety and security.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistans-finmin-meets-chinese-counterpart-resolves-to-accelerate-cpec-phase-ii/>

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CPEC a catalyst in growing ties: PM

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said that the economic and cultural relationships between Pakistan and China were rapidly growing due to China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In a message on global observance of Chinese language as one of the largest dialects for communication, he said that a sufficient number of Pakistanis were learning the Chinese language which was further cementing ties between the people of the two countries. The United Nations (UN) observed the UN Chinese Language Day every year on April 20 to highlight the contribution of Chinese literature,

poetry and language in world culture. The prime minister observed that steps were being taken at the official and public sectors levels to promote the Chinese language and literature so that the people to people contacts between the two countries could be further strengthened, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. Today was the observance of the Chinese language as the global language, he said, adding that the dialect had been an exponent of centuries old Chinese culture. In the last few decades, China had been proving its mettle in economic prosperity besides, the Chinese language and culture had been becoming popular across the globe, he added. Prime Minister Sharif said no doubt, today, the Chinese language had become the largest tool of communication in the world and the UN had included it into the list of its official communication language.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2463272/cpec-helping-to-improve-pak-china-bilateral-ties-says-pm-shehbaz?amp=1>

Finance minister meets Chinese counterpart, assures progress on CPEC

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb met with his Chinese counterpart Lan Foan and assured him that work on the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would be expedited. The two met in Washington where Aurangzeb shared with Foan that the second phase would include monetizing assets through the transfer of Chinese privately owned companies (POCs). He expressed condolences on behalf of the Pakistani leadership and people for the terrorist attack on Chinese citizens in Pakistan and reiterated his determination to ensure all arrangements for their protection. The finance minister appreciated China's invaluable contribution to Pakistan's development as an "all-weather friend" through initiatives such as CPEC and cooperation with international financial institutions. The minister also thanked Foan for meeting the gap in deposits and assistance with Islamabad's external financing needs stating that Pakistan was entering into a comprehensive and expanded program with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Looking forward to China's support, the Chinese finance minister was also briefed on the government's priorities, including broadening the tax base, reforming the energy sector and overhauling of state-owned enterprises (SOEs). Aurangzeb added that Pakistan wants to launch the Chinese Panda Bond during the fiscal year 2025-26. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed on the need for both countries to continue cooperation in international institutions. Speaking to the media, the minister said that the country is on an agenda of reform for economic stability, focusing on increasing the tax net while taking steps to reduce taxes. Besides, the FM also met with the World Bank's Regional Vice President for South Asia Martin Riser, in which Aurangzeb expressed satisfaction over the finalization of the new Country Partnership Framework. He said that the government is achieving short and long-term goals in the fields of energy, tax reforms and SOEs, adding that WB's focus on climate change, digitization and human development aligns with government priorities. FM Aurangzeb also briefed on the role of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) as a one-window facility for investment and facilitation.

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The Nation

Pakistan, China to explore new avenues of cooperation in tea sector: Envoy

BEIJING - Pakistan aims to fortify bilateral relations and explore new avenues of economic cooperation with China through mutual ventures in the tea industry. This strategic move underscores both nations' commitment to fostering stronger diplomatic and economic bonds, leveraging cultural significance and economic potential of the tea trade, said Pakistan's ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday. During a tea seminar, Ambassador of Pakistan to China Khalil Hashmi said that in both Pakistan and China, tea is not just a drink; it is a tradition, a ritual, and a way of life. From the tranquil tea gardens of China to the bustling streets of Pakistan, the aroma of freshly brewed tea evokes a sense of warmth and communal spirit that knows no boundaries. "As we celebrate the tea culture, it is hard to ignore the profound connections that tea weaves between our nations and traditions. The linguistic parallel between the Pakistani word "chaey" and its Chinese counterpart "cha" signified our shared heritage, where tea transcends its mere beverage status to embody a symbol of hospitality, friendship, and unity," he added. He further explained that in Pakistan, the art of making tea, or chai as Pakistanis affectionately call it, is steeped in tradition and symbolism. It is a gesture of welcome, a gesture of respect, and a gesture of connection. Whether enjoyed with family at home, shared among friends at a local chai dhaba, or served to honored guests, chai is a thread that binds us together, fostering meaningful conversations and lasting relationships. "The cultural significance of tea extends beyond its consumption; it also serves as a bridge between diverse communities, fostering dialogue, understanding, and appreciation for each other's customs and traditions. Through tea-related interactions, we share flavors, we share stories, memories, and aspirations, building a foundation of mutual respect and cooperation," Hashmi stated. He said these kinds of events are invaluable. They provide a platform to celebrate our shared love for tea, exchange insights, and explore opportunities for collaboration. Initiatives such as tea festivals, cultural exchanges, and collaborative research projects enrich our understanding of tea culture. They also pave the way for enhanced economic, social, and diplomatic ties between our nations. "As we raise our cups in a symbolic toast, let us reaffirm our commitment to nurturing the bonds of friendship and cooperation that tea represents. May the shared love for tea continue to inspire us to seek common ground, build bridges, and create a future of harmony and prosperity for all," he mentioned.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/karachi/2024-04-20/page-9/detail-4>

The News

37 bulletproof vehicles approved for Chinese engineers

LAHORE: The Punjab government has approved bulletproof vehicles for the security of Chinese engineers. At least 37 bulletproof vehicles have been approved for the security of Chinese engineers working on various projects across the province, including CPEC, non-CPEC government and permanent installations. According to sources, 18 bulletproof vehicles are already there for the security of Chinese citizens. Security for Sikh pilgrims: Police have

implemented stringent security measures for Sikh pilgrims coming across the world Baisakhi. Enhanced security protocols have been established at the accommodations of the guests near the Samadhi of Ranjit Singh. This includes the deployment of two SPs, 8 SDPOs, 15 SHOs, and 40 upper subordinates to ensure the safety of Sikh pilgrims. Additionally, over 1,000 personnel, including 34 female officers, have been assigned to bolster security measures. Furthermore, security has been heightened along the city's entry and exit routes. Security plan for by-polls: Lahore police have devised a comprehensive security plan for the peaceful conduct of by-elections in provincial capital. In this regard, CCPO Lahore presided over a meeting here on Friday. The meeting was told that more than 12,800 officers and personnel will be deployed on security duty at 921 polling stations, 363 polling buildings, and 2,940 polling booths. According to statistics, a total of 1,579,473 voters, including 847,301 men and 732,172 women will exercise their right to vote in one National Assembly and four Provincial Assembly constituencies in provincial capital. The meeting also discussed matters related to security plans for polling stations, polling camps, returning officers' offices, and presiding officers' offices. Over 35,000 cops to be deployed: More than 35,000 officers and officials will be deployed for the security of the by-elections held in 14 national and provincial constituencies. Out of 2,599 polling stations, 419 have been declared highly sensitive while 1,081 have been declared sensitive. IG Punjab Dr Usman Anwar said that Punjab Police is determined to conduct the by-elections peacefully and in this regard, security arrangements have been completed in the respective districts. IG Punjab said that more than 4 million 44 thousand voters will be provided a peaceful and safe environment for voting. Foolproof security will be provided to 663 male, 649 female, 1,289 joint polling stations and staff of election commission. IG Punjab said that the installation of CCTV cameras at the most sensitive polling stations has been completed, close monitoring will ensured, whereas the polling process will also be continuously monitored from the Central Police Office, Safe Cities Authority, control and monitoring rooms of the districts. He said that the Punjab force is fully confident and committed to ensure the safe and peaceful conduct of by-elections. In consultation with the relevant institutions, a comprehensive election security, logistics, communication and transportation plan is prepared. Dr Usman further said that all nefarious attempts of terrorists and anti-national elements to affect peace on by-elections day will be thwarted. He said that officials posted in Punjab Constabulary, PHP, Elite, SPU, and Training Branch will also be posted on election security duty. IG Punjab said that women police officers will perform duties at ladies polling stations and booths, while for the by-elections, the Punjab Police has the full support of the Rangers and the Pak Army. He further said that there will be zero tolerance for violation of the Code of Conduct of the Election Commission, Section 144, and Arms Prohibition. Dr Usman further said that all formations including Dolphin Squad, Special Branch are being used for election security and the atmosphere of peace and order will be maintained at any cost.

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Express News

سنی کیلئے بہترین عالمی آرکیٹیکچرل کمپنیوں کی خدمات لی جائیں ایجو کیشن ، فلم سٹیز ، کمرشل و رہائشی علاقے تعمیر ہونگے : وزیر اعلیٰ

افراد قوت دینے کے خواہاں، زراعت و کان کنی ٹیکنالوجیز پر مزید تعاون درکار دیمہ ال بیٹی سے گفتگو IT پنجاب سے سعودی کمپنیوں کو لاہور (ایکسپریس رپورٹر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف سے ڈیجیٹل کو آپریشن آرگنائزیشن کی سیکرٹری جنرل دیں۔ ال بیٹی نے ملاقات کی اور پہلی خاتون وزیر اعلیٰ بننے پر مبارکباد دی۔ مریم نواز نے پاکستان میں آئی ٹی کی ترقی کیلئے ڈیجیٹل کو آپریشن آرگنائزیشن کے تعاون کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا دور حاضر میں ہر ملک کی ترقی کا دار و مدار جدید ٹیکنالوجی کے حصول پر ہے۔ پاکستانی نوجوانوں میں آئی ٹی کا بہت پونیشل ہے، بہتر تربیت اور ٹیکنالوجی کی فراہمی سے نوجوانوں کا مستقبل سنوارا جاسکتا ہے۔ ورچوئل ایجو کیشن کے فروغ اور آئی ٹی کے گریجویٹس کی تعداد بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے، پنجاب سے سعودی کمپنیوں کو تربیت یافتہ آئی ٹی افراد قوت فراہم اور سعودی عرب کے اعلیٰ ایک ٹیکو بیٹرز کے ساتھ سٹارٹ اپ انیجمنٹ پروگرام قائم کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ پاکستان اور سعودی عرب چپ بنائی صنعت لی تقسیم آئرن بیٹریوں، الیکٹریک گاڑیوں کے شعبے میں ملکر کام کر سکتے ہیں، دونوں ممالک کو زراعت اور کان کنی کی ٹیکنالوجیز پر مزید تعاون بڑھاتا ہوگا، آئی ٹی اینڈ ایک ڈسٹرکٹ ایجو کیشن سٹی، فلم سنی، کمرشل اور رہائشی علاقے تعمیر کئے جائیں گے، دیمہ ال بیٹی نے کہا کہ انتظار میشن ٹیکنالوجی کامرس نیٹ ورک کی میزبانی سے پاکستان میں آئی ٹی انڈسٹری کو فروغ ملے گا۔ دریں اثنا پاکستان کا سب سے بڑا اور پہلے آئی ٹی سٹی میں 16 چینی کمپنیوں نے دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا ہے جبکہ چین کی آٹھ کمپنیاں نواز شریف آئی ٹی سٹی میں فوری طور پر کام کرنے کے لئے تیار ہیں۔ سی ای او سی بی ڈی عمران امین نے چین میں روڈ شو پر رپورٹ پیش کی۔ اجلاس میں سنگا پور انکلیڈ، ابو ظہبی اور دیگر ممالک میں بھی آئی ٹی سٹی کے لئے روڈ شو کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا جبکہ ملک بھر میں بھی نواز شریف آئی ٹی سٹی کے لئے رواں ماہ سے اگست تک روڈ شو منعقد کیے جائیں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے آئی ٹی سنی کے لئے دنیا کی بہترین آرکیٹیکچرل کمپنیز کی خدمات حاصل کرنے کی ہدایت کی۔ نواز شریف آئی ٹی سٹی میں بزنس کال سنٹرز کے لئے دو ٹاورز مختص کرنے کی تجویز کا بھی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سے نواز شریف آئی ٹی سٹی پراجیکٹ مقررہ مدت میں مکمل کرنے کی ہدایت کی اور کہا کہ لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے بڑوں شہروں کو عالمی سطح پر آئی ٹی جب بنانا چاہتے ہیں۔

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چین میں پاکستانی نوجوان کے رنگارنگ نسلی ثقافتی تجربات

گوانگ شی کے روایتی لوک تہوار "سان یوسان" کے موقع پر بھرپور ثقافتی تبادلے نظر آئے

نان ننگ (ش نہوا) چین میں گوانگ شی خود آنگ خود مختار خطے کے شہر بارلیے میں مختلف اصطلاحات "بانی" اور بی نوٹنگ نے ایک غیر متوقع تعلق قائم کیا ہے جو پاکستان سے ایک نوجوان کی آمد سے پیدا ہوا۔ اگرچہ بانی کی اصطلاح چینی انٹرنیٹ صارفین پاکستانی کیلئے استعمال کرتے ہیں جبکہ بی نوٹنگ کا مطلب ٹو آنگ زبان میں بھائی ہے جو چین کی نسلی اقلیتوں میں ایک کی زبان ہے۔ گوانگ شی کے روایتی لوک تہوار "سان یوسان" کے موقع پر معمولی بھرپور ثقافتی تبادلے نظر آتے ہیں، مختلف نسلی پس منظر سے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد گیتوں کی دھنوں، غیر م ثقافتی در یہ نمائش اور نسلی کھیلوں میں پر جوش انداز میں شامل ہو کر ہم آہنگی پیدا کرتے ہیں۔ ان میں پاکستانی حافظ تنویر حمید بھی شامل ہیں جو ٹرانک نسلی لباس میں ملبوس اور ایک دلکش ویڈیو کے ذریعے سوشل میڈیا صارفین کو گرم جوشی سے دعوت دے رہے ہیں۔ حافظ نے ایک دہائی قبل چین میں تعلیمی سفر شروع کیا اور کلینیکل میڈیسن میں ڈگری حاصل کرنے کے بعد انہیں گوانگ شی کے علاقے بارلیے میں محبت ملی جہاں انہوں نے ایک مقامی خاتون سے شادی کر لی

اور بعد میں قریبی کالج میں غیر ملکی استاد کی حیثیت سے خدمات انجام دینے لگے۔ انہوں نے خود کو مقامی ثقافت میں ضم کر لیا ہے۔ حافظ لسانی اور ثقافتی انضمام کی اہمیت کو تسلیم کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے ثقافتی قبولیت کے رجحان کی تائید کی جس کے ذریعے مقامی زبانوں اور رسم و رواج کو اپنانے سے کمیونٹی زندگی کے ساتھ گہرے تعلق کو فروغ ملتا ہے۔ گوانگ شی چین میں سب سے بڑی اقلیتی آبادی کے ساتھ خود مختار خطہ ہے جو قدرتی خوبصورتی اور مختلف ثقافتی تنوع سے مالا مال ہے۔

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پنجاب : چینی انجینئرز کیلئے مزید 37 بلٹ پروف گاڑیوں کی منظوری

منظوری سی پیک ، نان سی پیک سرکاری و مستقل تنصیبات والے باشندوں کیلئے دی گئی

لاہور (آئی این پی) پنجاب حکومت نے چینی انجینئرز کی سیورٹی کیلئے بلٹ پروف گاڑیوں کی منظوری دے دی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق صوبہ بھر میں مختلف منصوبوں پر کام کرنے والے چینی انجینئرز کی سیورٹی کے لئے 37 بلٹ پروف گاڑیوں کی منظوری دی گئی ہے۔ بلٹ پروف گاڑیوں کی منظوری سی پیک ، نان سی پیک سرکاری اور مستقل تنصیبات پر کام کرنے والے چینی باشندوں کے لئے دی گئی ہے۔ حکام نے بتایا کہ چینی باشندوں کی سیورٹی کے لئے 18 بلٹ پروف گاڑیاں پہلے سے موجود ہیں

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Daily Times

Chinese language delights PM, CM

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Sunday that the Chinese language was an effective tool for communication worldwide. Expressing his thoughts in connection with the Chinese Language Day, the premier underscored the importance of the language, saying, “Even the United Nations (UN) has included the Chinese language officially.” The premier acknowledged the growing popularity of the Chinese language in the country, saying, “More people are learning the Chinese language in Pakistan.” PM Shehbaz made it clear that all-out steps were being taken to promote the Chinese language and literature in the country. He expressed optimism that, with the learning of the Chinese language, the people of both countries will get even closer. Separately, CM Maryam said on Saturday that the Chinese language was important for bolstering ties with China. In her message in connection with the Chinese Language Day, CM Maryam said: “The proficiency in Chinese language is essential to connecting with the Chinese market.” She acknowledged the economic prosperity of China, saying, “The Chinese language is one of the six official languages of the United Nations (UN).” Highlighting the importance of the Chinese language, CM Maryam said: “The entire world acknowledges the importance of the Chinese language.” CM Maryam said: “It was China that launched many projects for the sake of economic prosperity in Pakistan.”

