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Daily Times

Smart classrooms initiated under CPEC growing in Pakistan

The Smart Classrooms project was initiated under CPEC in September 2021 and is now grooming in the country. Around 100 smart classrooms are being built in 50 universities across Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday.

Meanwhile, a smart classroom was inaugurated at Karakoram International University (KIU) in Gilgit-Baltistan, aiming to empower teachers with the essential skills needed to effectively utilize technology in the classroom. This initiative seeks to enhance the learning experience for students through comprehensive training programs.

Vice-Chancellor of KIU, Engineer Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, inaugurated the smart classroom in the presence of senior administrative and teaching staff of the university.

According to Dr. Attaullah Shah, “The university is dedicated to providing facilities that align with modern educational and learning requirements for its students,” and he further emphasized this commitment by pointing to the establishment of a modern classroom as a clear and concrete example. This information is in line with an official statement from the university. The Vice-Chancellor said that the objective behind establishing a smart classroom is to embrace the digital age by providing state-of-the-art facilities that meet today’s educational requirements.

“This initiative aims to enhance learning opportunities, benefiting both students and teachers alike,” he said and added that KIU has consistently prioritized its students by continually advancing in response to the demands of the digital age, and the inauguration of the “smart classroom today serves as a tangible testament to this commitment”.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1132484/smart-classrooms-initiated-under-cpec-growing-in-pakistan/>

A Decade of CPEC – An Appraisal

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China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a geo-strategically significant project for both China and Pakistan. It will enable China to get out of the Malacca dilemma and provide an alternative trade route to China. For Pakistan, CPEC is a ray of hope in the prevailing tough economic and geopolitical environment, where it has limited foreign policy options. The estimated cost of CPEC is \$62 billion from 2015 to 2030. Domains of CPEC projects include investment in the energy sector, transportation infrastructure, i.e., roads and railways, development of Gwadar Port and city, Fiber Optics infrastructure and establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and industrial parks.

Year 2023 marks the completion of a decade since the start of the project. The subsequent visits of the Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives of Pakistan, Prof Ahsan Iqbal, and Chinese Vice-Premier He Lifeng signify the importance of CPEC for

both states. The infrastructure and energy generation projects have been completed, and the outcomes are visible; however, it is only through constant evaluation that we can analyse hurdles and find ways to complete projects in time. Twenty-seven projects, totalling \$19 billion, have already been finished, while 63 more projects with a cost of \$35.2 billion are expected to be completed by 2030.

CPEC projects were divided into the short, medium, and long term. The short-term projects were further divided into two phases. The Early Harvest Projects (EHPs) to be finished in 2018 were part of Phase I. Phase II involved building essential infrastructure for energy projects, which was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020 or early 2021. Phase-III projects with completion by the year 2025 included medium-term initiatives. The projects of this phase included the establishment of industrial parks and SEZs. In addition, the Long-Term Plan (LTP) is a conceptual framework for the CPEC project. It is a national plan approved by both the Chinese and Pakistani governments that provides macro guidance for implementing various projects. Development of railway infrastructure and operationalising other long-term projects would be the main goals of CPEC Phase-IV. This phase is anticipated to be completed by 2030.

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Since the inception of the project, CPEC has been one of the most popular and well-supported projects in the history of Pakistan. The stakeholders of the project tried to utilise all available resources to ensure the timely completion of this mega project. The energy projects, including coal, wind, hydro and solar power, were planned to be completed by 2018 as part of EHPs and phase-I projects to fulfil the domestic and industrial energy needs of Pakistan. So far, 14 projects have been completed in the energy sector. Sahiwal Coal-fired Project (1320 MW), Coal-fired Power Plant at Port Qasim (1320 MW), China Hub Coal Power Project (1320 MW), Engro Thar Coal Power Project (660 MW), Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park (1000 MW), Hydro China Dawood Wind Farm (50 MW), UEP Wind Farm (100MW), Sachal Wind Farm (50 MW), Three Gorges Second and Third Wind Power Project (100 MW), Matiari to Lahore ±660 KV HVDC Transmission Line Project, HUBCO Thar Coal Power Project (330 MW), Karot Hydropower Project (720 MW), SSRL Thar Coal Block-I 7.8 mtpa and Power Plant (1320 MW) and HUBCO Thal Nova Thar Coal Power Project (330 MW).

Under the CPEC projects, two projects are still in progress, while five more are being considered. The unfinished projects include the Suki Kinari Hydropower Project (884 MW) and the Coal-Fired Power Project at Gwadar (300 MW). Under-consideration projects include Kohala Hydropower Project (1124 MW), Azad Pattan Hydropower Project (700.7 MW), Thar Mine Mouth Oracle Power Plant and Surface Mine (1320 MW), Cacho Wind Power Project (50 MW) and Western Energy (Pvt.) Ltd. Wind Power Project (50 MW).

In the transport and infrastructure sector, six projects were completed under CPEC including Havelian-Thakot Section of KKH Phase II, Multan-Sukkur Section of Peshawar-Karachi Motorway, Pilot Project of Digital Terrestrial Multimedia Broadcast (DTMB), Lahore Orange Line Metro Train, Khunjrab to Rawalpindi – Cross Border Optical Fiber Cable, and

Motorway from Hakla to D.I. Khan. All the projects were completed as EHPs except for the Orange Line project, which was completed in 2020. Moreover, five other projects are in the construction phase, i.e., Zhob-Quetta Road (N-50), Nokundi-Mashkhel Road, Khuzdar-Basima Road (N-30), M-8 Hoshab to Awaran Road Section and Shandur-Chitral Road (KKH Alternate Route). In addition, eight projects are in the pipeline, whereas the final five will be long-term projects.

Another major area of cooperation under CPEC Phase-III is the construction of SEZs to expedite and facilitate industrial cooperation and boost economic activities between China and Pakistan. Four SEZs are under construction, including Allama Iqbal Industrial City, Boston SEZ, Rashakai SEZ, and Dhabeji SEZ. The work on these SEZs started in 2019, 2020, 2020 and 2023, respectively and is still in process. Besides that, there are various projects under consideration, including the Industrial Zone in Mirpur, the Industrial Park on Pakistan Steel Mill Land, the ICT Model Industrial Zone, Moqpondass SEZ and Mohmand Marble City.

In addition to the completed projects, there are many under-construction projects in Gwadar as part of CPEC. These projects are New Gwadar International Airport, health facilities including Pak-China Friendship Hospital, Desalination Plants of 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD) and 5 MGD. Apart from that, there are several projects under consideration as well, including a Landfill Project, fishermen's making industry on Gwadar West Bay, Gwadar Smart Environment Sanitation System, construction of breakwaters, fish landing jetty and dredging of berthing areas and channels.

The Pakistan Vocational and Technical Education Capacity Building Project, Pakistan Vocational Schools Equipment Upgrading and Renovation Project, Poverty Alleviation Training, and Emergency Relief Supplies for Increasing National Disaster Management Authority Disaster Preparedness Capacity are the completed projects in the Social and Economic Development sector under CPEC. In addition, there are 11 projects under construction, and 10 are under consideration as well.

CPEC projects have received equal priority from each government despite differences of opinion regarding the agreement's terms and conditions. The prompt completion of projects illustrates the importance that all stakeholders gave to the project; however, some projects experienced delays due to technical or budgetary issues. For instance, SEZ near Faisalabad and two hydroelectric projects in Azad Kashmir (Kohala Hydropower Project and Azad Pattan Hydropower Project) seem to be progressing slowly. The disagreement over the parameters of the agreement was the cause of this delay. Furthermore, the most expensive project under CPEC, Main Line-1 (ML-1), which will modernise the railway from Peshawar to Karachi, costing \$6.8 billion, was held by China as it was reluctant to work at the one per cent interest rate demanded by Islamabad. In this regard, the CPEC Authority Ordinance was passed in 2019 by the government to create the CPEC Authority and ensure the speed of work and progress on CPEC projects. The authority has a great deal of autonomy as well as enormous financial and managerial capabilities.