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1187734/chinese-language-delights-pm-cm/>

The News

China proving its mettle due to economic prosperity: PM

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Business Recorder

Details of security expenditure on 28 CPEC projects sought

MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN

Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (MoPD&SI) has sought details of security expenditure on 28 CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) projects worth \$21.666 billion, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The requisite information has been demanded from concerned Ministries at a time when terrorist attacks on foreign workers have increased. A recent terrorist attack took the lives of five Chinese engineers working on a hydropower project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The initial inquiry report noted had that the bus, which was hit by an explosive-laden car, did not have bombproof features. On April 19, 2024, five Japanese nationals narrowly survived a suicide attack in Karachi, which has sent a negative message of the security situation in Pakistan to foreign workers. On September 23, 2016, the ECC approved the following: “CPEC projects which have achieved financial close and for the CPEC early harvest projects where financial close is still pending, as well as, new addition to the CPEC projects under Implementation Agreement, (IA) and allowed issuance of a policy directive to Neptra to allow 1% of the capital cost net of \$ 150,000/- amount on account of security to be distributed annually starting from the construction period till the term of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).” One percent of the capital cost of \$ 21.666 billion of 28 projects of CPEC has been calculated at \$ 216.66 million. According to the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, one percent of the total project cost was allocated for security arrangements for the project by the government. In this regard, all the concerned Ministries should provide the information on one percent security expenditure of their projects in a prescribed format including expenditure/ utilization, remaining utilization, and audit mechanism. The details of power projects and 1 per cent of capital cost as security cost till operational period is as follows: (i) 1320-MW Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy (Pvt) Limited- security cost \$15.97 million; (ii) 1320-MW

Port Qasim Electric Power Company (Pvt) Limited- security cost \$15.97 million; (iii) 1320-MW China Power Hub Generation Company Limited- security cost \$ 15.97 million; (iv) 1320 Thar-coal block-1 Power Generation Company- security cost \$15.97 million;(v) 660-MW Engro Powergen Thar(Pvt.) Limited- security cost \$8.49 million; (vi) 330-MW ThalNova (Pvt) Limited-security cost \$4.24 million; (vii)330-MW Thar Energy Limited security cost \$4.24 million; (viii) 720-MW Karot Power Company (Pvt) Limited - security cost \$14.39 million; (ix) 870-MW SK Hydro (Pvt) Limited- security cost \$14.55 million; (x) 1100-MW Kohala Hydro Power Project- security cost \$19.73 million; (xi) 4000-MW Matiari-Lahore Transmission Line Project- security cost \$15.13 million; (xii) 100-MW Appolo Solar Development Pakistan Limited- security cost \$ 1.45 million;(xiii) 100 MW Best Green Energy (solar) Pakistan Limited - security cost \$1.45 million; (xiv) 100-MW Crest Energy Pakistan Limited (solar) -security cost \$1.45 million; (xv) 99 MW UEP Wind Power (Pvt) Limited (wind)- security cost \$ 2.28 million ;(xvi) 49.5-MW Sachal Energy Development (Pvt) Limited(solar)- security cost \$1.18 million; (xvii) 49.5 MW Hydrochina Dawood Power (Pvt) Limited- security cost \$1.14 million; (xviii) 49.5-MW Three Gorges Second Wind Farm(Pvt.) Limited - security cost \$1 million and; (xix) 49.5-MW Three Gorges Second Wind Farm(Pvt.) Limited - security cost \$1million; (xx) and 884-MW Suki Kinari HPP –security cost 19.91mn. Other projects are;(i) Multan-Sukkur Motorway M-5-392 KM(cost \$2.8 billion); (ii) Orange Line Metro Train \$ 1.6 billion; (iii) KKH phase-II, Havelian-Thakot Section (120 km) total cost \$ 1.3 billion;(iv) cross border optical fiber cable (820 km) total cost \$ 44 million; (v) DTMB project (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) \$4 million; (vi) Expressway (Ministry of Maritime Affairs) \$ 179 million;(v) Technical and Vocational Institute at Gwadar \$ 10million; (vi) Pak China Friendship Hospital Gwadar \$100 million; (vii) DTMB-A (digitalize three existing PTV sites) \$ 3.7 million; (viii) New Gwadar International Airport (NGIP) \$ 230 million.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/04/22/1-page/991054-news.html>

Int'l Chinese Language Day celebrated

The Confucius Institute (CI) at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad celebrated International Chinese Language Day which brought the different performances of Chinese culture. UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan was the chief guest while CI Chinese Dean Dr. Zhou Changming, CI Vice Chairman/ Local Dean Prof Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir spoke. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan said that the CI-UAF had completed ten years and it has produced 5000 students so far in Chinese language courses. He added that CI has proved a hallmark in strengthening academic, and research ties with Chinese institutions. He stressed the need to learn from China's experiences in agriculture and economic development. He said that Chinese universities were proving their mettle globally in every field. Dr. Zhou Changming said that China-Pakistan was enjoying deepened and time-tested relations. He added that the Chinese language connects cultures through the bridge of mutual learning.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/04/22/5-page/991099-news.html>

Daily Times

China-Pak JV introduces advanced harvester machine for canola crops

Pakistan's Evyol Group have demonstrated advanced harvester attachments aimed at controlling shattering losses in canola crop in Bhakkar district of Punjab on Wednesday. The Evyol Group provides high-quality canola seeds developed by Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed Co. to Pakistani farmers under a joint venture with the Chinese company. 'Qingfa's HC-021C canola has 0.7 percent Erucic Acid and 15 mm/gm Glucosinolate, much lower than the global standard of 2% and 30 mm/gm, respectively. Therefore, the Chinese canola variety is dubbed as '00' for having the least hazardous contents, Zafar Iqbal, Head Certus Seeds, a division of Evyol, said during a presentation to farmers and journalists. Zafar said that they observed shattering losses to the tune of 200-400 kilograms per acre. 'We informed our Chinese JV partner, which sent these advanced attachments to control the losses', Zafar said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1188170/china-pak-jv-introduces-advanced-harvester-machine-for-canola-crops/>

Pakistan Observer

Police directed to beef up security for Chinese engineers

Divisional Commissioner Silwat Saeed has directed the police to beef up security for Chinese engineers, working on various development projects in Faisalabad division. The commissioner paid a visit to Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development & Management Company (FIEDMC) here on Sunday and presided over a meeting there. She took briefing about the security of Chinese engineers in FIEDMC and Allama Iqbal Industrial Estate and said that the police heads were bound to provide foolproof security to the Chinese and other foreigners. She directed the Regional Police Officer (RPO), City Police Officer (CPO) and other police officers to ensure tight security in addition to keeping vigil eye on the suspects in and around the project sites where the Chinese were working.—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/police-directed-to-beef-up-security-for-chinese-engineers/>

The Express Tribune

Envoy visits China's vegetable capital

BEIJING: During his orientation tour of Shandong, Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, visited Shouguang County, known as China's "vegetable capital," at the invitation of the local government. He attended the opening ceremony of the 25th China (Shouguang) International Vegetable Science and Technology Expo, toured the expo, and visited the Pakistan pavilion. In his address at the expo's opening ceremony, Ambassador Hashmi praised its role in fostering global agricultural innovation and cooperation. He lauded Shouguang's leadership in vegetable production and its international acclaim as a center for excellence in facility vegetables. Highlighting the enduring partnership between China and Pakistan, particularly in agriculture, Hashmi emphasized its significance for bilateral relations. He showcased Pakistan's agrarian landscape, emphasizing its substantial contributions to GDP and employment. He reiterated Pakistan's commitment to enhancing

agricultural productivity through collaboration with Chinese partners. Hashmi outlined favorable policies and conducive frameworks for collaboration, stressing the potential for mutually beneficial partnerships and continued growth in agricultural trade and technology.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2463474/envoy-visits-chinas-vegetable-capital>

Express News

چند عناصر سی پیک اور ہمیں روکنا چاہتے ہیں :

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https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1110934372&Issue=NP_LHE&Date=20240422

Jang News

کچھ عناصر سی پیک اور ہمیں روکنا چاہتے ہیں، چین کا انتباہ

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<https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/671180>

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بقیہ 12 صفحہ

بنانا انتہائی ضروری ہے۔ تصبیحات کے مطابق پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی اور مسلم لیگ ن کے مشترکہ پارلیمانی وفد کی ٹکن میں انٹرنیشنل ایڈیٹوریل آف کینیڈا پارٹی آف ٹکن (سی پی سی) کی وائس مشنر ہائی این سمیت زراعت اور ماہرین معاشیات سے ملاقات ہوئی جہاں پاکستان میں روزگار کے مواقع سمیت دو طرفہ تعلقات پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ وائس مشنر ہائی این نے پاکستانی سیاست میں خواتین کے بڑھتے ہوئے موثر کردار کی تعریف کی، وائس مشنر نے پاکستانی وفد سے گفتگو میں انتہائی اہمیت کے ساتھ چینی وائی ٹی حکومت کو مبارکباد بھی دی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان کی سیاست میں خواتین کی بڑھتی ہوئی اہمیت ایک مثبت

سی پی سی کی وفد کی چین کی وائس مشنر ہائی این، زرعی اور معاشی ماہرین سے ملاقاتیں

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April 23, 2024

Dunya News

Pakistan gears up to launch moon mission next month

Pakistan is gearing up to send its CubeSat satellite into space as part of China's upcoming lunar mission, Chang'e 6, set to take place in the first week of May. The satellite, dubbed ICUBE-Qamar (ICUBE-Q), is the result of a joint effort involving Pakistan's Institute of Space Technology (IST), the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), the Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), and China's Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU). The main goal of the Chang'e 6 mission is to gather samples from the far side of the Moon. Pakistan's CubeSat will be one of several payloads onboard the mission, joining contributions from countries like France, the European Space Agency, and Italy. This collaboration highlights Pakistan's growing role in space exploration, moving beyond CubeSats to engage in more advanced initiatives. For example, Pakistan is conducting research on environmentally resilient seeds and is exploring potential agreements to participate in China's Tiangong space station and lunar base located on the South Pole.

<https://dunya.com/news/Technology/806814-Pakistan-gears-up-to-launch-moon-mission-next-month>

Pakistan Observer

Construction of CPEC road in SW to commence soon

In a recent announcement, Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) PK109 Asif Khan Mehsud revealed that construction work on the CPEC road connecting Yarak to Jandola, Sararogha, and Shawal in South Waziristan Upper District is set to begin imminently. Speaking to a delegation from the Mehsud Press Club, led by President Farooq Mehsud, MPA Asif Mehsud highlighted the significance of this infrastructure project in addressing the region's developmental challenges. MPA Asif Mehsud acknowledged the prevailing issues in Upper South Waziristan and reassured the community of ongoing efforts to resolve them. He emphasized that the proposed road construction under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative has already undergone initial administrative processes and awaits final approval, which is expected soon. Furthermore, MPA Asif Mehsud addressed concerns regarding compensation for individuals affected by Operation Rah-e-Nejat, ensuring that measures are being taken to provide relief to those whose houses were destroyed during the military operation. He underscored the importance of job creation and agricultural development in Upper South Waziristan, emphasizing the provincial government's commitment to providing employment opportunities to local residents. In addition to infrastructure projects, MPA Asif Mehsud highlighted the government's initiatives to support individuals affected by conflict, including providing government jobs and compensating families of martyrs who lost their lives to landmines in the region.

<https://pakobserver.net/construction-of-cpec-road-in-sw-to-commence-soon/>

The Nation

Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency team starts Pak visit

ISLAMABAD - A delegation from the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), led by Lou Zhaohai, chairman of CIDCA, has commenced a substantive five-day visit to Pakistan. Accompanied by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, the delegation is participating in significant deliberations with the aim of strengthening the bilateral relationship between the two nations. The delegation called on the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema, on 22nd April, 2024 at the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Minister for Economic Affairs extended a warm welcome to chairman CIDCA and acknowledged the instrumental role CIDCA plays in bolstering Pakistan's developmental endeavors, further solidifying the enduring partnership between the two nations. He extended his condolences on the recent tragic incident in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and assured that the government of Pakistan is taking concrete steps for enhancing security measures for the Chinese officials working in Pakistan. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Secretary Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Secretary Interior and Acting Secretary Economic Affairs Division and other senior officials of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. During the meeting, various matters of bilateral cooperation regarding significant ongoing and future projects especially CIDCA's overall development portfolio, CPEC and post-flood reconstruction and

rehabilitation projects were discussed. Minister for Economic Affairs underscored the Government of Pakistan's commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation, particularly in the development of projects aiming at the livelihood enhancement and betterment of people. He also took the opportunity to congratulate Zhaohai on the prestigious Civil Award bestowed upon him from the Government of Pakistan, recognizing his invaluable contributions towards Pakistan development. In response, Zhaohai expressed his appreciation for the warm reception and conveyed his gratitude to the Government of Pakistan for the conferment of the Civil Award. Chairman CIDCA further appreciated the comprehensive portfolio of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. "Economic cooperation is the cornerstone of our bilateral cooperation," said the chairman CIDCA. In his concluding remarks, Minister for Economic Affairs assured complete assistance from the Government of Pakistan, reaffirming the commitment to fostering strong bilateral ties with China. In response, Chairman CIDCA acknowledged the assurance and reiterated the agency's dedication to continuing its unwavering support for Pakistan's economic development endeavors. Both sides expressed optimism for the future, emphasizing the importance of sustained collaboration in achieving mutual prosperity and advancement and to intensify bilateral collaboration through future technical level discussions.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/23-Apr-2024/chinese-international-development-cooperation-agency-team-starts-pak-visit>

The News

Pakistan, China in talks to promote economic development

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have kick-started formal talks in order to promote economic development with the purpose to strengthen bilateral relation between the two countries. A delegation from the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) led by its chairman Lou Zhaohai commenced a five-day visit to Pakistan from April 21. Accompanied by Ambassador of China to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the delegation is participating in deliberations with the aim of strengthening the bilateral relationship between the two nations. The delegation called on Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema on Monday where the minister extended his condolences on the recent tragic incident in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and assured that the Government of Pakistan is taking concrete steps for enhancing security measures for the Chinese officials working in Pakistan. The meeting was also attended by the Planning Commission deputy chairman, Planning Development & Special Initiatives secretary, Interior secretary and Economic Affairs Division acting secretary and other senior officials. During the meeting, various matters of bilateral cooperation regarding significant ongoing and future projects especially CIDCA's overall development portfolio, CPEC and post-flood reconstruction and rehabilitation projects were discussed. The Economic Affairs minister underscored the government's commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation, particularly in the development of projects aiming at the livelihood enhancement and betterment of people. He also congratulated Zhaohai on the prestigious civil award bestowed upon him from the Government of Pakistan, recognizing his invaluable contributions towards Pakistan development. In response, Zhaohai expressed his appreciation for the warm reception and conveyed his gratitude to the Government of