In the 11th JCC Meeting held in April 2023, both sides "showed satisfaction on the efficient execution of various CPEC projects and concurred that all outstanding matters would be

amicably resolved in the spirit of traditional cooperation, mutual understanding, complete trust and brotherhood. Furthermore, the progress on four priority SEZs was declared adequate and concurred to quicken the pace of advancement to draw the relocation of high-quality enterprises. Both parties expressed their appreciation for the signing of the Framework Agreement for Industrial Cooperation and agreed to hold bi-annual meetings to monitor its implementation.”

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Now, we have entered phase-III of CPEC, i.e., completion of SEZs, and work is going on at a good pace. Minor differences between parties, political instability and uncertainty might have impacted the pace of projects; however, there is no doubt that there is political will and consensus on the usefulness of CPEC. There may be differences in terms and conditions of agreements, but everyone acknowledges that CPEC is the only opportunity in the prevailing geopolitical environment that can ensure Pakistan’s economic development and prosperity. The aforementioned evaluation of CPEC projects validates the argument that all stakeholders and successive governments have contributed to this mega-national cause that can alter the economic condition of Pakistan and increase the geostrategic and geopolitical significance of the country.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1132582/a-decade-of-cpec-an-appraisal/>

Dunya News

China's food trade with BRI countries soars 162pc

BEIJING (APP) - In the first eight months of this year, China’s trade in food products with countries along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) reached 553.82 billion yuan (\$76.10 billion), a significant 162 percent increase compared to 2013.

The Chinese officials said it at the first conference on import and export food safety cooperation of the Belt and Road, which was held in Nanning, South China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The meeting gathered over 100 representatives and officials of over 20 BRI countries, Global Times reported on Saturday.

Aimed at creating a new platform for international cooperation and governance in food safety among countries participating in the BRI, the meeting adopted a BRI food safety cooperation initiative to deepen pragmatic cooperation, share supervision experiences and promote the establishment of scientific and rational international rules and standards.

In recent years, China’s customs department has actively collaborated with BRI countries to improve food safety governance, and cooperation has expanded and diversified.

As of June this year, China has signed over 200 cooperation agreements related to the Belt and Road Initiative with 152 countries and 32 international organizations, leading to a

significant increase in the variety and volume of food trade, Lü Weihong, deputy chief of the General Administration of Customs, said at the meeting.

Over the past decade, China has established customs inspection and quarantine cooperation with 171 countries and regions, signing nearly 400 international cooperation agreements on the access of agricultural and food products, Lü said.

As a result of closer cooperation between the customs authorities, an increasing number of unique and characteristic foods from BRI countries are entering the Chinese market. In 2022, China's trade in food products with BRI countries reached 786.31 billion yuan, up 135.3 percent compared to 2013.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Business/755605-China-s-food-trade-with-BRI-countries-soars-162pc>

China and Pakistan to set up AI cooperation

BEIJING (APP): AI, a core driving force in the new wave of technological revolution and industrial transformation, has the potential to propel social productivity to new heights.

As a late starter, Chinese AI development has achieved significant milestones in recent years. After receiving several requirements from Pakistani companies to cooperate with Chinese companies in AI field, China-Pakistan Cooperation Center on Technical Standardization held at China-Pakistan Artificial Intelligence Industry Cooperation Matchmaking meeting on Sept 13.

Five Chinese companies and five Pakistani companies introduced their businesses and requirements. They showed their latest technologies including digital human, chatbot and AI transformation services, CEN reported on Friday.

“Our institute and the Institute of Quality and Technology Management(IQTM) of University of the Punjab co-established the China-Pakistan Cooperation Center on Technical Standardization in 2020. Since then, we have closely cooperated in multiple fields including traditional Chinese medicine, food, and information technology etc,” said Huang hao, president of Chengdu Institute of Standardization.

He noted that this meeting is the first of five IT subsector meetings that the center plans to arrange in the next few months.

“I noticed that in Paksitan, there're more service companies that provide AI services, while in China there are more AI products provider. The exchange could help us know the requirements of each other and what can be provided. This is one aspect of potential Pak-China cooperation in AI sector,” said representative from Tixel Company, one of Pakistani participants.

“Another potential is that we can find a way to develop something new together. Research and development center could be established jointly, so that Chinese companies and Pakistani companies could work and make progress in this field together.

“Success of our initiative depends on how quickly these ten companies reach business to business agreements for mutual benefit. Technical cooperation and using available skills in

most efficient way is the way forward. Companies can interact with each other independently after the meeting. Today's session may be the beginning of new era of technological cooperation between China and Pakistan.”

Dr. Muhammad Usman Awan, professor of IQTM in University of the Punjab, addressed in the meeting. Mr. Yu Jingyang, deputy secretary-general of Chengdu software industry association also attended the session. As 21st China International Software Cooperation Conference, one of the most prestigious and influential events of software industry in China, will be held in Chengdu in December, he invited all attendees to participate in the fair to explore more cooperation potentials.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Technology/755427-China-and-Pakistan-to-set-up-AI-cooperation>

Pakistan Observer

Chinese CG, Mayor Karachi discuss mutual interest issues

Consul General of China in Karachi Yang Yundong Thursday called on Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab in KMC head office and discussed matters of mutual interest. On this occasion, China's Vice Consul Xie Shuye and M. Zheng Chao, Assistant Consul Chen Weilong were also present. Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab welcomed the Consul General of China and the accompanying guests on their visit to KMC. He said that Pakistan and China have good neighborly relations, China has helped Pakistan in every tough time, China's cooperation with Pakistan in various fields is a great example of friendship.

Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation was trying to provide quality civic facilities to the citizens and for this purpose, development works was being done in different areas of the city. Along with residential areas, industrial zones are also being developed, Karachi is the commercial hub of Pakistan and the center of industrial and commercial activities. City of Karachi welcomes China's cooperation for infrastructure development and want to learn from China's experience in local government affairs and urban development.

Chinese investment companies will be provided with all possible facilities in Karachi. The Consul General of China said that Pakistan and China were proud of the deep friendship and fraternal relationship, adding the development of Karachi would open new avenues of stability and prosperity for Pakistan.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-cg-mayor-karachi-discuss-mutual-interest-issues/>

The Nation

At a cross road; IMEEC and BRI

by Qamar Bashir

The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) is a proposed trade and investment initiative designed to connect India, the Middle East, and Europe. This corridor holds great potential for fostering economic growth and cooperation in these regions while serving as a counterbalance to China's expansive Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The origins of the IMEEC project trace back to the 2016 G20 summit in Hangzhou, China, where leaders of India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) agreed to collaborate on establishing a trade and investment corridor. Subsequent agreements followed, involving India and other regional countries like Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Jordan.

The IMEEC project carries substantial political and economic significance. It seeks to strengthen trade and investment ties between India and the rapidly growing economies of the Middle East and optimised European economies, while enhancing connectivity within these regions, potentially fostering cooperation in various sectors, including energy, transportation, and tourism. Regionally, the IMEEC project aims to create a new economic and trade bloc in the Middle East and South Asia, which could reduce the region's dependence on China and promote improved stability.

Building the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) could indeed provide India with a significant opportunity to gain traction against China for several strategic reasons. The IMEEC project is often seen as India's response to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has expanded China's influence across Asia, Africa, and Europe. By establishing IMEEC, India aims to create its own economic and strategic corridor, countering China's growing sway in the region. It would enhance India's connectivity with the Middle East and Europe, two economically vibrant regions. This connectivity would open up new trade routes and markets for Indian goods and services, helping India diversify its trade partners and reduce dependence on China. The Middle East is a major source of India's energy imports. IMEEC could strengthen India's energy security by facilitating the transportation of oil and gas resources from the Middle East. It would also provide alternative routes for energy imports, reducing reliance on China-dominated sea routes.

IMEEC could strengthen India's strategic partnerships with countries in the Middle East and Europe. Enhanced economic ties could lead to deeper security cooperation, benefiting India's security interests in the region. The project's infrastructure development and increased trade would boost economic growth in India. This growth would translate into more jobs and increased revenue, further solidifying India's position as a regional economic power. India has a substantial trade deficit with China.

By diversifying its trade partners through IMEEC, India could potentially reduce this imbalance. A successfully implemented IMEEC could enhance India's global influence and reputation as a proponent of sustainable and equitable development, countering some of the criticisms directed at the BRI. IMEEC provides an alternative infrastructure network that aligns with India's interests. This could encourage other countries, including those wary of the BRI, to participate, bolstering India's position as a leader in the region.

India's participation in the IMEEC project allows it to exert political leverage and negotiate favorable terms, strengthening its position in regional and international forums. However, the successful realisation of these benefits depends on effective planning, investment, and cooperation with participating countries.

The anticipated cost of the project is expected to reach billions of dollars, although the exact funding mechanisms remain undetermined. The project is envisioned to involve the

construction of new transportation infrastructure like roads, railways, and ports, in addition to the improvement of existing facilities.

The financing of the IMEEC project is anticipated to involve a combination of public and private investments. Governments of participating countries are likely to contribute some funding, but the majority of the financing is expected to come from private investors.

Several potential sources of financing for the project include: Public funding from the governments of participating countries, Private investment from commercial banks, investment funds, and other financial institutions, grants from international organisations such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, Concessional loans from governments and financial institutions and blended finance arrangements that combine public and private funding.

In terms of the United States, the project serves as a strategic response to China's BRI, aiming to provide an alternative and sustainable approach to infrastructure development while countering China's influence in the region. The project, once realised, could lead to new markets for American products and services, generate employment opportunities, promote economic growth, and contribute to the vitality of American businesses.

The possibility of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) joining forces and connecting with each other presents an intriguing prospect. Both projects share common goals of promoting economic growth and connectivity, and they could complement each other by creating an extensive global network of infrastructure.

The BRI, spanning over 60 countries across Asia, Africa, and Europe, involves the construction of roads, railways, ports, and other infrastructure, primarily connecting China to Europe and Africa. In contrast, the IMEEC is more focused on strengthening connectivity between India, the Middle East, and Europe.

The convergence of the BRI and IMEEC could create a vast interconnected network of infrastructure, simplifying the movement of people and goods between different countries and boosting global trade and economic growth. Realising this vision would require addressing several challenges. It would require extensive coordination to merge the two projects effectively to ensure compatibility between the BRI and IMEEC networks. Determining how to finance such an ambitious endeavor would be a complex task. Public and private investment, as well as international cooperation, would be vital. The combined projects would need to incorporate stringent environmental safeguards to minimise adverse impacts.

While joining the BRI and IMEEC presents significant potential benefits, such as facilitating global trade and cooperation, it also comes with substantial challenges. Nonetheless, the prospect of creating a comprehensive global infrastructure network is an exciting concept that could reshape the world's economic and geopolitical landscape. Careful planning and international cooperation would be crucial to realising this vision successfully.

Despite not being a member of the G20, Pakistan stands to benefit from the IMEEC project in various ways. It could create new avenues for trade and investment for Pakistan. Pakistani

businesses might export goods and services to the participating countries in the region, while foreign investors could find opportunities to invest in Pakistan, capitalising on the project's developments. Enhanced connectivity with the Middle East and Europe could make Pakistan an attractive destination for foreign investment and tourism. Better infrastructure and transportation links could facilitate the flow of people and goods, benefiting various sectors of the economy. The construction and operation of new infrastructure could generate employment opportunities for Pakistani workers.

For Pakistan, the IMEEC project holds the promise of unique advantages. Unlike other member countries, Pakistan may not need substantial investments in constructing roads, bridges, and ports, thanks to its already established world-class road and communication network under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The potential integration of CPEC with the IMEEC project could be a game-changer.

Such integration has the power to invigorate trade and investment between Pakistan and the participating IMEEC countries, igniting job creation and ushering in new opportunities for Pakistani businesses and labor force. Furthermore, the strategic positioning of Pakistan within this network would significantly expand its reach to regional nations, the Middle East, and Europe.

When combined with the existing connectivity to sixty countries through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Pakistan could enjoy a remarkable advantage over member countries in both these influential corridors. However, realising this potential would require astute political, economic, and financial strategies, alongside effective communication and diplomatic skills. Pakistan's role in this evolving landscape could be transformative if played wisely.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2023-09-16/page-7/detail-0>

Nawaiwaqt News

چینی تو نصل جزل کی ملاقات، سموگ کیخلاف تعاون خیر مقدم کریں گے: محسن نقوی

لاہور (نیوز پورٹ) نگران وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی سے چین کے قائم مقام تو نصل جزل چاؤن کی نے ملاقات کی، جس میں وزیر اعلیٰ کے دورہ چین کے حوالے سے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ قائم مقام چینی تو نصل جزل نے وزیر اعلیٰ کے دورہ چین کو اہم پیشرفت قرار دیا۔ دورہ چین کے دوران زرعی، انڈسٹریل اور آئی ٹی کے شعبوں میں تعاون مزید بڑھانے کا جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کی قیادت میں پنجاب کا وفد چین کے ون ونڈو آپریشن کا مشاہدہ کرے گا۔ محسن نقوی نے کہا کہ سرمایہ کاری کے فروغ کے لئے چین کا ون ونڈو آپریشن سسٹم دنیا بھر میں بہترین ماڈل ہے۔ آئی ٹی سیکٹر میں نجی شعبے کے باہمی اشتراک کار کے بے شمار مواقع موجود ہیں۔ زراعت کے شعبے اور سموگ سے نمٹنے کے لئے چین کے تعاون کا خیر مقدم کریں گے۔ چین کی زرعی یونیورسٹیوں کے پنجاب کی ایگریکلچرل یونیورسٹیوں اور کالجوں سے الحاق کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔ قائم مقام چینی تو نصل جزل نے کہا کہ دوستوں کے لئے دروازے کھلے رکھتے ہیں، پاکستانی دوستوں کا بھرپور خیر مقدم کریں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور ان کے وفد کے دورہ چین کے منتظر ہیں۔ علاوہ ازیں نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی نے زرعی شعبے کے لئے بڑا اقدام کرتے ہوئے بیج اور نئی ورائٹی کی منظوری کے 2 سال کے طویل عمل کو آسان اور فاسٹ ٹریک بنا دیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کی ہدایت پر پنجاب سید کو نسل کے خصوصی اجلاس میں بیج اور ورائٹی کی منظوری کے عمل کو فاسٹ ٹریک اور بہتر بنایا گیا ہے۔ محسن نقوی نے کہا وفاقی حکومت کی خصوصی کمیٹی کی منظوری کے بعد اب پنجاب سید کو نسل سے بیج اور ورائٹی کی منظوری دوبارہ نہیں لینا پڑے گی۔ چیف منسٹر ایگریکلچر ریفرمز پروگرام کے تحت بیج اور نئی ورائٹی کی منظوری کیلئے اب سالوں انتظار نہیں کرنا پڑے گا۔ بیج اور نئی ورائٹی کی منظوری کا پراسس

فاسٹ ٹریک ہونے سے زرعی شعبہ تیزی سے پھلے پھولے گا۔ قبل ازیں بیج اور نئی وراثی کی وفاقی حکومت کی کمیٹی کی منظوری کے بعد دوبارہ منظوری کیلئے پنجاب سید کونسل کے پاس آنا پڑتا تھا اور اس پورے عمل میں تقریباً 2 سال کا عرصہ لگتا تھا۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2023-09-16/page-1/detail-22>

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Business Recorder

Chinese firm to establish EV plant in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese electric car manufacturer has announced establishing an electric vehicle (EV) plant in Pakistan and showrooms in major cities of the country, it emerged Saturday.