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<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1181344-pakistan-china-in-talks-to-promote-economic-development>

New DPO vows full security for Chinese

MANSEHRA: Security for Chinese convoys passing through Lower Kohistan has been enhanced to a level where miscreants will not be able to repeat the Bisham-like subversive activity on Karakoram Highway (KKH) in the future, said a senior police officer. “Our gallant force has rendered unprecedented sacrifices to flush out terrorism from this province, and we will follow suit for the safety of Chinese executing mega energy projects on our soil,” District Police Officer of Lower Kohistan Mohammad Umar said while speaking to the first police Darbar at Police Lines after assuming his office at Police lines. The SP Investigation Tahirur Rehman, SDPO Pattan Circle Raja Khan, SDPO Bankhad Ranowalia Aurangzeb Khan and SHOs of all police stations across the district were in attendance KP Inspector General of Police Akhtar Hayat Gandapur last week replaced Umar with his predecessor Jamil Akhtar suspended allegedly over the lapse of security after the Bisham suicide attack on a convoy in which five Chinese, and a Pakistani driver were killed on March 26, last month. The DPO, who laid the floral wreath at the memorial to the martyrs and was presented the guard of honor by a police contingent on his arrival at Police Lines, said that foolproof security for the Chinese convoys passing through KKH here was being ensured. He said the strength of force deployed at Chakai Post which links KKH with Shangla, and Matta Banda post which connects neighboring Upper Kohistan was being enhanced. He warned of stern action over any negligence in providing foolproof security to the Chinese on the KKH.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1181299-new-dpo-vows-full-security-for-chinese>

MPA says CPEC-Jandola road to promote trade

WANA: Member Provincial Assembly Asif Khan Mehsud said on Monday that construction work on the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor (CPEC) Yarik Road to Jandola, Sararogha and Shawal would be initiated soon. “There are issues in Upper South Waziristan district, which are being settled by Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur,” he told a delegation of journalists of Mehsud Press Club which called on him. Mehsud Press Club President Farooq Mehsud led the delegation. The MPA said that CPEC authorities had already submitted PC-1 for the construction of road from Yarik to Jandola, Sararogha and Shawal, which will be approved soon. He hoped the road would promote Pak-Afghan trade as well as facilitate the

local residents in the transportation of their goods and products to markets of other cities. The lawmaker informed the journalists that he had held a special meeting with the chief minister to seek compensation for those whose houses were destroyed during Operation Rah-e-Nejat. Asif Mehsud said that creating employment opportunities for the local people and developing agriculture in Upper South Waziristan were among his priorities.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1181295-mpa-says-cpec-jandola-road-to-promote-trade>

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چینی موبائل فون کمپنی کا پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کا اعلان

کمپنی اسمارٹ فونز زیادہ فیچرز کے ساتھ کم قیمت پر متعارف کرائے گی پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کے لیے کمپنی نے تمام کارروائی مکمل کر لی اسلام آباد (نمائندہ ایکسپریس) چین کی موبائل فون کمپنی نے پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کا اعلان کر دیا، پی ٹی اے کے مطابق چینی کمپنی اسمارٹ فونز زیادہ فیچرز کے ساتھ کم قیمت پر متعارف کرائے گی، کمپنی پاکستان میں پہلے بھی 3 بڑے برینڈز متعارف کروا چکی ہے، پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی کے مطابق پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کیلئے کمپنی نے تمام کارروائی مکمل کر لی ہے۔

https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1110934949&Issue=NP_KHI&Date=20240423

چین کی بین الاقوامی ترقیاتی تعاون ایجنسی کا وفد اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) چین کی بین الاقوامی ترقیاتی تعاون ایجنسی کا وفد پاکستان کے 5 روزہ دورے پر اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا ہے، وزارت اقتصادی امور کے مطابق چینی بین الاقوامی ترقیاتی تعاون ایجنسی کے وفد کا وزارت کے حکام نے پر تپاک خیر مقدم کیا، چیئر مین سیڈ کا لوژاواہائی کی قیادت میں چینی وفد نے پاکستان کے دورے پر خوش آمدید کہا چینی وفد 25 اپریل تک پاکستان کے 5 روزہ دورے پر ہے۔

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Business Recorder

PM terms CPEC-II a big opportunity for private sector

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said the second phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC-II) offered an opportunity to the private sectors of both countries to form joint ventures. He underscored that CPEC had contributed to Pakistan's socioeconomic development, as well as, the progress and prosperity of the peoples of the two countries. He hoped that the Phase-II of CPEC would result in more industrial, scientific, and green development in the country. Talking to a high-level delegation of the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), led by its Chairman Luo Zhaohui which called on him, the prime minister said China was Pakistan's most trusted friend and appreciated its steadfast support to Pakistan. Acknowledging CIDCA's pivotal role in bolstering Pakistan's economic development, the prime minister specifically commended CIDCA for its vital support during the 2022 floods and for its relief, rehabilitation, and

reconstruction efforts in Pakistan. Earlier, he witnessed the signing ceremony of four Memorandums of Understanding focusing on flood rehabilitation, information, and communication technologies, Juncao Technology, and China-Pakistan Development Cooperation Planning (2024-2028) alongside a Letter of Exchange on the establishment of a First Aid Centre in Balochistan and Protocol on Cooperation in Human Resources Development under the Global Development Initiative

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/04/24/3-page/991260-news.html>

Chinese chip manufacturing team meets minister

A delegation of chip manufacturing company of China met Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain in the Punjab Investment Board. The Chinese company has expressed interest in investing in the manufacturing of chips and other cards. Andrew Leong of Chinese company XH Smart Tech Limited said that our group wants to set up a chip manufacturing plant in Punjab, therefore, land should be given in Bhalwal Industrial Estate. Talking to the delegation, Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain said that there is a wide scope for investment in the industrial zones of Punjab. Special Economic Zones have ten years of income tax exemption and one time duty free machinery import facility. The Chinese company will provide all possible facilities to invest in the industrial zone. He said that there is a wide scope of investment in chip and card manufacturing. The Punjab government is ready to provide all possible support to the Chinese company to set up a chip manufacturing plant. Chaudhry Shafi Hussain said that it is my determination to bring new investment in Punjab. There is an investor-friendly environment in the province. All possible facilities are being provided to domestic and foreign investors under one roof. Secretary Industries and Commerce Ehsan Bhutta, CEO Punjab Investment Board Jalal Hasan and officials of Chinese company XH Smart Tech Limited were present in the meeting.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/04/24/7-page/991287-news.html>

Daily Times

CPEC-II – an opportunity for private sector to form joint ventures: PM

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said the second phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC-II) offered an opportunity to the private sectors of both countries to form joint ventures. He underscored that CPEC had contributed to Pakistan's socio-economic development as well as the progress and prosperity of the peoples of two countries. He hoped that the Phase-II of CPEC would result in more industrial, scientific and green development in the country. Talking to a high level delegation of the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), led by its Chairman Luo Zhaohui which called on him, the prime minister said China was Pakistan's most trusted friend and appreciated its steadfast support to Pakistan. Acknowledging CIDCA's pivotal role in bolstering Pakistan's economic development, the prime minister specifically commended CIDCA for its vital support during the 2022 floods and for its relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts in Pakistan. Earlier, he also witnessed the signing ceremony of four Memorandums of

Understanding focusing on flood rehabilitation, information and communication technologies, Juncao Technology, China-Pakistan Development Cooperation Planning (2024-2028) alongside a Letter of Exchange on the establishment of a First Aid Centre in Balochistan, and Protocol on Cooperation in Human Resources Development under the Global Development Initiative. The agreements signify the deepening cooperation between Pakistan and China across various sectors, a PM Office news release said. Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, federal ministers for Foreign Affairs, Economic Affairs, Finance, Interior and Planning & Development, SAPM Tariq Fatemi and senior officials attended the meeting. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday invited the Australian companies and experts to share their expertise and best practices with Pakistani counterparts. He was talking to High Commissioner of Australia Neil Hawkins who paid a courtesy call on him at the PM House. The prime minister said both Pakistan and Australia enjoyed friendly and cordial ties. He expressed satisfaction over the current state of bilateral relations, saying Pakistan was keen to enhance cooperation in agriculture, livestock, mining etc. The prime minister also acknowledged the contribution of Pakistani diaspora in Australia, including a significant number of students. The high commissioner reaffirmed the desire of the Australian side to strengthen its ties with Pakistan and assured the prime minister of his cooperation. He also briefed the prime minister on some of the upcoming bilateral engagements, including visits of senior Australian defense officials to Pakistan. While noting the priority areas indicated by the prime minister, the high commissioner also expressed interest in strengthening sports and cultural cooperation, particularly in cricket and hockey. He also praised the valiant efforts of Pakistani security guards whose bravery saved many lives during the recent stabbing attacks in Sydney. One Pakistani security guard lost his life while another was injured during the attack in which five women were killed.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1188782/cpec-ii-an-opportunity-for-private-sector-to-form-joint-ventures-pm/>

Dunya News

President Zardari emphasizes stronger economic, cultural ties with China

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) – President Asif Ali Zardari stated on Wednesday that Pakistan and China enjoy long-term strategic relations which need to be further strengthened in the areas of trade, economy, agriculture, people-to-people contacts and culture. During a meeting with the visiting chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), Luo Zhaohui, and his delegation, the president underlined the need for both countries to continue working together to elevate bilateral relations to new heights. The meeting was attended by Ambassador of China in Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Dr Jahanzeb Khan and senior officials from both governments. Reiterating Pakistan's firm commitment to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the president emphasized its immense strategic importance and pledged full support for the timely completion of all CPEC projects. Highlighting the significance of Gwadar Port, Zardari noted that it would not only promote regional connectivity but also make the transport of goods to China cost-effective. He also proposed joint training projects to equip human resources with skills tailored to Chinese demand for a skilled workforce.

Chairman Luo Zhaohui briefed the president about CIDCA's role in Pakistan's socio-economic development, particularly its contributions in the health and education sectors. He stressed the importance of promoting tourism and agricultural cooperation between the two countries. President Zardari expressed sorrow over the unfortunate terrorist attack on Chinese workers in Bisham and assured that Pakistan would spare no effort in providing a safe environment for Chinese workers and investors. Luo stated that despite attempts by enemies of both countries to harm bilateral relations, they would not succeed. The president thanked the government of China for its support to Pakistan and its vital role in Pakistan's economic development. He also commended CIDCA's contributions to the rehabilitation of flood-affected people, reconstruction of schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh, and construction of housing units for lady health workers in Sindh and Balochistan.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/807227-President-Zardari-emphasises-stronger-economic-cultural-ties-with-China>

Pakistan Observer

CPEC phase-II and Jiang Zaidong's doctrine: A Probable Future

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The emerging socio-economic, geopolitical and geostrategic trends and “conflicting” realities in the region and around the world clearly spark the strategic importance of holistic and comprehensive national security for the Chinese workforce and the CPEC Phase-II in the country. Moreover, even looming threats of climate change, water scarcity, terrorism and radicalization also demand redrafting, revision and re-implementation of national security to safeguard the vested interests pertaining to the safety and security of the Chinese people working in the mega projects of CPEC Phase-II in the country. However the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong's “doctrine” of national security has an ideal policy “framework” to resolve these issues in the country. Thus Chinese socialism having a comprehensive concept of national security must be followed and implemented in the country which would create win-win propositions for both the countries and further foster bilateral economic ties and brighten the prospects of greater regional connectivity through BRI-CPEC Phase-II development in the days to come. Despite terrorist attacks against the Chinese workers and the CPEC projects in the country, the Chinese policy makers in Beijing and its ambassadorial staff, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong showed great commitments to follow President Xi Jinping cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics promoting the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation entering a critical stage and China's development has placed higher demands on national security. Recently, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong's remarks have exemplified a significant shift in the approach to national security, aligning closely with President Xi's holistic vision. Zaidong emphasizes people's security as the paramount objective, integrating political and economic security as fundamental pillars. This approach not only strengthens Sino-Pak bilateral relations but also bolsters persuasion of CPEC Phase-II. Zaidong advocates for a comprehensive national security concept encompassing military, cultural and societal security, aiming to ensure international security as well. He underscores the importance of internal and external

security, homeland and public security and both traditional and non-traditional security measures. This holistic approach, addressing threats like climate change, natural disasters, terrorism and radicalization, underscores the imperative of ensuring the safety and security of Chinese personnel working on various CPEC projects through joint or hybrid security arrangements. As a true and trustworthy iron-clad friend of Pakistan, China's commitment to Pakistan's prosperity, stability and sovereignty remains unwavering, even in the face of fatal terrorist attacks against its citizens working on CPEC projects in the country. Rather than faltering, China appears ever-ready to advance the concept of national security with Chinese characteristics, offering a holistic and comprehensive solution to building a world characterized by lasting peace and universal security. This same model of national security is poised to be replicated in Pakistan, given its status as an all-weather strategic cooperative partner. This further strengthens the connotation of a China-Pakistan community with a shared future, continuously enriched through mutual cooperation. The Chinese Ambassador's policy guidelines through his latest statements expressed China's readiness to strengthen further counter-terrorism and security cooperation with Pakistan but also showed firm steadfastness for the further diversification of the CPEC Phase-II in the country covering all aspects of further cooperation and collaboration through upgraded version of CPEC consisting of inclusion of third country and enterprises in the ongoing CPEC projects in the country. Thus continuation of strategic cooperative partnership of Pak-China is the only way out to cope with the western-sponsored hegemonic dominance in the region and root out seeds of imperialism at the international stage. Unfortunately, recent incidents of terrorism in the country have started a new debate and forces of evils and pseudo intellectual's devils jointly pushing us towards close ally blaming regional and international power politics and the US-China relationships uneasiness for deteriorating law & order situation. It is a bitter reality that the Chinese workforce engaged in numerous projects of the CPEC in the country is being targeted as part of the ongoing power politics and proxies reactively pulling us towards a new end game. The US mantra of so-called debt trap, China's economic peak or collapse and, most importantly, China's containment in the region are giving us a tough time to achieve the desired goals of socio-economic stability, sustainability and political cohesion in the country. However, the Chinese Ambassador's new remarks have once again mitigated all false and fake propaganda of the western forces by pledging strong commitment of cooperation on development and prosperity fronts via continuation of the CPEC projects in the country. It is indeed a clear message to all the conspirators of economic stability and sustainability and development that their plans of sabotaging the CPEC and Pak-China friendship would never succeed. The Chinese Ambassador rightly emphasized plugging-in existing flaws and faulty lines in national security and provided foolproof security arrangements to all the Chinese engineers and technicians working on all the important development projects in different parts of the country. Thus national security and further development and continuation of the CPEC Phase-II are directly correlated. In summary, safeguarding the entire Chinese workforce is paramount, with all stakeholders, including civilian and military authorities, prioritizing their safety. A swift and thorough investigation into the Bisham terrorist attack is crucial. A comprehensive crackdown, including military operations, is necessary to eliminate terrorism and foster favorable conditions for advancing China-Pakistan strategic cooperation. Under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's leadership, the

Pakistani government is dedicated to these objectives, with upgraded security measures for Chinese nationals overseen by the Prime Minister himself. Chinese authorities are actively engaged in ongoing investigations into the Bisham attack. It is good omen that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) is gearing economic advocacy campaigns successfully securing and seeking more and more inflows of the FDIs and joint ventures in the country which should also be involved in the safety & security of the Chinese workforce engaged in the CPEC projects in the country giving a message of national unity, protection, productivity and prosperity. Xi's socialism with Chinese characteristics combing and caring all aspects of national security consisting of human, natural, geographical, geo-strategic, geo-economics, cultural and military securities must be implemented in the CPEC Phase-II so that evil forces of terrorism, economic instability, political chaos and spirits of radicalization may be eradicated from the grassroots. Innovative models of human security through building of the walled cities and hybrid security living proportions along with joint security at least at civilian level must be followed for the safety & security of the Chinese workforce and the CPEC projects in the country.