The announcement was made by a delegation of Xinjian Jingyi Cheng Group, led by its assistant chairman GU Xongquan, during a meeting with FPCCI Vice President Amin Ullah Baig.

GU said entering the Pakistani market and setting up a manufacturing unit and showrooms was in the interest of the company and part of its long-term business plan. He said cars were the main means of transport in Pakistan, while the rising global oil prices have led to a sharp increase in gasoline prices, making it imperative for consumers to switch to new energy markets.—INP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2023/09/17/8-page/972291-news.html>

The Nation

China emerges as key investor in Pakistan's digital sector

BEIJING -“China has emerged as a key investor in Pakistan's digital sector, with numerous successful collaborations and partnerships contributing to the country's digital growth. We look forward to China taking the lead in digital investments in Pakistan,” highlighted Zulfiqar Ali, Director General of Pakistan Regulatory Moderation Initiative, Board of Investment (BOI).

On a panel discussion session of the UN Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum during the 23rd China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) held from 8 Sept to 11 Sept, Zulfiqar Ali outlined Pakistan's national strategies for digital development and highlighted the critical role of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country's digital transformation. As the world embraces the digital age, Pakistan is actively pursuing the path of digitalization and making substantial efforts to transform its economy and society. Recognizing the importance of digital development, Pakistan has formulated comprehensive strategies and policies to harness the potential of technology.

These efforts encompass various sectors, including infrastructure, education, governance and entrepreneurship, with the aim of leveraging technology to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life for its people. The director general noted that Pakistan has launched a Digital Economy Enhancement Project worth \$78 million, aiming at enhancing

the government's capacity for digitally-enabled public service delivery for citizens and businesses. One of the key components of the initiative is the Pakistan Business Portal, which is a one-stop shop for businesses to digitally execute all their functions in Pakistan without having to visit any office.

Zulfiqar Ali expects this single window platform to be implemented next year when the digital investment environment in Pakistan will be upgraded. In an interview with China Economic Net, the Director General emphasized the key factors that have made Pakistan an attractive destination for Chinese direct investment in the digital sector, include "Pakistan's strategic location as a gateway to regional markets, the availability of a skilled workforce, and the government's commitment to creating an enabling environment for foreign investors."

The success of joint ventures and collaborations between Pakistani and Chinese companies in the digital sector has led to the development of cutting-edge technologies, innovative solutions and the expansion of digital services across Pakistan, he added.

He said that the Chinese investment brings not only capital but also expertise, knowledge transfer and access to international markets. Regarding the future of Chinese direct investment in digital innovation in Pakistan, the DG expressed optimism over the ongoing collaboration between the two countries and the potential for further investment in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, e-commerce, fintech and smart cities.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2023-09-17/page-8/detail-4>

The News

Opening of new Gwadar Airport delayed by another six months

Afzal Nadeem Dogar

KARACHI: The opening of the new Gwadar International Airport built by China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has been delayed by another 6 months.

Civil Aviation Authority Director General Khaqan Murtaza, in a special conversation with "Jang", said that the new Gwadar Airport was supposed to be inaugurated this month, but it was delayed over technical grounds. He said that there was a delay in the arrival of airport and technical equipment from China to Pakistan.

The goods coming to Gwadar from China by sea are expected to arrive this month. According to Khaqan Murtaza, Chinese authorities have giving March 2024 for the inauguration of the airport. There may be further delays in completing the arrangements for making the new Gwadar airport operational.

The new Gwadar Airport is located 26 km north-east of the existing Gwadar airport and 3,000 acres of land was given for it by the government of Pakistan. Like the new Islamabad Airport, Gwadar Airport is the second greenfield airport of Pakistan.

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Jang News

نگراں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب 5 روزہ سرکاری دورے پر چین روانہ

نگراں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی وفد کے ہمراہ چین کے 5 روزہ سرکاری دورے پر روانہ ہو گئے۔

چین کے قائم مقام قونصل جنرل نے محسن نقوی کو لاہور ایئر پورٹ سے رخصت کیا اور امید ظاہر کی کہ وزیر اعلیٰ کا دورہ چین باہمی تعاون کے فروغ کے لیے اہم ہو گا۔

صوبائی وزراء ایس ایم تنویر، عامر میر، سید اظفر علی ناصر، ابراہیم حسن مراد، چیف سیکریٹری اور سیکریٹری خزانہ بھی نگراں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کے ہمراہ ہیں۔

وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی چین میں بزنس کمیونٹی، سرمایہ کار کمپنیوں کے اعلیٰ حکام اور صنعت کاروں سے ملاقات کریں گے۔

وہ زراعت، آئی ٹی اور ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے کے لیے بھی چینی حکام سے ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔

اس حوالے سے محسن نقوی کا کہنا ہے کہ دورہ چین سے پنجاب کے عوام کو مزید بہتر سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کا موقع ملے گا۔

انہوں نے یہ بھی کہا کہ چین نے ہمیشہ مخلص دوست کی طرح ساتھ نبھایا ہے، پوری کوشش ہے کہ اس دورے کے فوری نتیجہ خیز اور پائیدار نتائج سامنے آئیں۔

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Business Recorder

CPEC power plants

Sinosure demands govt make payments

ISLAMABAD: China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinosure) has warned the GoP on not honouring its commitment of due payment to power generation plants established under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

A “displeasure” letter from M/s Sinosure has landed in Islamabad at a time when the caretaker Government is under pressure to renegotiate “expensive PPAs” signed with Chinese power projects.

A Senate Panel has sought details of investments made by Chinese companies in the power plants.

M/s Sinosure is state-owned policy insurance company which resolutely implements the decisions and plans of the state, and plays a positive role in supporting joint efforts to advance “the Belt and Road Initiative” (BRI).

According to a letter from M/s Sinosure: “Starting from 2013, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor became the flagship project under the BRI, making Pakistan one of the most visible partners in the BRI. With the project smoothly progressing and trade booming, CPEC is now promoting comprehensive cooperation between the two countries and contributing to the betterment of the Pakistani people. The most critical and reliable power plant in Pakistan,

Port Qasim Power Plant, was inaugurated in 2017, marking the first batch of primary energy projects under CPEC to start generating electricity. Currently this Power Plant is capable of providing clean and cheap electricity to about 4 million Pakistani families, which significantly alleviates the issue of power shortages in Pakistan. It can not succeed without PPIB's strong support and active participation in this project.

“As the insurer of Port Qasim Power Plant, we are highly concerned about the current operational status of the plant. Due to the foreign exchange constraints imposed by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and delayed payments on electricity bills, the project currently owe large amount of funds to the coal supplier and faces business struggles,” said, Zhou Jin, Director Business Division One Strategic Client Department One Sinosure, in his letter to Managing Director PPIB.

M/s Sinosure requested the GoP that an agreement be reached between PPIB, CPPA-G and the project, to resolve the capacity payment difficulties. Furthermore, both entities support on electricity bills is crucial to the operation of the project, as well as, timely repayment of loans and insurance liability.

“Ensure the timely payment of electricity bills and the regular repayment of the debt service and the sustainable operating ability of the project,” said Zhou Jin.

In June 2023, CHIC Pak Power (Private) Company Limited (CPPCL) had revealed at a public hearing at NEPRA that M/s Sinosure has reduced its coverage for Pakistan's projects to 70 per cent from 95 per cent and banks are now asking for 25 per cent coverage from third party.