<https://pakobserver.net/cpec-phase-ii-and-jiang-zaidongs-doctrine-a-probable-future/>

The Express Tribune

President seeks stronger economic, cultural ties with China

President Asif Ali Zardari has stated that Pakistan and China enjoy long-term strategic relations, which need to be further strengthened in the areas of trade, economy, agriculture, people-to-people contacts, and culture. He underlined the need for both countries to continue to work together to take bilateral relations to new heights. The president expressed these views while talking to the visiting chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), Luo Zhaohui, who along with his delegation called on him at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Wednesday, the presidency said in a statement. The Ambassador of China to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, the Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Dr Jahanzeb Khan, and senior officials of the Chinese and Pakistani governments attended the meeting. While reiterating Pakistan's firm commitment to China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the president said that Pakistan considered CPEC of immense strategic importance and was fully committed to the timely completion of all CPEC projects. Highlighting the importance of Gwadar Port, he said that Gwadar Port would not only promote regional connectivity but would also make the transport of goods to China cost-effective. He also suggested undertaking joint training projects to equip human resources with skills keeping in view the Chinese demand for skilled workforce. CIDCA Chairman Luo Zhaohui briefed the president about the agency's role in Pakistan's socio-economic development as well as its contributions in the health and education sectors. He also underlined the need to promote tourism and agricultural cooperation between the two countries. The president expressed grief over the unfortunate terrorist attack on Chinese workers in Besham, saying that Pakistan would make all-out efforts to provide a safe environment for the Chinese workers and investors in Pakistan. The CIDCA chairman said that the enemies of the two countries wanted to harm bilateral relations but they would never succeed in their designs. The president thanked the Government of China for its support to Pakistan and for playing a vital role in Pakistan's

economic development. He also appreciated CIDCA's contributions to the rehabilitation of flood-affected people and reconstruction of schools in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh, besides constructing housing units for Lady Health Workers in Sindh and Balochistan.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2463817/president-seeks-stronger-economic-cultural-ties-with-china>

The Nation

Pakistan, China sign multiple MoUs

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China on Tuesday signed four Memoranda of Understanding focusing on Flood Rehabilitation, Information and Communication Technologies, Juncao Technology, China- Pakistan Development Cooperation Planning (2024- 2028) alongside a Letter of Exchange on the establishment of a First Aid Centre in Balochistan, and Protocol on Cooperation in Human Resources Development under the Global Development Initiative. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and cabinet members as well as Chinese Ambassador for Pakistan here. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif hoped that the Phase-II of CPEC would result in more industrial, scientific and green development. CPEC-II is also an opportunity for the private sectors of both countries to form joint ventures. Later talking to high level delegation of the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), led by its Chairman Mr. Luo Zhaohui, the prime minister said China is Pakistan's most trusted friend and appreciated China's steadfast support to Pakistan. Acknowledging CIDCA's pivotal role in bolstering Pakistan's economic development, he specifically commended CIDCA for its vital support during the 2022 floods and for its relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts in Pakistan.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2024-04-24/page-8/detail-1>

The News

Chinese team calls on Industry Minister

LAHORE: A delegation of a chip manufacturing company of China Tuesday called on Punjab Minister for Industry and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain in the Punjab Investment Board. The Chinese team expressed interest in investing in the manufacturing of chips and other cards. Andrew Leong of Chinese company XH Smart Tech Limited said our group want to set up a chip manufacturing plant in Punjab, therefore, land should be given in Bhalwal Industrial Estate. Talking to the delegation, the minister said there was a wide scope for investment in the industrial zones of the province. Special Economic Zones have ten years of income tax exemption and one time duty free machinery import facility, he maintained. The minister said there was a wide scope of investment in chip and card manufacturing and the Chinese company would be provided all possible facilities to invest in the industrial zone in this connection by the Punjab government. He said all possible facilities are being provided to domestic and foreign investors under one roof in the province. Secretary Industries and Commerce Ehsan Bhutta was also present on the occasion.

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Nawaiwaqt News

بقیہ 63	چین سرمایہ کاری
2024 میں پاکستان نے متحدہ شراکت دار ممالک سے 311.2 ملین ڈالر کی براہ راست غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری حاصل کی۔ اس میں سے چین نے 153.9 ملین ڈالر کا اہم حصہ 49.46 فی صدی آئی ہے۔	

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اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) گزشتہ ماہ مارچ میں پاکستان کی معیشت میں ملکی سرمایہ کاری میں اضافہ ہوا۔ براہ راست غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری (ایف ڈی آئی) میں 153.9 ملین ڈالر کی خالص برآمدات سرمایہ کاری کی۔ گواہ پرود کے مطابق اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان (این بی پی) کے اعداد و شمار سے معلوم ہوا کہ پاکستان کی معیشت میں چین گواہ پرود کے مطابق مارچ 2024 کے دوران اضافہ ہوا۔ براہ راست غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری (ایف ڈی آئی) میں 161.2 ملین ڈالر کی نمایاں آمد ہوئی ہے۔ تاہم 7.3 ملین ڈالر کے اخراج کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے فی آہ 153.9 ملین ڈالر پر منجم ہوئی۔ گواہ پرود کے مطابق مارچ 2024 کے دوران اضافہ ہوا۔ براہ راست غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری (ایف ڈی آئی) میں 161.2 ملین ڈالر کی نمایاں آمد ہوئی ہے۔ تاہم 7.3 ملین ڈالر کے اخراج کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے فی آہ 153.9 ملین ڈالر پر منجم ہوئی۔ گواہ پرود کے مطابق مارچ 2024 کے دوران اضافہ ہوا۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2024-04-24/page-8>

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2024-04-24/page-6>

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Pakistan Observer

Pakistan all set to start dairy products export to China

LAHORE – Pakistan will soon start exporting dairy products to China through a state-of-the-art farm developed in Sheikhpura. “A team of China Customs has recently visited our FAM Farm in Sheikhpura and unofficially approved Pakistan for exports of dairy products,” said Masaud Anwar, Secretary Livestock while speaking at ‘Pakistan Agricultural Coalition’s Agri-Connections 2024’ at Expo Center here on Wednesday. Iftikhar Sahoo, Secretary Agriculture, said that private sector is the future of agriculture. “The new government has a vision for transformation of our agriculture sector. So, the investment of Rs 100 billion has been planned in the agriculture sector for the next two years,” he said, adding that Rs 80 billion will be spent on the modernization of watercourses in the entire province in the next three years. The government is also in talks with institutes for modern equipment, partnership with academia for research, to fund research by private sector, and to provide paid internships to graduates from agricultural universities. Sahoo said that despite being an agricultural country Pakistan imports food items worth \$5 billion every year while facing serious challenges like crop productivity stagnation, decreased crop area, and loss of agri land to housing projects. He added that food shortage is a serious issue as with the same agricultural productivity and increasing population the country will be facing the shortage of wheat by 6 million tons by 2033 and huge crop losses worth \$1.5 every year due to outdated farming practices and low-quality farming the. Abrar Hasan, Global CEO of National Foods Limited (NFL), talked about NFL’s ‘Seed to Table’ project which was launched in August 2023 in partnership with progressive farm-managing companies with a vision to reduce the country’s dependency on imported raw materials, empower local farmers and fortify Pakistan’s agri value chain. “Even in its early stage, the ‘Seed to Table’ project has exceeded our expectations and we are incredibly proud of the results. The project has already saved \$2mn

with a realized localization potential of around \$10mn,” he said. “By taking control of the entire supply chain, we’ve ensured a consistent supply of high-quality fresh tomatoes directly to NFL’s production facilities,” he added. Earlier, CEO Pakistan Agricultural Coalition, Arif Nadeem in his welcome address said that their task is to make Pakistan’s agricultural sector globally competitive and issues raised in Agri Connections 2024 are to be addressed by government, policy makers. “We should trigger things for the growth of our agriculture sector and I believe that better environment for investments emerges through this kind of conferences,” he said.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistan-all-set-to-start-dairy-products-export-to-china/>

The Nation

No delay in CPEC projects, Zardari tells Chinese delegation

ISLAMABAD - President Asif Ali Zardari has said that Pakistan and China enjoy long-term strategic relations, which need to be further strengthened in the areas of trade, economy, agriculture, people-to-people contacts, and culture. He underlined the need for both the countries to continue working together to take bilateral relations to new heights. The President expressed these views while talking to the visiting Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), Mr Luo Zhaohui, who along with his delegation called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, on Wednesday. Mr Jiang Zaidong, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Dr Jahanzeb Khan, and senior officials of the Chinese and Pakistani governments attended the meeting. While reiterating Pakistan’s firm commitment to China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the President said that Pakistan considered CPEC of immense strategic importance and was fully committed to the timely completion of all CPEC projects. Highlighting the importance of Gwadar Port, he said that the port would not only promote regional connectivity but would also make the transport of goods to China cost-effective. He also suggested to undertake joint training projects to equip human resources with skills keeping in view the Chinese demand for skilled workforce. Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), Mr Luo Zhaohui, briefed the President about CIDCA’s role in Pakistan’s socio-economic development as well as its contributions in the health and education sectors. The President expressed grief over the unfortunate terrorist attack on Chinese workers in Bisham, saying that Pakistan would make all-out efforts to provide a safe environment for the Chinese workers and investors in Pakistan. The Chairman of CIDCA said that the enemies of the two countries wanted to harm bilateral relations but they would never succeed in their designs. The President thanked the Government of China for its support to Pakistan and for playing a vital role in Pakistan’s economic development. He also appreciated CIDCA’s contributions to the rehabilitation of flood-affected people and reconstruction of schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh, besides constructing housing units for Lady Health Workers in Sindh and Balochistan.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/25-Apr-2024/no-delay-in-cpec-projects-zardari-tells-chinese-delegation>

Express News

پاکستان سی پیک منصوبوں کی بر وقت تکمیل کیلئے پر عزم ، زرداری

گواہ بندرگاہ سے روابط مضبوط ہونگے ، چین تک سامان کی نقل و حمل سستی ہوگی

چیز مین چائنہ انٹرنیشنل ڈیولپمنٹ ایجنسی کی ملاقات، مختلف امور پر تبادلہ خیال

اسلام آباد (اے پی پی) صدر آصف زرداری نے پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان تجارت، معیشت، زراعت، عوام سے عوام کے رابطوں اور ثقافت کے شعبوں میں تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط کرنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان تمام سی پیک منصوبوں کی بر وقت تکمیل کے لیے پر عزم ہے ، صدر نے ان خیالات کا اظہار پاکستان کے دورے پر آئے ہوئے چائنہ انٹرنیشنل ڈیولپمنٹ کو آپریشن ایجنسی کے چیز مین لوڈ چاؤ ہوئی سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ جنہوں نے اپنے وفد کے ہمراہ بدھ کو ایوان صدر میں ان سے ملاقات کی۔ صدر نے کہا کہ گواہ بندرگاہ سے علاقائی روابط مضبوط ہو گئے اور چین تک سامان کی نقل و حمل سستی ہوگی ، صدر نے بشام میں چینی شہریوں پر دہشت گردانہ حملے پر افسوس کا اظہار کیا اور کہا کہ پاکستان چینی شہریوں اور سرمایہ کاروں کو پاکستان میں محفوظ ماحول فراہم کرنے کیلئے ہر ممکن کوشش کرے گا۔ چیز مین چائنہ انٹرنیشنل ڈیولپمنٹ کو آپریشن ایجنسی نے صدر کو پاکستان کی سماجی و اقتصادی ترقی میں ایجنسی کے کردار کے بارے میں آگاہ کیا، لوڈ چاؤ ہوئی نے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کے دشمن دو طرفہ تعلقات کو نقصان پہنچانا چاہتے ہیں ، اپنے عزم میں کبھی کامیاب نہیں ہوں گے

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ین : 25 واں عالمی ویجیٹیبیل سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی ایکسپو میلہ

سبزیوں کی 2600 اقسام ، 100 سے زائد جدید ٹیکنالوجی نمائش میں پیش

پاکستان کے پولین پر باسستی چاول، چلغوزہ اور ہمالیائی گلابی نمک نمایاں

بیجنگ (ش نہوا) چین کے شہر شاؤ گوانگ میں 25 واں عالمی ویجیٹیبیل سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی ایکسپو میلہ شروع ہو گیا جو کہ 30 مئی تک جاری رہے گا ، میلے میں سبزیوں کی 2600 کے لگ بھگ مقامی و غیر ملکی اقسام اور 100 سے زائد جدید زرعی ٹیکنالوجی نمائش میں پیش کی گئی ہیں ، چین میں پاکستانی سفیر خلیل ہاشمی نے میلے کی افتتاحی تقریب سے خطاب میں کہا کہ اس نمائش سے پاک چین زرعی تجارت کے علاوہ زرعی ٹیکنالوجی کے تبادلے کو فروغ ملے گا، پاک چین دو طرفہ تعاون میں زراعت اور خوراک کے شعبے مرکزی حیثیت رکھتے ہیں ، سی پیک منصوبے سے اس تعاون کو مزید تقویت ملی ہے ، زراعت سے متعلق مشترکہ درکنگ گروپ، وفود کے تبادلے اور خوراک کے معیار سے متعلق پروڈوکٹوز کی پاسداری جیسے میکانزم دو طرفہ زرعی تعاون کیلئے سازگار ماحول فراہم کر رہے ہیں، نمائش کے پاکستانی پولین میں باسستی، چلغوزہ اور گلابی ہمالیائی نمک سر فہرست ہیں۔

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Naval Chief participates in 19th Western Pacific Naval Symposium in China

RAWALPINDI (Dunya News) - Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf on Thursday participated in the 19th Western Pacific Naval Symposium held in China. According to Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release the theme of the 19th Western Pacific Naval Symposium was “A Shared Future with the Sea.” The naval chiefs and representatives of different countries from around the world participated in the symposium. Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf held separate meetings with Commander US Pacific Fleet, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff of Royal Navy, Commander-in-Chief Russian Federation Navy. The Naval Chief also met with Chief of Indonesian Navy, Chief of Bangladesh Navy, Chief of Naval Operations of South Korea, Chief of Navy of Singapore and Acting Deputy Commander of Brunei Navy. During the meetings, the Naval Chief highlighted the role of the Pakistan Navy in dealing with the growing threats in the global maritime domain and the blue economy. Pakistan Navy has been participating in the Western Pacific Naval Symposium as an observer since 2014. The recent visit of the Chief of the Naval Staff will strengthen bilateral cooperation with participating navies to enhance regional and global maritime security.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/807515-Naval-Chief-participates-in-19th-Western-Pacific-Naval-Symposium-in-Chin>

Chinese minister felicitates Ahsan Iqbal on reappointment as planning minister

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) - Chinese Minister for International Relations Li Jinchao congratulated Professor Ahsan Iqbal on his reappointment as Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives in a letter received on Thursday. The Chinese government and Communist Party have extended felicitations to Ahsan Iqbal, wishing him continued success in his future endeavors, according to a news release issued by the Planning ministry. In the letter, Li Jinchao praised Ahsan Iqbal’s outstanding contributions to promoting Pakistan-China friendship and cooperation, particularly in the context of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He noted that Ahsan Iqbal’s efforts to ensure high-quality development under CPEC were commendable. During their meetings last year, Li Jinchao and Ahsan Iqbal had fruitful discussions on enhancing Pakistan-China relations, exploring new avenues for cooperation and strengthening party-to-party ties between the Communist Party of China and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). The Communist Party, the Chinese minister wrote in the letter, was keen to further promote friendship and cooperation with the PML-N through joint efforts on governance and party-to-party exchanges. He said the Chinese government was committed to working with Pakistan to achieve common interests and successes. <https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/807514-Chinese-minister-felicitates-Ahsan-Iqbal-on-reappointment-as-planning-mi>

The Nation

Pakistan eyeing meeting of 13th JCC to kick off CPEC phase-II

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan is eyeing the meeting of the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) to kick off phase-II of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The 13th meeting of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) will be held in June or July this year in Pakistan, official source told The Nation. The source however said that no dates have yet been finalized for the 13th JCC meeting, which is more likely to be finalized during the Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing. In this regard, a review-meeting of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Joint Working Groups (CPEC-JWGs) and the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) was held here Thursday. Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal chaired the meeting which was attended by Secretary Ministry of Planning Awais Manzoor Sumra, and other senior officials of the ministry. The minister was briefed on the preparations for the 13th JCC and the progress on projects such as Main Line-1 (ML-1), Karakoram Highway Phase-2, Karachi Circular Railway and Dera Ismail Khan-Zhob. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would soon visit China to further strengthen economic ties between the two countries, Ahsan Iqbal said. He directed the officials concerned to finalize a strategy to ensure fast-track implementation on memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and other agreements on priority basis. The minister warned that no hurdles in the implementation of CPEC agreements would be tolerated, directing the officials concerned to ensure regular meetings of the JWGs. He also asked the relevant ministries to ensure participation in the decision-making process and to prepare a solid agenda for the 13th JCC. A presentation on the overall progress, CPEC phase-II and upcoming JCC meeting will be given to Prime Minister prior to his departure to Beijing, said the source. The meeting also reviewed the progress on the recommendations made during the 12th JCC and JWGs held July 2023 in Beijing. Pakistan will host the 13th JCC meeting.

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The News

Kasuri sees foreign conspiracy behind attacks on Chinese nationals

ISLAMABAD: Former Foreign Minister Mian Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri has urged the authorities of Pakistan and China to pull their resources to defeat forces seeking to disrupt the collaboration between the two countries. "It could happen by greater intelligence cooperation, as well as, by all other means that are required, which is in line with the interests of Pakistan and China, and our bilateral relations," said the former foreign minister. Addressing a news conference in Beijing as leader of a delegation of "Understanding China Forum", a Pakistan-based think tank, Mian Kasuri warned that the terrorist attacks, which killed Chinese nationals clearly showed that hostile forces were seeking to disrupt the collaboration between Pakistan and China. He stressed that only by promoting greater coordination in counter-terrorism efforts between the two countries, such forces could be prevented from succeeding in future. He reminded that there were forces that did not wish Pakistan and China to work together. Kasuri pointed out that the security situation in Pakistan had deteriorated in recent

years, and unfortunately, some countries used the anti-state elements within Pakistan to disrupt the bilateral relation between Pakistan and China. “They are hostile to Pakistan and China, and are not happy with China-Pakistan cooperation,” Kasuri asserted. Kasuri said the issue of counter-terrorism cooperation will be among the prominent topics in future high-level exchanges between the two countries. During the Pakistani delegation’s visit to China, the members also met with Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry Liu Jinsong. Pakistan reiterated its traditional support for China on international issues during the meeting, particularly on the issues of South China Sea, as well as on the one-China principle.

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Express News

سی پیپک: وزیراعظم جلد چین کا دورہ کرینگے: احسن اقبال

چینی وزیر عالمی تعلقات لیو جین چاؤ کا تہنیتی خط، وفاقی وزیر بنے پر مبارکباد

برطانوی ماہر تعلیم سٹیو سمٹھ کی احسن اقبال سے ملاقات، تعلیمی اشتراک پر غور اسلام آباد (وقائع نگار، اے پی پی) وفاقی وزیر برائے منصوبہ بندی ترقی و خصوصی اقدامات احسن اقبال کی زیر صدارت پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری جوائنٹ ورکنگ گروپس اور 13 ویں جے سی سی کے حوالے سے جائزہ اجلاس منعقد ہوں۔ ایم ایل ون، قراقرم ہائی وے فیز 2، ڈی آئی خان ٹروپ، کراچی سرکلر ریلوے اور دیگر منصوبوں پر ہونے والے معاہدوں پر پیش رفت کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ وفاقی وزیر کا کہنا تھا کہ وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف جلد چین کا دورہ کریں گے۔ سی پیک کے فیز 2 پر عملدرآمد کیلئے حکومت بھرپور اقدامات کر رہی ہے۔ چین کے وزیر برائے بین الاقوامی تعلقات لیو جین چاؤ نے احسن اقبال کو وفاقی وزیر بننے پر تہنیتی خط لکھ دیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بطور وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی آپ کی دوبارہ تقرری سے بہت خوشی ہوئی۔ سی پی کے تحت اعلیٰ معیار کی ترقی کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے اپ کا کردار قابل ستائش ہے۔ احسن اقبال سے برطانوی حکومت کے ماہر بین الاقوامی تعلیمی امور سٹیو سمٹھ نے ملاقات کی۔ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان تعلیمی شعبے میں اشتراک عمل پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ سٹیو سمٹھ نے کہا کہ برطانوی حکومت کا بین الاقوامی تعلیمی ادارہ تعلیم کے حوالے سے پاکستان سمیت 10 ممالک پر توجہ دے رہا ہے۔ برطانیہ میں 20 ہزار پاکستانی طلبا ہیں۔ وفاقی وزیر احسن اقبال کی زیر صدارت قومی کھیل بحالی کانفرنس، قومی کھیلوں اور ناروال سپورٹس کمپلیکس کے حوالے سے جائزہ اجلاس بھی ہوا۔ وفاقی وزیر کی ہدایت کے مطابق 2025 کا سال کھیلوں کے احیاء کے طور پر منایا جائے گا اس حوالے سے قومی کانفرنس کا جلد انعقاد ہوگا

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Business Recorder

CPEC: Preparatory meeting discusses 13th JCC

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal chaired a preparatory meeting for the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting concerning the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, on Friday, and an imminent high-level delegation visit to China. He underscored the substantial success witnessed by Pakistan between 2013 and 2018, marked by an influx of

approximately 25 billion dollars of Chinese investment within the framework of CPEC. This investment traversed critical sectors such as energy, infrastructure, Gwadar, and telecommunications, significantly augmenting Pakistan's developmental landscape across various sectors. Despite encountering setbacks during the previous political administration, concerted efforts have been undertaken to restore China's confidence, yielding significant progress under the present government's stewardship over the past 16 months. In his assessment of ongoing projects, Iqbal accentuated the imperative of preparing for the second phase of CPEC. Making reference to the recent visit of China's deputy prime minister commemorating the 10th anniversary of CPEC, he outlined the incorporation of five corridors for future collaboration, with a focal emphasis on economic corridors geared towards job creation, innovation, green energy, and inclusive regional development. The meeting deliberated on pragmatic strategies within each corridor, aligning them with national development objectives and priorities. Preparatory measures for an anticipated high-profile visit to Pakistan encompassed potential discussions at the JCC to finalize outcomes prior to the prime minister's forthcoming visit to China. The primary objective remains to optimize mutual benefits for both nations by harmonizing projects with a broader developmental vision. Projects under scrutiny included ML-1, the Thakot-Raikot Section of KKH, Gwadar Airport, Orange Line, and the KCR project, among other novel initiatives. Recommendations for new projects and initiatives were encouraged for submission to the Joint Working Group or JCC for consideration. Minister Iqbal underscored the importance of cultivating a proficient team to ensure readiness for negotiations in China. Each project within the portfolio will be evaluated based on its contribution to the overarching vision and its potential for yielding mutually advantageous outcomes. The meeting convened key stakeholders, including the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs, representatives from the Pakistan Embassy in China, secretaries, and senior officials from various line ministries. As communicated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the recent Joint Working Group meeting held on January 21, 2024, reaffirmed the commitment to international cooperation and coordination. Co-chaired by the Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and the former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, both countries concurred on third-party cooperation earlier this year. Minister Ahsan Iqbal was apprised by the Foreign Office that modalities for third-party cooperation would be finalized during the Prime Minister's upcoming visit to China. While reviewing the progress of key CPEC projects, Minister Iqbal discussed the imperative of upgrading the Karakoram Highway (KKH) to mitigate the risk of submergence following the construction of the Bhasha dam. Officials from the National Highways Authority disclosed that the Cabinet had sanctioned an MoU for the cost-free feasibility studies of four projects, namely, the Mirpur-Muzaffarabad-Mansehra road; the Babusar tunnel on N-15 highway; the DI Khan-Zhob section on N-50 highway, and the New Karachi-Hyderabad motorway. These projects are poised to substantially reduce transportation costs. The secretary railways briefed the minister on the upgrading of the 1,727-kilometer-long ML1 Railway line from Karachi to Peshawar. This multi-billion-dollar railway line constitutes a historic milestone in Pakistan's infrastructure development. Joint financing arrangements will be pursued with Chinese authorities during the prime minister's visit to China. The minister reiterated that the timely completion of the ML1 Railway Line remains the government's paramount priority. Highlighting the unique advantages of this

mega railway line, he emphasized its role in supporting industries by reducing the cost of doing business, besides curtailing the oil import bill and transportation costs. Furthermore, it is poised to diversify supply chains for businesses operating along the route. The minister emphasized that the relevant departments of both countries are now fully poised to take requisite measures to materialise all agreements with unwavering momentum. While reviewing the progress of infrastructural projects in Gwadar, it was ascertained that Phase-I of the Gwadar Expressway is completed and operational, while work on Phase-II, valued at Rs94 million, will commence shortly. The preparatory meeting concluded with the minister's directive to all pertinent ministries and their departments to formulate thoroughly researched, output-based progress reports and proposals in anticipation of the prime minister's visit to China.

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Daily Times

Contemptible Intrigue to Sabotage CPEC

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Elements opposed to the nation's interests persistently strive to disrupt major initiatives such as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Pak-Iran gas project, jeopardizing the nation's peace and prosperity. The recent suicide attack in Dasu, located in the Bisham Tehsil of Shangla District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, represents a malicious attempt to undermine both CPEC and the enduring bond between China and Pakistan. It's evident that our adversaries refuse to accept the significance of CPEC; however, Hindus must recognize that the friendship between Pakistan and China remains impervious to Indian machinations. The recent episode was the second incident of terrorism at this place, following a previous terrorist incident in 2021 where 13 lives were lost, including nine Chinese engineers. Two individuals affiliated with the outlawed Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), responsible for the 2021 attack, have been sentenced to death, and the alleged mastermind, Tariq, has reportedly been killed in Afghanistan's Kunar region. Despite claims of detachment by the banned organization from the recent incident, the solidarity shown by Pakistan's leadership with China underscores their commitment to safeguarding Chinese citizens and thwarting Indian efforts to disrupt Pakistan-China relations. The decision by the Prime Minister and Army Chief General to establish a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) signifies their resolve to combat terrorism utilizing all available resources, a move praised by the Chinese Foreign Minister, who expressed contentment with Pakistan's anti-terrorism efforts and measures to ensure the safety of Chinese nationals. There's a cluster of projects capable of reshaping a nation's trajectory, and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is among them, wielding transformative potential not only for Pakistan but for the entire region. India, however, has been obstructing its progress, aiming to maintain economic and political dominance in the area, thus hindering its completion. Modi's investment in Iran's Chabahar port serves the same purpose, aiming to impede Pakistan's development, prosperity, and China's influence. This opposition constitutes a significant challenge to the realization of CPEC. Under this initiative, China pledges a substantial \$100 billion investment in infrastructure, energy, and

domestic production. Past attacks on Chinese nationals have often involved Baloch militants, with occasional involvement from ISIS. In April 2022, a female suicide bomber detonated an explosive device at Karachi University, resulting in the tragic deaths of three Chinese teachers. Subsequently, the workforce engaged in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiatives in Pakistan faced a reduction. The initial assault targeting Chinese nationals occurred in May 2004 in Malik Aziz, Gwadar, where a vehicle transporting Chinese experts fell victim to a remotely triggered car bomb, claiming the lives of three Chinese engineers. In November 2018, a suicide bombing targeted the Chinese consulate in Karachi, followed by an attack on a bus carrying Chinese and Pakistani construction personnel in the same year. In August 2021, a suicide blast on a vehicle transporting Chinese engineers working on a coastal road construction project in Gwadar resulted in the loss of four innocent children and left one Chinese engineer injured. The protection of our cherished homeland rests firmly in the capable hands of the Pakistan Army, and attempts to undermine pivotal projects like CPEC have historically failed and will continue to do so in the future. The persistence of terrorism in Pakistan, fueled by Indian involvement, poses significant threats not only to regional stability but also to global peace. Can the United Nations and the international community afford to overlook the potential destruction of world peace? The Pak-Iran gas pipeline project is also delayed due to the nefarious intentions of Indian and global colonial forces. It started in 1995 under which approval was given to lay an 81 km pipeline from the Iranian border to Gwadar. At that time it was named Peace Pipeline. In the case of completion of the gas pipeline project, Pakistan will not only save more than five billion dollars annually but will also get 750 million cubic feet of very cheap gas from Iran compared to LNG. Iran's energy exports are under severe US sanctions. These sanctions limit access to global markets and financial networks that affect Iran's trade. The Iran-Pakistan pipeline project has also faced several hurdles. There is no doubt that the American invasion of Afghanistan after 9/11 and militancy in Balochistan caused irreparable damage to this great project, while diplomatic pressure was put on Pakistan regarding this project after the American sanctions on Iran. Pakistan needs to complete the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project as soon as possible to avoid a huge penalty of \$18 billion, which is three times the current foreign exchange reserves of the State Bank of Pakistan. Stopping nefarious Indian propaganda against the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) requires a combination of diplomatic, informational, and strategic measures. In conclusion, the success of CPEC hinges on the collaborative efforts of China, Pakistan, and other stakeholders involved. Despite potential challenges and external pressures, both China and Pakistan have demonstrated a strong commitment to the project, and concerted efforts are underway to ensure its progress and sustainability. Therefore, India will not stop making evil campaigns to sabotage CPEC, but they will never be successful in derailing the overall trajectory of CPEC's development and implementation.