In early months of current year, Port Qasim Electric Power (Pvt.) Co (PQEPC) had informed the government that both its units of 1320 MW are about to shut down due to the default of the government's obligations. The coal supplier has stopped shipments after January 2023 due to outstanding foreign exchange requests with the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The shortage of coal has caused significant financial strain for the company, resulting in a shutdown of both units and capacity payment deductions.—MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2023/09/18/1-page/972301-news.html>

Daily Times

Chinese Consulate donates stationery, grants to orphan students

In a humble show of philanthropism, the Chinese Consulate Karachi has kick started 1st package of donations of educational stuff as well as a special grant to 1202 orphan students of Gwadar district in a ceremony held at Gwadar Business Center. The Consulate earmarked RMB360,000 for the donation drive. The initial package was disbursed to 150 students, whereas the remaining will be distributed to the students at their respective schools. A ceremony of stationery and grant distribution for the deserving students of Gwadar has been organized by the Consulate General of China in Karachi in collaboration with Chinese Overseas Port Holding Company, CCCC Pakistan Investment Company Ltd, GPA and GDA, and local administration, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1133026/chinese-consulate-donates-stationary-grants-to-orphan-students/>

Dunya News

Bugti leaves for China to attend Global Public Security conference

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) - Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Affairs Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti left for China on Sunday on a four-day visit to attend the Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum 2023.

The Interior Minister will participate in the Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum 2023 at the invitation of the Chinese government.

The three-day conference will be held in Lianyungang, Jiangsu Province, China. At least 400 representatives from 50 countries will participate in it. As per the agenda, global public security issues will be discussed at the conference in China.

Senior officials of law enforcement agencies, experts and scholars from Pakistan will also participate in the conference.

During the visit, the Home Minister will also hold bilateral meetings with Chinese high officials to increase trade, economic and security cooperation between Pakistan and China.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/755911-Bugti-leaves-for-China-to-attend-Global-Public-Security-conference>

Pakistan Observer

BRI: China's food trade soars to \$76.10b in 2023

China's food trade with countries along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) surged to 553.82 billion yuan (\$76.10 billion) in the first eight months of this year, marking a remarkable 10.4% increase compared to the same period in 2022. This substantial growth, which represents a 162% increase since 2013, was announced during the inaugural conference on import and export food safety cooperation of the Belt and Road held in Nanning, South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The conference brought together over 100 representatives and officials from more than 20 BRI nations, as reported by Global Times. Its primary objective was to establish a new platform for international cooperation and governance in food safety among BRI participant countries. During the event, a BRI food safety cooperation initiative was adopted, with a focus on deepening pragmatic collaboration, sharing supervisory experiences, and advocating for the creation of internationally recognised rules and standards.

China's customs department has been actively engaging with BRI countries in recent years to enhance food safety governance. This collaboration has led to a significant expansion and diversification of cooperation. As of June 2023, China has signed over 200 cooperation agreements related to the Belt and Road Initiative, involving 152 countries and 32 international organisations.

These agreements have resulted in a substantial increase in the variety and volume of food trade, highlighted Lü Weihong, Deputy Chief of the General Administration of Customs.

Over the past decade, China has established customs inspection and quarantine cooperation with 171 countries and regions, along with nearly 400 international cooperation agreements regarding agricultural and food product access, Lü added.

This closer cooperation between customs authorities has enabled a growing number of unique and characteristic foods from BRI countries to enter the Chinese market. In 2022, China's food trade with BRI countries reached 786.31 billion yuan, reflecting a remarkable 135.3% increase compared to 2013.—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/bri-chinas-food-trade-soars-to-76-10b-in-2023/>

The Nation

Asian Games to deepen China-Pak cultural, sports exchanges, says diplomat

ISLAMABAD - “The upcoming 19th Asian Games, scheduled to be held in the vibrant city of Hangzhou from 23 Sept to 8 Oct, is poised to become a significant catalyst for deepening cultural and sports exchanges between Pakistan and China,” said Hussain Haider, Pakistani Consul General in Shanghai in an interview with China Economic Net.

With over 12,500 athletes from 45 countries set to compete in a wide array of sports, the 19th Asian Games has captured global attention.

The event promises to be a thrilling spectacle, showcasing the extraordinary skills, determination and teamwork of athletes from diverse backgrounds.

The Consul General noted that Pakistan is sending a strong contingent of 262 dedicated officials and talented athletes, male and female, who will compete in a wide range of 25 disciplines including cricket, hockey, swimming, badminton, martial arts and many more.

In addition to cricket and hockey, often referred to as Pakistan's national obsession, Pakistan also has a huge competitive edge in e-sports, squash and kabaddi.

Discussing the need for Pakistan's sports industry to get a boost during the games, the Consul General said that as a young country with 64 percent of the population under the age of 29, Pakistan has a large sports market, with Sialkot as the hub of Pakistan's sports industry.

“For investors who come to Pakistan to invest in the sports industry, especially Chinese investors who are already the largest investors in Pakistan, all the facilities and preferential policies that the Pakistani government opens to other industries are also applicable to investing in the sports industry,” the CG added.

Recognising the importance of sports in promoting national unity and development, the government of Pakistan has extended its full support to the athletes representing the country at the Asian Games.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President, Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) said that the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) and POA have worked tirelessly to ensure that the Pakistani delegation receives the necessary resources and facilities to compete at the highest level.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2023-09-18/page-3/detail-3>

The News

CM Naqvi reaches China

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi reached Beijing. Senior Chinese officials and high-ranking officers of Pakistan Embassy accorded a warm reception to Mohsin Naqvi at the Beijing Airport.

Provincial Ministers SM Tanveer, Amir Mir, Azfar Ali Nasir, Ibrahim Hassan Murad, Chief Secretary, Secretary Finance and other officials also accompanied him. Mohsin Naqvi was seen off by the Acting Chinese Consul General Mr Cao Ke at the Lahore Airport. Acting Chinese Consul General Mr Cao Ke specially reached Lahore Airport to see off CM Mohsin Naqvi. The CM while thanking Acting Chinese Consul General Mr Cao Ke outlined that we want to bring durable changes in agriculture and other sectors of Punjab with the due collaboration of China. Mohsin Naqvi vowed that we would set the agriculture of Punjab on an innovative course by taking advantage from the experiences of China.

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China, Pakistan forge ahead to enhance ironclad friendship

Jamila Achakzai

Islamabad: In a momentous declaration, Ambassador Jiang Zaidong, China's envoy to Pakistan, highlighted the enduring bond between the two nations, calling it "higher than mountains, deeper than ocean, and sweeter than honey." This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), reflecting a decade of robust cooperation and friendship.

Ambassador Jiang noted that China and Pakistan have stood together through thick and thin for 72 years, with their diplomatic ties remaining steadfast regardless of global changes. The strategic partnership was elevated to an all-weather strategic cooperative partnership in 2015 during Chinese President Xi Jinping's historic state visit to Pakistan.

He emphasized the importance of high-level exchanges, citing President Xi Jinping's message of congratulations on the 10th anniversary of CPEC and the visit of Vice Premier He Lifeng as a testament to the leaders' commitment to the relationship. President Xi's Global Development, Security, and Civilization Initiatives have received a positive response in Pakistan, guiding the direction of bilateral relations.

Economic and trade cooperation has flourished, with China being Pakistan's largest trading partner for eight consecutive years. The CPEC has transitioned from a vision to a reality, contributing significantly to the two nations' shared future. The CPEC aims to be a growth corridor, livelihood-enhancing corridor, innovation corridor, green corridor, and open corridor, embodying high-quality development principles.

Military exchanges between China and Pakistan have deepened, enhancing regional peace and stability. Cultural and people exchanges have also expanded, with the two countries celebrating the China-Pakistan Year of Tourism Exchanges and hosting the Gandhara Art Exhibition. Ambassador Jiang stressed that China's commitment to Pakistan remains steadfast, viewing the relationship through a strategic and long-term lens. He expressed confidence in China's economic resilience and potential to contribute positively to global economic recovery.

In conclusion, Ambassador Jiang pledged to work closely with friends from both nations to implement the guidance of their leaders, strengthen all-weather strategic cooperation, and safeguard common interests in an ever-changing world. The China-Pakistan friendship continues to flourish, symbolizing a partnership that transcends time and challenges. China-Pak Dosti Zindabad!

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Daily Times

China's Cricket Diplomacy

Yasir Habib Khan

China, with its centuries-old history and diverse cultural tapestry, is embracing the iconic cricket ball as a means to forge powerful diplomatic bonds.

Taking everybody by storm through impactful diplomacy around the globe, China has come up with "Cricket Diplomacy" to enthuse the blossoming fan base in Asia.

Genesis of "China Cricket Diplomacy" will set its foot at the 19th Asian Games, a grand sporting spectacle gearing up to unfold in the vibrant city of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, from September 23 to September 8, 2023.

Cricket, a sport, is like the heartbeat of nations like India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, UAE, Australia, England, South Africa, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, West Indies and others. Now China is a new entrant.

19th Asian Games at Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, isn't just the athletic prowess on display; it's the mesmerizing dance of cricket diplomacy that's captivating the world's attention. China, with its centuries-old history and diverse cultural tapestry, is embracing the iconic cricket ball as a means to forge powerful diplomatic bonds.

In this grand tapestry of cricket diplomacy, the world watches in awe as China, a relative newcomer to the cricketing arena, embraces the sport with open arms. The Asian Games in Hangzhou serves as a testament to the power of sports to unite nations, break down barriers, and craft a shared narrative of friendship and cooperation on the global stage. It's not just about runs and wickets; it's about building bridges, nurturing connections, and leaving an indelible mark on the world of international relations. Cricket's Resurgence in the Asian Games

Cricket's return to the Asian Games is a pivotal moment for the sport and for China's diplomatic endeavours. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) have unveiled the rosters for their men's and women's cricket teams, set to compete in the Hangzhou Asian Games. The involvement of these cricketing giants has sparked anticipation that the gold medal in cricket at the Asian Games could be contested primarily between India and Pakistan, further enhancing the significance of this sporting event.

Furthermore, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is scheduled to hold a meeting in Mumbai shortly after the Asian Games to decide whether cricket should make a return to the Olympics after a 128-year hiatus. Many insiders view the cricket matches at the Asian Games as a critical test for cricket's potential re-entry into the Olympics, underscoring the diplomatic importance of this sporting event for China and the cricketing world.

Cricket Venue Preparation: A Testament to China's Commitment

Hosting a cricket tournament of such magnitude requires meticulous planning and execution, and China has demonstrated its commitment to the success of the Asian Games cricket tournament. Officials at Zhejiang University of Technology's Pingfeng campus cricket venue, the venue for the cricket matches, have emphasized the critical role of pitch quality in ensuring the success of the event. They have engaged experts from Bangladesh to oversee the final maintenance of the playing surface, highlighting China's dedication to providing top-notch facilities for the participating teams.

The Pingfeng campus cricket venue is an impressive structure, standing as China's largest cricket field. It boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including seating for spectators and an indoor pavilion that complements the surrounding landscape. The venue's elliptical playing field, equivalent to two football fields in size, reflects China's investment in creating world-class cricket infrastructure. The attention to detail, such as the 13-month-long search for suitable cricket pitch soil, showcases China's commitment to ensuring a high-quality sporting experience for the participating teams and spectators alike.

Friendship Cricket Cup

A Friendship Cricket Cup organized by Chinese company Guangdong YaJiaSi Technology (YJS) and Beijing Cricket Club (BCC) at the Cricket field of Dulwich College Beijing a few days ago was aimed to promote cricket in China and strengthen friendships among participating countries. The event saw teams from China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Nepal come together to showcase their cricketing talents. This initiative not only fosters sportsmanship but also promotes cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts, aligning with China's broader diplomatic goals.

Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match

In celebration of China National Day on September 1st, the Chinese Consulate in Lahore, representing the People's Republic of China led by Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren, and the Institute of International Relations & Media Research (IIRMR) are also set to make history by organizing the "Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match" on September 27 at the Lahore

Cricket Club Association (LCCA) ground. This groundbreaking event represents a unique opportunity to foster cricket diplomacy between Pakistan and China. With support from both governments, this event symbolizes a new era of collaboration and friendship. Chinese diplomats, officials, and sponsors will be in attendance, emphasizing the importance of this encounter. The match, featuring national symbols of both countries, will be live-streamed and receive extensive media coverage, extending its reach globally. It serves as a powerful medium to foster people-to-people ties and deepen the friendship between Pakistan and China through cricket. Moreover, student performances showcasing the cultures of both nations add an educational and cultural dimension, encouraging cross-cultural interactions. This cricket event, as a symbol of unity and cooperation, has the potential to strengthen bilateral ties and promote harmony in a challenging global context.

Cricket diplomacy has emerged as a strategic tool for China to give a new dimension to its diplomatic ties with cricket-playing nations and Commonwealth countries. The inclusion of cricket in the Asian Games, coupled with high-profile events such as the Friendship Cup and the Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match, showcases China's commitment to using sports as a bridge for international engagement and cooperation. The meticulous preparation of cricket venues and the active involvement of cricketing giants like India and Pakistan underscore the importance of this endeavour. As China continues to make strides in the world of cricket, it not only elevates the sport's global status but also opens new avenues for diplomacy and cultural exchanges. The coming years will likely see further developments in cricket diplomacy, making it an intriguing and impactful aspect of China's foreign relations strategy. The Asian Games in Hangzhou serve as a testament to the transformative power of sports in international diplomacy, where the love for cricket serves as a common language that brings nations together on and off the field.

<https://dailymtimes.com.pk/1133391/chinas-cricket-diplomacy/>

China can provide chemical fiber raw materials for Pakistan's textile industry

Chinese chemical fiber suppliers can provide the most suitable chemical fiber raw materials for unique textile categories to match needs," said Xing Pingping, Overseas Sales Manager of Ningbo Runhe High-tech Materials Co., Ltd, a Chinese leading manufacturer specialize in textiles auxiliaries and organic silicone products. According to Xing, recently, his company joined hands with Pakistani agent FairChem International to hold a textile seminar in Faisalabad, in which China and Pakistan partners jointly discussed the future direction of local textile printing and dyeing industry.

As the pillar industry of Pakistan, textile industry is currently facing two major constraints, namely energy and cotton yarn shortage.

The fabric categories of some local printing and dyeing factories are gradually transitioning to a large proportion of polyester.

More than 60 percent of Pakistan's textile companies are concentrated in Punjab Province, and Faisalabad as the core textile industrial city here, with nearly 300 dyeing factories of all sizes.

According to data released by Pakistan Customs, in fiscal year 2022, Pakistan's total exports of textiles reached USD19.32 billion, a year-on-year increase of 25.3 percent from the previous fiscal year, and accounted for nearly 61 percent of Pakistan's total merchandise exports.

Pakistan, which has a relatively complete industry chain, owns more than 2,000 cotton binding, spinning, and textile factories.

However, "Pakistan's textile category structure is obviously different from other countries in South Asia. Many major fabric categories use larger amounts of cotton, yet have lower profit margins," Xing told Gwadar Pro "Which has largely affected the competitiveness of Pakistani textiles in the international market.

"In response to the energy shortage I mentioned earlier, growth in the coming years will be driven largely by the digital textile printing market," Xing emphasized, "the market for digital textile printing in Pakistan is increasing as it offers better and high-definition textile print design possibilities, lower water, effluent, emissions and energy use.