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Nawaiwaqt News

چین میں پاکستان کیلئے تیار ہونیوالی پہلی ہنگو رکلاس آبدوز کی لانچنگ تقریب

چین میں پاکستان کیلئے تیار ہونیوالی پہلی ہنگو رکلاس آبدوز کی لانچنگ تقریب کا انعقاد لانچنگ کی تقریب چین کے ووچانگ شپ بلڈنگ انڈسٹری گروپ کمپنی لمیٹڈ شوانگلیو بیس میں منعقد ہوئی چیف آف دی نیول اسٹاف ایڈمرل نوید اشرف اس موقع پر مہمان خصوصی تھے یہ پروجیکٹ پاک چین دوستی میں ایک نئی جہت کا اضافہ کرے گا حکومت پاکستان نے چینی صدر شی جن پنگ کے دورہ پاکستان کے دوران 8 ہنگو رکلاس آبدوزوں کے حصول کے معاہدے پر دستخط کیے تھے معاہدے کے تحت 4 آبدوزیں چین میں تعمیر کی جائیں گی جبکہ دیگر 4 پاکستان میں کراچی شپ یارڈ اینڈ انجینئرنگ ورکس لمیٹڈ میں تعمیر کی جائیں گی یہ آبدوزیں جدید ترین ہتھیاروں اور سینسروں سے لیس ہوں گی جس سے دور تک اہداف کو نشانہ بنایا جاسکے گا

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China's diplomatic policies praised as model for global relations

Ambassador Shahid Malik has emphasized that regardless of a country's size, China consistently upholds principles of equal respect. He made these remarks in a conversation with the Urdu service of China Media Group while addressing a question regarding China's stance on sovereign equality, non-interference, and respect for other nations. China's diplomatic strategies, particularly under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, have garnered widespread acclaim, being hailed as a blueprint for international relations. The adept management of bilateral relations with various countries has positioned China as a global role model. During a recent discussion, Shahid Malik, a notable figure, highlighted the significance of China's approach to fostering relations with other nations individually. This approach, underscored by mutual respect and cooperation, has effectively navigated complex global dynamics. "China's commendable ability to cultivate robust bilateral ties spans across continents, including Africa, Asia, and Latin America," he stated. "Despite inevitable challenges, China consistently strives to nurture positive relations with all its counterparts." Central to China's diplomatic philosophy are principles of sovereign equality, non-interference, and respect for other nations' autonomy. Observers have lauded China's unwavering commitment to these principles, seeing them as crucial for maintaining stable and mutually beneficial international relationships. The remarks underscore the global interest in and admiration for China's diplomatic finesse, which is closely monitored by stakeholders worldwide. Ambassador Malik concluded by affirming that China's diplomatic approach sets an exemplary standard for international affairs, urging other nations to emulate its pragmatic and respectful engagement with the global community.

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The Nation

China unveils first Hangor-class submarine built for Pakistan

The launching ceremony of the first Hangor-class submarine constructed for the Pakistan Navy took place in China's Wuhan. The ceremony, held at Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group's (WSIG) Shuangliu Base, was attended by Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Naveed Ashraf. While addressing the ceremony he highlighted the importance of maritime security under the prevailing geo-strategic environment in the region and commitment of Pakistan Navy to contribute to ensuring safe and conducive maritime environment for all. He added that Hangor-class submarines with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors will play a pivotal role in maintaining peace and stability in the region. While acknowledging the tireless efforts of China Shipbuilding and Offshore International Company Ltd (CSOC), he expressed satisfaction with the project's progress. He also highlighted that the project will surely add a new dimension to the ever-tested Pakistan-China friendship. The statement said that the government of Pakistan signed a deal with CSOC of China for acquisition of eight Hangor-class submarines during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Pakistan. Under the contract, four submarines will be built in China whereas the other four will be constructed in Pakistan at Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Ltd (KS&EW) under Transfer of Technology (ToT). These submarines will be fitted with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors to engage targets at standoff ranges. The launching ceremony was attended by high-ranking officials from Pakistan and China including representatives of Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group Company Ltd and China Shipbuilding and Offshore International Company Ltd. Last year, the PN inducted two newly built Chinese Type 054 A/P frigates.

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Dunya News

Chinese nationals' safety is our core responsibility: Naqvi

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday called on Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren. Chinese nationals' safety is our core responsibility, instructions have been issued to the concerned agencies to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens, said the minister. On his arrival at the Chinese Consulate, the Chinese Consul General welcomed Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi. Issues of mutual interest, including bilateral cooperation and security of Chinese citizens were discussed in the meeting. The minister informed about the measures taken about the security of Chinese citizens, adding that it is our national responsibility. Mohsin Naqvi said that instructions have been issued to all relevant institutions to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens as per SOPs. We'll not allow any conspiracy to harm Pak-China friendship. No effort will be spared to ensure the security of the Chinese brothers. Zhao Shiren said that China and Pakistan are all-weather friends. <https://dunyaews.tv/en/Pakistan/807924-Chinese-nationals%E2%80%99-safety-is-our-core-responsibility:-Naqvi>

The Nation

Forum explores options for Pak-China cooperation on research, growth

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistan Professionals and Students Forum was held in Beijing on Saturday, themed “Building Bridges between Academia and Industry” with a main focus on exploring more opportunities of collaboration between China and Pakistan on industrial research and growth. This timely discussion explored the critical relationship between Pakistan’s educational institutions and the professional world, particularly students, according to China Economic Net (CEN). Pakistan’s Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi addressed the PPSF Forum that as Pakistan continues to strengthen its economic ties with China through initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), it is essential to ensure that the country’s workforce is equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in this evolving landscape. The forum provided a platform for key stakeholders from academia and industry to engage in constructive dialogue and identify strategies to better align educational curricula with the needs of enterprises. In her remarks, Afifa Shajia Awais, Education Attaché at Pakistan’s Embassy in Beijing, said that one of the key focal points of the forum was the role of academia in equipping students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today’s dynamic job market. The event brought together diverse participants, including students, researchers, educators, industry professionals, and policymakers, all united by a common goal of fostering stronger ties between academia and industry. Through panel discussions, workshops, and networking sessions, attendees explored various strategies and best practices for enhancing collaboration and promoting mutual understanding between these two vital sectors. Ghulam Qadir, Trade and Investment Counsellor at Pakistan’s Embassy in Beijing told the audience that by integrating industry perspectives into academic programs and fostering closer ties with companies, educational institutions can ensure graduates are equipped with the practical skills and insights needed to excel in their careers. Prominent speakers highlighted the importance of fostering closer collaboration between universities and businesses, emphasising the need to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. The discussions centred on internship programmes, industry-sponsored research, and the development of specialized training modules to enhance the employability of Pakistan’s graduates. The excellent Pakistani students from various universities in China received internships from Chinese entrepreneurs, while Overseas Minister of Pakistan, former Ambassador to China, Moin-ul-Haque and Education Secretary addressed the Forum.

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Chinese agricultural technology transforms oilseed harvesting landscape in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - In Pakistan's eastern Bhakkar district, farmers were left in awe as they witnessed the newly imported oilseed harvesters from China efficiently and briskly carrying out their tasks. "In Pakistan, we lose up to 40 percent of our crop due to our reliance on a single type of harvester used for harvesting all crops including wheat, oilseeds, and others, so seeing such a sophisticated machine specifically designed for oilseed harvesting is truly fascinating," Muhammad Masood, a local farmer told Xinhua. While Pakistan is an agricultural-centric economy, it relies on imports for approximately 89 percent of its edible oil needs and spends 3.6 billion U.S. dollars annually to fulfill the demand of around 5 million tons. Due to the high cost of imported edible oil, many villagers had to resort to cheaper but unhealthy alternatives such as mustard oil because of the unavailability of good quality oil seeds in the local market, he said. However, with the introduction of the Chinese canola variety into the market under Pakistan-China cooperation, the local farmers finally got a choice, the farmer added. Launched in 2013, the China- Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a corridor linking the 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 fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others. In line with the CPEC's cooperation in agriculture, Chinese company Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed Co. Ltd. and Pakistani company Evyol Group signed a memorandum of understanding in 2022 to help Pakistan become self-sufficient in edible oil through ample cultivation and efficient harvest of healthy canola oilseeds. Talking to Xinhua, Ghazanfar Ali, head of marketing in Evyol Group, said that in the first phase, the Chinese company provided high-quality hybrid seed for cultivation, which not only increased per acre yield as compared to local oilseeds but also provided a healthy alternative to locals. In the second phase, the company is working on transferring technology to Pakistan, under which the harvesters have been imported from China, paving the way for smart agriculture practices in the country, said Ali. Subsequent plans for the third phase involve importing oil-extracting machines, which will enable local farmers to extract the oil themselves for domestic consumption and commercial use, he added. Talking about the new machines, Zhou Xusheng, director of the international business department of Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed company, told Xinhua that they have developed two kinds of harvesting equipment that align with local cultivation and use habits. One of the equipment enables one-time harvesting, slashing harvest loss to eight to ten percent while the other offers a two-stage approach, which involves cutting the crop close to maturity and picking it up two to three days later, reducing loss to less than five percent, he added. The technological advancement can boost yields by 20 to 30 percent, thereby enhancing farmers' incomes and accelerating widespread adoption, compatible with existing harvesters in Pakistan, Zhou said. The harvesters will be further customized according to the requirements of locals, after feedback from local farmers and agriculture experts, following which the bulk import of the equipment will be made, Ali told Xinhua. He underscored CPEC's role in

elevating socio-economic standards by empowering farmers to embrace advanced technology. “Through technology transfer, CPEC empowers local farmers to not only reduce labor and costs but also increase their earnings, enabling them to lead more prosperous lives, besides giving benefit to society as a whole,” he said. Talking about the significance of the technology transfer, Akmal Siddiq, technical advisor at the country’s Ministry of National Food Security and Research said that during the oilseed harvest season, there is a shortage of labor in the agriculture sector as almost all winter crops are being harvested during the time. The available labor is also not so skilled and when they harvest the crop by primitive measure, the overall productivity of the sector gets affected, he added. “The adoption of Chinese agricultural technology represents a critical opportunity to modernize and transform the oilseed harvesting landscape in the country. Through effective technology transfer and adoption, the agricultural sector can overcome longstanding challenges, boost productivity, and contribute to the nation’s food security and economic development,” the official told Xinhua.

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The News

Naqvi assures safety of Chinese to CG

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi called on Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren here on Saturday. On his arrival at the Chinese Consulate, the Chinese Consul General welcomed Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi. Issues of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation were discussed in the meeting. Security of Chinese citizens in Pakistan was also discussed. Mohsin Naqvi informed about the measures taken for the security of Chinese citizens and said that the security of Chinese citizens in Pakistan is our national responsibility. Mohsin Naqvi said that instructions have been issued to all relevant institutions to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens as per SOPs. “We’ll not allow any conspiracy to harm Pak-China friendship. No effort will be spared to ensure the security of the Chinese brothers, he said. Meanwhile, Mohsin Naqvi has ordered reinforcing security protocols for foreign nationals residing in Islamabad, underscoring the government’s unwavering commitment to their safety and well-being, a spokesman for the interior ministry said. The minister made these directions while chairing a meeting to review the law and order and ensure the foolproof security of foreign nationals. The meeting decided to establish a special protection force dedicated to the safety of foreign nationals and enhance security at all important offices and places, including the red zone in Islamabad.

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Express News

اکستان اور چین نے بحری تعاون کیلئے جامع منصوبہ تیار کر لیا

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میری ٹائم سکیورٹی ایجنسی اور چائنا کوسٹ گارڈ کے درمیان دوسرا اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس منعقد کیا گیا، اجلاس میں 2025 کے لیے ایک جامع منصوبہ تیار کیا گیا، جس میں باہمی اعلیٰ سطح کے دورے، درمیانی درجے کے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اہلکاروں کی تربیت، اور مشترکہ

بحری مشقیں شامل ہیں، ترجمان پی ایم ایس اے کی مطابق چائنا کوسٹ گارڈ اور پاکستان میری ٹائم سکیورٹی ایجنسی کے درمیان میٹنگ بیجنگ چین میں ہوئی ، دوسرے اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس کی صدارت ڈائریکٹر جنرل میری ٹائم سکیورٹی ایجنسی ریئر ایڈمرل امتیاز علی اور ڈی جی چائنا کوسٹ گارڈ میجر جنرل یوژونگ نے کی ، اس موقع پر دونوں ممالک کے درمیان بحری تعاون کو مضبوط بنانے کے مسلسل عزم پر زور دیا گیا، ترجمان پی ایم ایس اے کے مطابق اجلاس میں 2025 کے لیے ایک جامع منصوبہ تیار کیا گیا، جس میں باہمی اعلیٰ سطح کے دورے، درمیانی درجے کے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اہلکاروں کی تربیت، اور مشترکہ بحری مشقیں شامل ہیں

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چین : بین الاقوامی باغبانی نمائش میں پاکستانی ثقافتی نظارے

ہارٹی کلچر سوسائٹی کے لگائے باغ میں پاکستان کے ہر قسم کے پودے دیکھے جاسکتے ہیں

چھ گلدو (ش نہوا) چین کے جنوب مغربی صوبے سیچھوان کے دارالحکومت چھ نگر و میں بین الاقوامی باغبانی نمائش 2024 چھ نگر و جمعہ سے جاری ہے۔ ایکسپو میں پاکستان کی ہارٹی کلچر سوسائٹی کے لگائے گئے باغ میں داخل ہونے پر جہاں سیاح پاکستان کے ہر قسم کے پودے دیکھ سکتے ہیں وہیں پاکستان کی ثقافت کو محسوس کر سکتے ہیں۔ باغ کے ڈیزائنرز ٹانگ جنگ چھاؤ کے مطابق پارک کی اور شاعرانہ زندگی کے تھیم کے ساتھ یہ باغ 1 ہزار 209 مربع میٹر کے رقبہ پر محیط ہے۔ باغ کے ڈیزائنرز ٹانگ نے بتایا کہ باغ بین الاقوامی تعاون کے ذریعے ڈیزائن کیا گیا ہے، ہارٹی کلچر سوسائٹی آف پاکستان کے باغ میں داخل ہوتے ہوئے دکھش رنگ برنگی ٹائلز اور سرخ اینٹوں کی دیواریں انتہائی باوقار اور خوبصورت نظر آتی ہیں جن کے درمیان پاکستان کے خصوصی پودوں کو ترتیب سے رکھا گیا ہے۔ ڈیزائن کی ترغیب مغل دور کے انداز اور اسلامی فن تعمیر کے ہندسی نمونوں سے ملتی ہے۔ زمین کی تزئین کی ترتیب کی ایک سیریز کے ذریعے، ان عناصر کو چھی گلدو میں واضح اور خلاصہ کیا گیا ہے، جو اس نمائش باغ پارک شہر اور شاعرانہ زندگی کے ڈیزائن کے موضوعات کو ظاہر کرتے ہیں۔ چینی ڈیزائنرز نے ڈیزائن کو مزید بہتر بنانے کے لیے پاکستان کی ہارٹی کلچر سوسائٹی کے ایکسپو کو آرڈینیشنر ہمایوں لائق کے ساتھ ڈیزائن پلان پر تبادلہ خیال کیا تھا۔ ڈانگ نے بتایا کہ ہمایوں لائق پاکستان کے قومی پھول چینیلی اور قومی درخت دیودار کو باغ میں متعارف کرانا چاہتے تھے تاکہ ان دونوں کی خصوصیات کو دکھایا جاسکے۔ ہم نے ان کا مشورہ لیا اور پورے پارک کو مزید مقامی شکل دینے کے لیے چینیلی کے پھول اور دیودار کے درخت لگائے

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Pak, China edu institutions to enhance collaboration promoting professional skills

Pak, China educational Institutions will enhance collaboration for promoting professional skills. Speakers at a Professionals and students Forum held here underlined the need of exploring various strategies and best practices for promoting mutual understanding between these two vital sectors. The theme of the Forum was “Building Bridges between Academia and Industry,” China Economic Net reported. The forum provided a platform for key

stakeholders from academia and industry to engage in constructive dialogue and identify strategies to better align educational curricula with the needs of enterprises. Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi addressed the Forum, stating, as Pakistan continues to strengthen its economic ties with China through initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), it is essential to ensure that the country's workforce is equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in this evolving landscape. Afifa Shajia Awais Education Attaché at Pakistan's Embassy in Beijing said that one of the key focal points of the forum was the role of academia in equipping students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's dynamic job market. The event brought together diverse participants, including students, researchers, educators, industry professionals, and policymakers, all united by a common goal of fostering stronger ties between academia and industry. Through panel discussions, workshops, and networking sessions, attendees explored various strategies and best practices for enhancing collaboration and promoting mutual understanding between these two vital sectors. Ghulam Qadir, Trade and Investment Counsellor at Pakistan's Embassy in Beijing told the audience that by integrating industry perspectives into academic programs and fostering closer ties with companies, educational institutions can ensure graduates are equipped with the practical skills and insights needed to excel in their careers. Prominent speakers highlighted the importance of fostering closer collaboration between universities and businesses, emphasizing the need to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Discussions centered on internship programs, industry-sponsored research, and the development of specialized training modules to enhance the employability of Pakistan's graduates. The excellent Pakistani students from various universities in China received internships from Chinese entrepreneurs, while Overseas Minister of Pakistan, Former Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque and Education Secretary addressed the Forum.