Besides, the technological level of Pakistani textile enterprises is increasing day by day, thus some small-scale factories also have advanced textile materials and technologies, such as polyurethane coating, aramid finishing, waterproof finishing, etc.

There are also many printing and dyeing factories that have digital printing machinery. Regarding current shortage of cotton yarn, local companies have generally increased the proportion of polyester applications.

For these chemical fiber materials, our cutting-edge chemical fiber silicone emulsion can come in handy. In addition, professional chemical fiber finishing solutions and polyester cotton-like and wool-like finishing solutions can also provide assistance to our local partners." The Sales Manager pointed out that after officially starting to deeply expand Pakistani market in 2021, they have established a strong partnership with two chemical traders, FairChem, which specializes in dyes, and Biochem, a printing paste expert.

Sometime later, an agreement was signed with Farbstoffe Intl, a comprehensive manufacturer and marketer of textile chemicals.

"In the next step, we will establish a laboratory in Pakistan, equipped with basic chemical property testing, fabric finishing, application R&D and warehouse modules.

On the whole, our purpose is to not only establish testing and warehouse functions, R&D and local talent cultivation also will be our programme, by which we look forward to bringing technological innovation to Pakistan's textile industry through joint efforts between the two countries."

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1133343/china-can-provide-chemical-fiber-raw-materials-for-pakistans-textile-industry/>

Pakistan Observer

Punjab endeavoring to benefit from China's experiences

Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that the provincial government is endeavouring to attain the target of durable progress by benefitting from experiences of China. He was talking in a reception hosted by the Ambassador of Pakistan in Beijing Moin-ul-Haque.

The Chief Minister said that Punjab is suitable for investment and investment process is being simplified through one window operation. He said special concessions would be granted to the Chinese investors for making investments in Punjab. The Chief Minister said that Punjab is suitable for investment and investment process is being simplified through one window operation. He said special concessions would be granted to the Chinese investors for making investments in Punjab.—INP

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Nawaiwaqt News

چین کاروبار ہمیشہ دوستانہ رہا: تعاون بڑھائیں گے: محسن نقوی

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) نگران وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے چین کے صوبے نیشیا کے دارالحکومت ین چوان کے یوہائی کونشن سنٹر میں منعقدہ تیسری نیشیا انٹرنیشنل فرینڈشپ سٹیج فورم میں شرکت کی۔ یوہائی کونشن سنٹر پیچھے پر نیشیا کیونست پارٹی کے چیئرمین / گورنر، ڈانگ یو پو اور سیکرٹری جنرل / چیف منسٹر لیانگ یانسون نے وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور سرکاری وفد کا پر تپاک استقبال کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی تیسری نیشیا انٹرنیشنل فرینڈشپ سٹیج فورم کے مہمان خصوصی تھے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کے اعزاز میں انٹرنیشنل فرینڈشپ سٹیج فورم کی جانب سے استقبالی ظہرانہ دیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے تقریب میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ نیشیا انٹرنیشنل فرینڈشپ سٹیج فورم میں

شرکت کو پنجاب کے عوام کا اعزاز سمجھتا ہوں۔ چین کا رویہ ہمیشہ پاکستان کے ساتھ دوستانہ رہا ہے۔ چین کے صدر شی جن پنگ پاکستان اور عوام کے ساتھ دلی لگاؤ رکھتے ہیں۔ محسن نقوی نے کہا کہ پنجاب 14 کروڑ افراد کا صوبہ ہے جہاں ترقی کے بے شمار مواقع منتظر ہیں۔ منشی میں تعاون اور ترقی کے نئے راستے سامنے آئیں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ پنجاب کے سرکاری وفد کی چین آمد کا مقصد مختلف شعبوں کے ماہرین سے ملاقات اور تبادلہ خیال ہے۔ انٹرنیشنل فرینڈ شپ سٹیٹس فورم کی بدولت اجتماعی دانش سے فائدہ اٹھانے کا موقع مل رہا ہے۔ منشی کیونست پارٹی کے چیئر مین / گورنر ژانگ یو پونے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور پنجاب کے وفد کا کھلے دل سے خیر مقدم کرتے ہیں۔ منشی کیونست پارٹی کے سیکرٹری جنرل / چیف منسٹر لیانگ یانشون نے وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پنجاب کے عوام کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے لئے تعاون کو فرض عین سمجھتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور پنجاب کے سرکاری وفد کے اعزاز میں عشاء بھی دیا گیا۔ علاوہ ازیں نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی چین کے صوبہ منشی پہنچ گئے۔ منشی کے دارالحکومت یں چوان میں ایئر پورٹ پر وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور وفد کا پرتپاک استقبال کیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کا چینی صوبے منشی کے اعلیٰ سرکاری حکام نے خیر مقدم کیا اور انہیں گرمجوشی سے خوش آمدید کہا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے منشی کے اعلیٰ حکام کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ٹرانسپورٹ، انڈسٹری اور دیگر شعبوں میں چین کے کامیاب ماڈل کا مشاہدہ کر رہے ہیں۔ زراعت اور دیگر شعبوں میں چین کے کامیاب تجربات سے بھرپور فائدہ اٹھائیں گے۔ چینی حکام نے کہا کہ پنجاب سے سرکاری وفد کی آمد ہمارے لئے باعث اعزاز ہے۔ پنجاب اور منشی کو ایک دوسرے کے تجربات سے فائدہ اٹھانے کے مواقع ملیں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی منشی فرینڈ شپ فورم کے استقبال میں بھی شرکت کریں گے۔ جبکہ نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی نے بیجنگ شہر کا دورہ کیا اور بیجنگ میں شہری سہولتوں کا جائزہ لیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے سائلڈ ویسٹ مینجمنٹ، سیف سٹی پراجیکٹ کے کیمروں، پولیسنگ کے نظام کا مشاہدہ کیا، ٹریفک نظام اور روڈ انفراسٹرکچر کا بھی جائزہ لیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ کے نظام کا مشاہدہ کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے کہا کہ عوام کے لئے سہولتوں کی بہتری کیلئے چین کے ساتھ تعاون بڑھائیں گے۔

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China-ASEAN Expo provides valuable platform to Pakistan for trade

The Acting Consul General of Pakistan in Guangzhou, Sardar Muhammad said that China-ASEAN Expo provides a valuable platform for Pakistan to showcase its products and explore new avenues of trade and business cooperation with relevant companies and investors.

The Acting Consul General along with Trade and Investment Counsellor, attended the opening ceremony of the 20th China ASEAN Expo and visited Pakistan's pavilion and stalls of Pakistani companies participating in the event, according to Gwadar Pro.

Sardar said that the Expo is an annual event that facilitates economic and trade cooperation among the participating countries. The event attracts a wide range of participants including businesses, government officials, and industry experts from various sectors.

He further said that Pakistan has been allocated a sizable area at the Fair where 23 Pakistani companies are participating with their impressive display of Pakistani products including jewelry, precious gemstones, handicrafts, leather products, and carpets, to name a few.

The Acting Consul General visited stalls of Pakistani companies and interacted with their representatives. They were appreciated for their participation in the Expo and for setting up impressive booths.

They were encouraged to proactively engage with visitors and buyers with the aim of establishing long-term cooperation. They were assured full support of the Consulate General in marketing their products.

The participating companies expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements and flow of keen visitors on the opening day of the exhibition and were energized to reach out to existing customers connect with new buyers and learn more about the latest trends in their respective fields from the platform of the expo.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1133651/china-asean-expo-provides-valuable-platform-to-pakistan-for-trade/>

15 Hunza students receive Chinese Ambassadorial Scholarship

As China continues to bolster its support for education in the northern regions of Pakistan, fifteen students from the Karakoram International University (KIU) Hunza campus have been granted financial assistance through the ‘China-Pakistan Friendship-Ambassadorial Merit-cum-Need Scholarship’ program.