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Dunya News

China launching mission to moon's 'hidden' side, also carrying payload from Pakistan

BEIJING (Reuters) – China will send a robotic spacecraft in coming days on a round trip to the moon's far side in the first of three technically demanding missions that will pave the way for an inaugural Chinese crewed landing and a base on the lunar South Pole. On Chang'e-6, China will carry payloads from France, Italy, Sweden and Pakistan, and on Chang'e-7, payloads from Russia, Switzerland and Thailand. Since the first Chang'e mission in 2007, named after the mythical Chinese moon goddess, China has made leaps forward in its lunar exploration, narrowing the technological chasm with the United States and Russia. In 2020, China brought back samples from the moon's near side in the first sample retrieval in more than four decades, confirming for the first time it could safely return an unscrewed spacecraft to Earth from the lunar surface. This week, China is expected to launch Chang'e-6 using the backup spacecraft from the 2020 mission, and collect soil and rocks from the side of the moon that permanently faces away from Earth. With no direct line of sight with the Earth, Chang'e-6 must rely on a recently deployed relay satellite orbiting the moon during its 53-day

mission, including a never-before attempted ascent from the moon's "hidden" side on its return journey home. The same relay satellite will support the uncrewed Chang'e-7 and 8 missions in 2026 and 2028, respectively, when China starts to explore the South Pole for water and build a rudimentary outpost with Russia. China aims to put its astronauts on the moon by 2030. Beijing's polar plans have worried NASA, whose administrator, Bill Nelson, has repeatedly warned that China would claim any water resources as its own. Beijing says it remains committed to cooperation with all nations on building a "shared" future. NASA is banned by US law from any collaboration, direct or indirect, with China. Under the separate NASA-led Artemis programme, US astronauts will land near the South Pole in 2026, the first humans on the moon since 1972. "International cooperation is key (to lunar exploration)," Clive Neal, professor of planetary geology at the University of Notre Dame, told Reuters. "It's just that China and the US aren't cooperating right now. I hope that will happen."

SOUTH POLE AMBITIONS

Chang'e 6 will attempt to land on the north-eastern side of the vast South Pole-Aitkin Basin, the oldest known impact crater in the solar system. The southernmost landing ever was carried out in February by IM-1, a joint mission between NASA and the Texas-based private firm Intuitive Machines. After touchdown at Malapert A, a site near the South Pole that was believed to be relatively flat, the spacecraft tilted sharply to one side amid a host of technical problems, reflecting the high-risk nature of lunar landings. The South Pole has been described by scientists as the "golden belt" for lunar exploration. Polar ice could sustain long-term research bases without relying on expensive resources transported from Earth. India's Chandrayaan-1 launched in 2008 confirmed the existence of ice inside polar craters. Chang'e-6's sample return could also shed more light on the early evolution of the moon and the inner solar system. The lack of volcanic activity on the moon's far side means there are more craters not covered by ancient lava flows, preserving materials from the moon's early formation. So far, all lunar samples taken by the United States and the former Soviet Union in the 1970s and China in 2020 were from the moon's near side, where volcanism had been far more active. Chang'e-6, after a successful landing, will collect about 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of samples with a mechanical scoop and a drill. "If successful, China's Chang'e-6 mission would be a milestone-making event," Leonard David, author of "Moon Rush: The New Space Race", told Reuters. "The robotic reach to the Moon's far side, and bringing specimens back to Earth, helps fill in the blanks about the still-murky origin of our Moon."

PAKISTAN JOINS THE CLUB

Earlier in October, Pakistan joined China's expanding club of partners in an ambitious project to build a research station on the moon's South Pole. Jointly with Chinese Premier Li Qiang, the then Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar witnessed the signing of an initial cooperation agreement in Beijing. The China National Space Administration at that time said cooperation would cover areas including the engineering and operational aspects of the Chinese lunar base programme. China, which aims to become a major space power by 2030, has already secured cooperation from Russia, Venezuela and South Africa.

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Jang News

سی بی کے ذریعے چین کے ساتھ اقتصادی تعلقات مضبوط بنا رہے ہیں، پاکستان

چین میں پاکستان کے سفیر خلیل ہاشمی نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی بی کے) جیسے اقدامات کے ذریعے چین کے ساتھ اپنے اقتصادی تعلقات کو مضبوط بنا رہا ہے، ملکی افرادی قوت کا ضروری مہارتوں اور علم سے لیس ہونا ضروری ہے۔ چائنہ اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق تعلیم اور صنعت کے درمیان پل قائم کرنا کے عنوان سے پاکستان پرو فیشنل اینڈ اسٹوڈنٹس فورم کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ جس میں پاکستان کے تعلیمی اداروں اور پیشہ ورانہ دنیا بالخصوص طلباء کے درمیان اہم تعلقات کی کھوج کی گئی۔ چین میں پاکستان کے سفیر خلیل ہاشمی نے پی پی ایس ایف فورم سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چونکہ پاکستان چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی بی کے) جیسے اقدامات کے ذریعے چین کے ساتھ اپنے اقتصادی تعلقات کو مضبوط بنا رہا ہے، یہ یقینی بنانا ضروری ہے کہ ملک کی افرادی قوت ضروری مہارتوں اور اس ابھرتے ہوئے منظر نامے میں آگے بڑھنے کے لیے علم سے لیس ہو۔ اس فورم نے تعلیمی نصاب اور صنعت کے کلیدی اسٹیک ہولڈرز کو تعمیری مکالمے میں مشغول ہونے اور کاروباری اداروں کی ضروریات کے ساتھ تعلیمی نصاب کو بہتر طور پر ہم آہنگ اور حکمت عملیوں کی نشاندہی کے لیے ایک پلیٹ فارم فراہم کیا۔

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The Nation

China's high-quality development impressive: Khurshid Kasuri

ISLAMABAD - China's high-quality development is highly impressive, said Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, chairman of Understanding China Forum and former foreign minister of Pakistan. "This is our second visit to China since 2019. We witnessed with our own eyes the latest achievements in China's high-quality development, especially its remarkable progress in ecological conservation," said Kasuri, according to Gwadar Pro. Pakistan is firmly committed to working with China to build an upgraded version of CPEC and looks forward to learning from China's experience in governance and development, as well as deepening bilateral cooperation in various fields. "Understanding China Forum is willing to continue to give full play to the role of think tanks in serving government decision-making and enhancing people-to-people exchanges between the two countries, so as to contribute to the development of Pakistan-China relations," said Kasuri. Kasuri made these remarks in Beijing while leading a delegation from the Understanding China Forum, a Pakistan-based think tank, during a visit to China. The visit was hosted by China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy. During the delegation's visit to Beijing on April 22, Wang Yu, Vice President of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, met with the delegation. The two sides exchanged views on China-Pakistan relations, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, and other issues of common interest. On April 23, the members met with Liu Jinsong, the Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry. Liu said that China always cherishes the traditional friendship with Pakistan and is committed to accelerating the establishment of an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era. China is ready to collaborate with Pakistan to balance development and security, and to enhance high-level interactions and friendly exchanges at all levels. "We should pay more attention to people-to-people exchanges, enhance mutual understanding

through more face-to-face communication, especially encouraging the younger generations of the two countries to uphold the China-Pakistan friendship,” said Liu. The Pakistani side reiterated its traditional support for China on international issues during the meeting, particularly concerning the South China Sea and the one-China principle. On April 24, Jiang Jiang, Vice President of Chinese People’s Association The two sides exchanged views on enhancing friendship between the two peoples, deepening cooperation between localities and sister cities, and promoting positive narratives of China-Pakistan friendship.

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Pakistan to make solar panels with Chinese collaboration

ISLAMABAD - In collaboration with China’s public and private sector, government of Pakistan has planned to start the manufacturing of solar panels in Pakistan, a major milestone to generate green energy to increase its footprints in climate- smart global world. The initiative will also help Pakistan cut the \$27 billion annual import bill, Gwadar Pro reported. The Alternate Energy Development Board has finalised the 10 years policy on the solar panels and allied equipment manufacturing policy. With the help of China, solar panel’s manufacturing will contribute government effort to install about 9.7GW of renewable energy power generation systems throughout Pakistan by around 2030. The government’s strong support and policy continuity will provide strong guarantee to business development in the field. While speaking in the National Assembly session Federal Law Minister Nazir Tarar, said that government plans to start manufacturing solar panels with the help of China. Azam Nazir Tarar said that duty on solar panels has been reduced, we have to stop theft of electricity, and line losses also have to be reduced. It should be noted that as electricity prices are increasing in the country, the trend of people towards solar panels is considerably increasing. Given the current situation with the arrival of summer, the federal government has also reduced the import duty on solar panels to increase the production of electricity in the country. Pakistan’s practical solar potential, measured at 4.713 kWh/kWp, places the country at 49th globally. This metric showcases the efficiency of solar power generation systems in Pakistan and highlights its ability to convert sunlight into usable energy. What needs to be mentioned more is that Pakistan’s average levelised cost of electricity (LCOE) for solar power stands at 0.09 USD/kWh, highlighting its affordability compared to traditional fossil fuel-based electricity generation. With a range of \$0.08 to \$0.11/ kWh, Pakistan has the potential to further optimise its solar energy systems, making them even more economically viable. PM Shehbaz Shairf has also constituted a task force on solar energy initiatives with a vision to promote sustainable and green energy. The government is working on a comprehensive solar energy package comprising tax waivers and concessionary loans for consumers in a bid to overcome the prolonged power outages.

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China Daily

Diplomat honored for bolstering China-Pakistan ties

A Chinese official has reaffirmed Beijing's commitment to bolstering Belt and Road cooperation with Islamabad by continuing to implement small-yet-smart projects in the South Asian country. Luo Zhaohui, head of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, said at an event in Pakistan's embassy in Beijing on Tuesday that pragmatic cooperation between China and Pakistan led by the agency has focused on agriculture, education, healthcare, water supply, poverty alleviation, and vocational education. "We have kept enhancing the sharing of experience and the training of personnel," he said, explaining that China has trained more than 9,400 talents from various sectors for Pakistan. During the event, Luo was conferred with the Hilal-e-Quaid-i-Azam civil award by Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi. The ambassador said Luo, who served as China's ambassador to Pakistan between 2006 and 2010, was a "great friend of Pakistan" who had always been at the forefront of supporting the nation's people and government. The award, he said, represented recognition of Luo's outstanding contribution to China-Pakistan friendship.

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Xinhua Net

China's experience in GDI leads other countries in achieving SDGs: Pakistan's UN ambassador

China has vital experience and capacity in the Global Development Initiative (GDI) to lead other countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), said a statement from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan Mission to the United Nations (UN) on Thursday. Munir Akram, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, addressed the high-level meeting of the Group of Friends of the GDI at the UN on the subject of "Jointly Promote the Summit of the Future to Recommit to Accelerate the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda."

"China can offer its invaluable experiences, lessons, and support to enable other developing countries to reduce poverty and realize their development objectives," said Akram. The Pakistani ambassador said that the GDI, initiated by the Chinese leadership, provides a clear framework to achieve the SDGs. Referring to the GDI as an example of action, the ambassador highlighted China's institutionalized cooperation and establishment of institutions for funding project development, as well as consultative mechanisms necessary for achieving goals. Regarding Pakistan's cooperation with China, Akram emphasized how the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has enabled Pakistan to overcome its energy and infrastructure deficits. Launched in 2013, the CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is a corridor linking the Gwadar port in southwestern Pakistan with Kashgar in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport and industrial cooperation. The ambassador expressed confidence that the CPEC would drive progress towards achieving the SDGs.

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Pakistan remains steadfast in collaborating with China for peace, connectivity, prosperity: President

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said on Thursday that Pakistan always remains steadfast in collaborating with China to advance shared goals of fostering peace, connectivity, prosperity, and maintaining stability. "The enduring strategic and all-weather friendship between Pakistan and China is a cornerstone of stability in the region," the president said when addressing the joint session of the country's parliament in the capital Islamabad. The president expressed gratitude to the Chinese people and leadership for their unwavering support of Pakistan in various fields during difficult times. Zardari reiterated the country's resolve to complete the ongoing China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, and said, "We will not allow hostile elements to jeopardize this vital project (CPEC) or undermine the strong bond between our two nations and will take all necessary measures to ensure the security of our Chinese brothers and sisters."

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Pakistan to make efforts to promote the Chinese language for a closer bond

Over the decades, China has made significant economic strides, making its mark globally, while its culture and language continue to gain popularity worldwide, said Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Saturday that efforts are being made to promote the teaching of the Chinese language and literature both at the governmental and private levels in Pakistan. In his message on the 15th United Nations

Chinese Language Day, Sharif said that his country aims to strengthen the bond between the peoples of the two countries by promoting the Chinese culture and language in his country. Talking about the global significance of the Chinese language, he said that it represents the millennia-old cultural heritage of China. "Over the decades, China has made significant economic strides, making its mark globally, while its culture and language continue to gain popularity worldwide," he added. It is undeniable that the Chinese language has become a major means of communication globally, which is among the official languages of the United Nations, Sharif said. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has accelerated economic and cultural ties between Pakistan and China, he said, adding that the number of people learning the Chinese language in Pakistan is increasing rapidly following the initiation of the multi-billion-U.S.-dollar project, which is further enhancing the ties between the two nations. Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar port in southwestern Pakistan with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while the second phase expands to the areas of agriculture and improving people's livelihood, among others.

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Global Times

Chinese agricultural technology transforms oilseed harvesting landscape in Pakistan

In Pakistan's eastern Bhakkar district, farmers were left in awe as they witnessed the newly imported oilseed harvesters from China efficiently and briskly carrying out their tasks. "In Pakistan, we lose up to 40 percent of our crop due to our reliance on a single type of harvester used for harvesting all crops including wheat, oilseeds, and others, so seeing such a sophisticated machine specifically designed for oilseed harvesting is truly fascinating," Muhammad Masood, a local farmer told Xinhua. While Pakistan is an agricultural-centric economy, it relies on imports for approximately 89 percent of its edible oil needs and spends 3.6 billion U.S. dollars annually to fulfill the demand of around 5 million tons. Due to the high cost of imported edible oil, many villagers had to resort to cheaper but unhealthy alternatives such as mustard oil because of the unavailability of good quality oil seeds in the local market, he said. However, with the introduction of the Chinese canola variety into the market under Pakistan-China cooperation, the local farmers finally got a choice, the farmer added. Launched in 2013, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a corridor linking the 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 fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others. In line with the CPEC's cooperation in agriculture, Chinese company Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed Co. Ltd. and Pakistani company Evyol Group signed a memorandum of understanding in 2022 to help Pakistan become self-sufficient in edible oil through ample cultivation and efficient harvest of healthy canola

oilseeds. Talking to Xinhua, Ghazanfar Ali, head of marketing in Evyol Group, said that in the first phase, the Chinese company provided high-quality hybrid seed for cultivation, which not only increased per acre yield as compared to local oilseeds but also provided a healthy alternative to locals. In the second phase, the company is working on transferring technology to Pakistan, under which the harvesters have been imported from China, paving the way for smart agriculture practices in the country, said Ali. Subsequent plans for the third phase involve importing oil-extracting machines, which will enable local farmers to extract the oil themselves for domestic consumption and commercial use, he added. Talking about the new machines, Zhou Xusheng, director of the international business department of Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed company, told Xinhua that they have developed two kinds of harvesting equipment that align with local cultivation and use habits. One of the equipment enables one-time harvesting, slashing harvest loss to eight to ten percent while the other offers a two-stage approach, which involves cutting the crop close to maturity and picking it up two to three days later, reducing loss to less than five percent, he added. The technological advancement can boost yields by 20 to 30 percent, thereby enhancing farmers' incomes and accelerating widespread adoption, compatible with existing harvesters in Pakistan, Zhou said. The harvesters will be further customized according to the requirements of locals, after feedback from local farmers and agriculture experts, following which the bulk import of the equipment will be made, Ali told Xinhua. He underscored CPEC's role in elevating socio-economic standards by empowering farmers to embrace advanced technology. "Through technology transfer, CPEC empowers local farmers to not only reduce labor and costs but also increase their earnings, enabling them to lead more prosperous lives, besides giving benefit to society as a whole," he said. Talking about the significance of the technology transfer, Akmal Siddiq, technical advisor at the country's Ministry of National Food Security and Research said that during the oilseed harvest season, there is a shortage of labor in the agriculture sector as almost all winter crops are being harvested during the time. The available labor is also not so skilled and when they harvest the crop by primitive measure, the overall productivity of the sector gets affected, he added. "The adoption of Chinese agricultural technology represents a critical opportunity to modernize and transform the oilseed harvesting landscape in the country. Through effective technology transfer and adoption, the agricultural sector can overcome longstanding challenges, boost productivity, and contribute to the nation's food security and economic development," the official told Xinhua.

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Chinese agricultural technology transforms the oilseed harvesting landscape in Pakistan

Chinese technology unlocks a crucial opportunity to transform Pakistan's agricultural landscape, as advanced oilseed harvesters can swiftly enhance efficiency and productivity, marking a significant step towards the country's goal of becoming self-sufficient in edible oil production.

Misbah Saba Malik, Jiang Chao

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China Daily

New quality productive forces to power Pakistan and beyond, experts say

Pakistani China observers refuted on Wednesday negative narratives against the Chinese economy, saying Beijing's pursuit of high-quality development focusing on developing new quality productive forces has and will continue to benefit Pakistan and beyond. "The Chinese economy is very competitive, productive, and innovative and would remain a key engine for global growth," said Salman Shah, a Pakistani economist and a member of a delegation at Understanding China Forum, a Pakistan-based think tank. "If there is any country in the world that has potential, it is China," Shah, who was on a visit to China, said. With developing new quality productive forces comes tremendous opportunities, the economist said, adding that two countries can collaborate in areas such as artificial intelligence and big data. "I think it would be a very exciting part of Pakistan-China economic cooperation." Certain criticisms against China such as overcapacity claims were "politically motivated", Shah said. "China is generating new ideas all the time and the reforms carried out by the Chinese government over decades are phenomenal. Pakistan has to learn a lot from the Chinese experience," he added. Speaking of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, Shah said the pivotal project was "a symbol of what good economic cooperation can do." As an important flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, CPEC is now entering into second phase with focus on agriculture, industrial cooperation and high-quality development.

According to statistics from Pakistan, 36 projects have been completed under the framework of the CPEC and China so far has invested \$26 billion. CPEC cooperation has brought profound changes to Pakistan's energy pattern, dramatically improved the accessibility and lower the costs of the transportation, he added. "I believe that with the help of China, Pakistan will be able to transform itself into a very dynamic and competitive economy, an economy which can become a hub of this region," Shah said. Zafar Uddin Mahmood, president of the Understanding China Forum and former special envoy for CPEC, said the Belt and Road Initiative represents a good opportunity for the whole world, especially for developing countries. Taking energy cooperation under the framework of CPEC as an example, Mahmood said Pakistan was seriously lacking electricity and almost no country was willing to invest and build factory plants in Pakistan but China and Chinese enterprises did. He dismissed the debt trap allegation by some Western countries as "an utter hype", saying those countries that smear the BRI were in an attempt to disrupt cooperation between China and its partners. Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, chairman of the Understanding China Forum and former foreign minister of Pakistan, said he felt the vitality of Chinese economy during the visit hosted by the China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy. Impressed with China's immense achievements made in artificial intelligence and other areas, Kasuri hoped people-to-people exchanges between the two countries could be bolstered, so Pakistan could better learn from Chinese progress.

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Global Times

Flying kites transcend cultures, regions

Kites, a kind of ancient handicraft deeply rooted in Chinese history, have evolved from a military tool to a traditional pastime toy and then into a potent symbol of culture. Flying kites embodies the human aspiration to explore the skies. This symbolic ascent captures more than just the physical flight; it reflects a broader connection to the cosmos that has captivated human imagination for millennia. Throughout its history, the kite has transcended its original practical applications to become a medium to express artistic, cultural and even spiritual sentiments. "Since ancient times, people have liked to fly kites during the spring. A kite soaring high up in the sky symbolizes people letting go of their worries, bad luck or any unhappiness from the past year. People on the ground are connected to the sky through the kite strings. Flying kites is more than a leisure activity but also embodies people's pursuit for a beautiful and happy life," said Wang Zhenhua, chairman of the Weifang Modern Kite Cooperative. Today, the kite is not just a plaything but a channel for cultural exchanges and mutual understanding across borders. The recently concluded 41st Weifang International Kite Festival and the 2024 Weifang Kite Carnival held in Weifang, East China's Shandong Province, are a good illustration of this. The festival, a spectacle of color and creativity, has become a global hub for kite enthusiasts. This year, more than 460 participants from 46 countries and regions gathered in Weifang, illustrating the kite's role in bridging diverse cultures. Khalil Hashmi, ambassador of Pakistan to China, gave a speech at the opening ceremony held on April 19, during which he called the Weifang International Kite Festival a global event to celebrate friendship, innovation and the joy of flying kites. "The event has

built bridges for promoting consensus and understanding, transcending national borders, and fostering friendships. We will take this opportunity to further promote political, economic, and cultural exchanges between China, Weifang, and Pakistan, deepen mutual understanding, strengthen economic ties, and deepen friendship in promoting social development," said Hashmi. At the festival, Ali West Hill from India told the Global Times that he has been flying kites for 15 years but this was his first time in Weifang, as well as his first time in China. He was very excited to see the country and experience a different culture through the festival. Massimo from Italy, dressed in a shirt of vibrant colors and sporting dyed red, green, and white hair, the colors of the Italian national flag, shared that through the kite festivals, he has forged lasting friendships with people from all around the world. While he was traveling in Europe shortly after participating the kite festival in Weifang, he ran into a friend he had just made at the festival. "It is amazing that people can build connections within such a short period time through a shared hobby." Kites have brought him to China several times. He went to Guangdong Province in South China around 20 years ago. His passion for kites has not only deepened his connection with Chinese culture but also offered him a front-row seat to witness China's rapid development. The interaction at such festivals goes beyond mere cultural exhibition to facilitate deeper interpersonal and international relationships. For instance, the 37th International Kite Festival in Berck-sur-Mer, France, running from April 20 to 28, attracts many professionals and spectators. Weifang sent a delegation, including inheritors of intangible cultural heritage, to participate in this grand celebration. This delegation is not only flying kites but also showcasing other forms of Chinese intangible cultural heritage, such as woodblock printing, paper-cutting, and nut carving. China was chosen as the guest country of honor. It's the first time that the festival has introduced the concept of guest countries since its establishment in 1987. The timing of this cultural exchange is symbolic. As China and France celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations in 2024, the inclusion of kites in these celebrations adds a vibrant stroke to the narrative of China-France friendship. It underscores the shared values and mutual respect that have come to define this bilateral relationship. The Magic of the Kite (1957) was the first feature film co-produced by a Chinese and foreign studio as well as the first color Chinese children's film made after the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. The film tells the story of the friendship between French and Chinese children made through flying kites. In 2019, a Chinese documentary based on the film was released to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the film's release in China and the cultural exchanges between the two countries. "It can be said that the kite is a significant cultural symbol in the history of the friendship between China and France," Liu Hongge, director of the China Cultural Center in Paris, told the Global Times. Kites serve as more than just objects of entertainment; they are emblems of countries shared cultural practices. They remind us of the universal human quest for freedom and creativity, transcending linguistic, geographical, and cultural barriers. As colorful kites dance in the sky, they weave together stories of past and present, of tradition and innovation, and of local identity and global community. International kite festivals, much like the string of a kite, tie us to each other, pulling us closer in a celebration of humanity's shared skies.

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China, Pakistan should engage in greater counter-terrorism cooperation to combat hostile forces: Pakistani former FM

Zhang Yuying

The terrorist attacks that killed Chinese nationals clearly showed that there are hostile forces seeking to disrupt the collaboration between China and Pakistan, Pakistani former foreign minister Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri warned, emphasizing that only by promoting greater coordination in counter-terrorism efforts between the two countries can such forces be restrained from succeeding in the future. Kasuri made these remarks in Beijing on Wednesday while leading a delegation from the Understanding China Forum, a Pakistan-based think tank, on a visit to China. "The terrorist attack killing Chinese obviously means that there are forces who do not wish Pakistan and China to work together," Kasuri said in response to a question raised by Global Times reporter during a press conference. His remarks followed a suicide bombing in late March that claimed the lives of five Chinese engineers and a local driver working on the Dasu hydropower project in Pakistan. Some Chinese experts believed that this incident was [a copy of the July 2021 Dasu terror attack](#), in which nine Chinese nationals and four Pakistani people were killed. Kasuri noted that the security situation in Pakistan has deteriorated in recent years, and unfortunately, there are third countries that find it very useful to use those rebel elements within Pakistan to disrupt the bilateral relation between Pakistan and China. "They are hostile to Pakistan, to China, and are not happy with China-Pakistan cooperation," Kasuri said. "Therefore, it's logical that Pakistan and China should pull their resources to defeat such forces, and that can happen by greater intelligence cooperation, as well as by all other means that are required, which is in line with the interests of Pakistan and China, and our bilateral relations," the Pakistani former foreign minister said. In response to the latest terrorist attack, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said during a regular press conference on March 27 that China and Pakistan have the resolve and capability to make the terrorists pay the price. "No attempt to sabotage China-Pakistan cooperation will ever succeed," Lin said. Kasuri expressed his appreciation for the remarks made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, adding that it also underlines the fact that Pakistan and China should not allow such hostile forces to succeed in future, and that can only happen with much greater coordination between the two countries. "If we were to improve our coordination, then we'll be able to take care. Otherwise, these forces will not give up," Kasuri told the Global Times, noting that the issue of counter-terrorism cooperation will be among the prominent topics in future high-level exchanges between the two countries. During the Pakistani delegation's visit to China, which was hosted by the China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy, the members also met with Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry Liu Jinsong on Tuesday. Pakistan reiterated its traditional support for China on international issues during the meeting, particularly on the issues of South China Sea, as well as on the one-China principle, Kasuri told the press conference. Liu noted that the Chinese side has always valued the traditional friendship between China and Pakistan, and is committed to promoting the building of a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era, according to a statement released by the Department of Asian Affairs on its official WeChat account on Wednesday. China is willing to work together with Pakistan to coordinate development and

security efforts, Liu said. The Pakistani delegation and the Chinese side also reached consensus on further trade, agriculture, water resources protection cooperation, as well as people-to-people exchanges during the visit.

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People Daily News

Pakistani president lauds China as most trustworthy friend

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said Wednesday China is the most trustworthy friend, and his country looks forward to further cooperation with China in various fields. Pakistan will continue to firmly support China in safeguarding its core interests, and advance the construction of the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor (CPEC), Zardari noted when meeting with Luo Zhaohui, head of the China International Development Cooperation Agency. Talking about the recent terrorist attack on the Dasu Hydropower Station, Zardari expressed condolences to the victims and their families on behalf of the Pakistani people, adding that his country promised to take resolute measures to bring the perpetrators to justice as soon as possible and never allow terrorists to undermine the friendship between the two countries. Expressing China's appreciation for Pakistan's active participation in the high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, Luo said great achievements have been made in CPEC's construction. Luo added that the two sides have also made positive progress in promoting the implementation of the Global Development Initiative. China is willing to further advance practical cooperation with Pakistan in various fields, and hopes Pakistan will take concrete and effective measures to protect the safety of Chinese citizens and companies, said Luo, who was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong during the meeting. During his visit to Pakistan, Luo also called on Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, held talks with Pakistan's Minister of Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, and signed relevant cooperation documents.

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People Daily News

CPEC transforms Pakistan's development landscape: minister

Pakistan's Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has played a significant role in transforming the development landscape of the South Asian country. The minister said while chairing a meeting on CPEC on Friday that the influx of approximately 25 billion U.S. dollars of Chinese investment under the framework of CPEC over the past 10 years has boosted critical sectors of Pakistan, including energy, infrastructure, and telecommunications. He said that Pakistan and China have successfully completed the first phase of the CPEC project, highlighting the need to make preparations and efforts for the second phase of CPEC to usher in a new era of development with new economic projects. Commenting on the progress of various infrastructural projects in the country's southwest Gwadar district, Iqbal said that

Phase I of the Gwadar Expressway is completed and operational, while work on Phase II will commence soon. The minister said five new corridors for future collaboration are being implemented under CPEC, with a focal emphasis on economic corridors geared towards job creation, innovation, green energy, and inclusive regional development. Pragmatic strategies within each corridor would be thoroughly deliberated, aligning them with national development objectives and priorities, he added. Launched in 2013, CPEC, the 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, 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.

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China launches first of 8 advanced stealth submarines for Pakistan Navy

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Contract for Hangor-class vessels was signed in 2015 during visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping Submarine construction adds 'a new dimension to the ever-tested Pakistan-China friendship', Pakistan Navy chief says.

The launch ceremony of the first Chinese-built Hangor-class submarine constructed for the Pakistan Navy was held on Friday at Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group's Shuangliu Base in Wuhan. Photo: Pakistan Navy. China has launched the first of eight advanced Hangor-class submarines being developed for Pakistan, in a sign of strengthening military cooperation between the two countries, the Pakistan Navy has said. A launch ceremony for the vessel, attended by high-ranking officials from Pakistan and China, was held on Friday at Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group's Shuangliu Base in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, according to a Pakistan Navy statement.

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