The students were presented with scholarship checks during a ceremony held at the KIU Hunza campus, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday. The event featured Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, Director General of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Cell at the Higher Education Commission (HEC), as the chief guest. He distributed the checks among the students.

”Spend the money on your education to fulfill the purpose of the scholarship,” advised Safdar Ali Shah to the deserving students who qualified for the scholarship. He also expressed gratitude to the Embassy of China for their generous contribution towards education in the northern region.

Under the scholarship program of the Chinese Ambassadorial Program, every year 140 scholarships are disbursed to the needy and talented students of KIU main campus and its sub-campuses. To address the issue of gender balance, a minimum of 50% of the beneficiaries are females.

On August 30, 2023, the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Islamabad awarded a grant of Rs. 7 million to foster educational excellence at KIU in Gilgit-Baltistan.

On June 20, 2023, at least 130 KIU students received financial assistance under the ‘China-Pakistan Friendship-Ambassadorial Merit-cum-Need Scholarship’ program.

The program promotes gender balance with a minimum of half of the scholarship being awarded to female students in both KIU’s main and sub-campuses.

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Sino-Pak cooperation to benefit all Pakistanis: Nong Rong

Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Nong Rong has said that China and Pakistan should engage in mutually beneficial cooperation which will benefit all Pakistani people, including those in the Balochistan province. During a meeting with the visiting Press Corps from the

Balochistan province of Pakistan, he said China and Pakistan, as “ironclad friends”, had always supported each other and stood together in times of difficulty.

He said, “China attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and is willing to deepen industrial cooperation with Pakistan and accelerate the implementation of livelihood projects.”

In recent years, Nong Rong said, the Gwadar Port had witnessed rapid development, and its achievements had benefited the local people. “The media are welcome to report more on these developments,” he added. Both sides needed to jointly create a secure and predictable business environment to achieve a benign cycle of development and security, he added.

The press corps said that friendship with China was a consensus among various sectors in Pakistan. Gwadar Port, roads, hospitals, schools, and others had greatly promoted regional connectivity and generated employment opportunities.

They looked forward to China’s continued strong support for the development of Balochistan province, bringing greater benefits to the people, the visitors said.

“The press corps is willing to bridge the ‘information gap’ between the people of Balochistan province and the Chinese people, and contribute to the development of China-Pakistan relations,” they added.

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سے ہمارے ہر روز کے مطالبہ کیا کہ ہم نے
 قومی عمل کر کے یقین دہانی کرنا ہے۔ سابق وزیر اعلیٰ
 نے کہا کہ گلگت بلتستان کی اجماعی حکومت میں
 وزارت عوام کی ذمہ داریوں کو پاکستان مسلم لیگ
 نے سنبھالنا ہے۔ اجماعی حکومت کے لیے
 کوہستان بلتستان میں گندم کے بحران اور اس کی
 شعلہ ناپتیم اور آٹے کی برفرنک آسان تر بنانے کو
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 پاکستان کے کسی پوسٹ پر نہیں ملتی ہے انہوں نے کہا
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 اڑائی چرت پر کسمپوشی کی شرح کو مناسب حدود
 پر رکھتے ہوئے جہاں گلگت بلتستان کے تاجروں کو
 دیا جائے گا اسے سنبھالنا ہے اور ہزاروں افراد کو
 سہارا دینا ہے اس لیے حکومت کو چاہئے۔ طاقت میں
 سابق وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ گلگت بلتستان میں پاکستان
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 مشینری ایل ای بندوں کی جہ سے رکی ہوئی ہے جس
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SDGs and CPEC

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a transformative project that has evolved since its inception in 2013. Initially valued at \$46 billion, its worth surged to \$62 billion by 2020, and in 2022, Chinese investment in Pakistan had grown to \$65 billion. As a key component of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), CPEC represents a strategic partnership between Pakistan and China, and its success must align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With the United Nations' SDGs Summit in New York in 2023, there has been a growing emphasis on integrating SDGs into the CPEC framework. The United Nations-Pakistan has initiated SDGs dialogues in 12 cities to accelerate progress towards these goals. It is essential to establish a dedicated CPEC-SDGs dialogue to ensure sustainable development. China's approach to sustainable development, characterized by harmonious coexistence, mutual collaboration, a win-win policy and recognition of its rich civilizational heritage, offers valuable insight for aligning CPEC with the SDGs.

CPEC has already begun contributing to Pakistan's sustainable development. During its first phase, it significantly boosted economic growth, job creation and infrastructure development in Pakistan. The State Bank of Pakistan reports that CPEC-related projects generated approximately 75,000 jobs from 2015 to 2021, reducing unemployment in the country. Furthermore, CPEC has spurred industrial development, leading to the establishment of numerous industries and special economic zones (SEZs). Pakistan's long-term development plan, Vision 2025, aligns with several SDG priorities. Chinese foreign direct investment (FDI) is identifying actionable measures for CPEC investment, including infrastructure development, job creation and innovation in social services. Achieving the SDGs in Pakistan demands substantial financial resources and non-financial support, both of which CPEC and China can provide.

China's commitment to sustainable development is evident in its 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025), which emphasizes innovation-driven growth, low-carbon development, social inclusion and addressing population aging. This plan aligns with the SDGs and reflects China's determination to achieve higher quality, fairness and sustainability in development. China's development model, as reflected in President Xi Jinping's statements at various international forums, emphasizes multilateralism and harmonious coexistence, making it a valuable partner for Pakistan's sustainable development journey.

Under President Xi Jinping's leadership, China has actively promoted its global development diplomacy through platforms like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), BRICS, G20 and various UN forums. President Xi's statements at these forums consistently underscore China's commitment to promoting sustainable development, poverty reduction and inclusive growth worldwide. One key aspect of China's development model is its emphasis on infrastructure development. The BRI, of which CPEC is a significant component, seeks to enhance connectivity and promote economic development by building roads, railways, ports and energy infrastructure across participating countries. This approach aligns with the SDGs, particularly Goal-9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) and Goal-8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Pakistan, geographically located at the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East, finds itself in a unique position between China and the western world. This strategic location can be leveraged to its advantage in terms of development policy. By collaborating with both China and western countries, Pakistan can access diverse resources, technologies and expertise to achieve the SDGs along the CPEC route.

China's remarkable economic transformation over the past few decades has positioned it as a global leader in sustainable development. Pakistan can benefit immensely from Chinese experience and expertise in fast and sustainable development. China's success in poverty reduction, industrialization and infrastructure development can serve as a valuable blueprint for Pakistan as it strives to meet the SDGs.

China's diplomacy, rooted in principles of multilateralism and harmonious coexistence, is a unique model for utilizing indigenous experience to promote sustainable development. China's approach emphasizes win-win cooperation, respect for sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations. These principles align with the core values of the United Nations and the SDGs, making China a natural partner for countries seeking to address global challenges.

Moreover, Pakistan must keep an eye on developmental hegemony, which refers to a situation where powerful actors, often economically and politically dominant nations or corporations, dictate the terms and conditions of development in less powerful regions. In the context of CPEC, China's economic prowess and influence have led to concerns that the project might perpetuate a form of developmental hegemony. Critics argue that the dominant role played by Chinese corporations and financing institutions might result in the prioritization of China's interests over those of Pakistan and the local communities along the corridor.

The perspectives of local communities living along the CPEC route are crucial in evaluating the project's impact. Many communities have expressed mixed feelings regarding CPEC's effects on their development. To ensure that CPEC truly benefits local communities, it is essential to involve them in the decision-making processes, respect their rights and address their grievances. Community engagement should extend beyond job creation and involve investment in healthcare, education and social services to improve overall living standards.

The extent to which CPEC emancipates local populations remains a subject of debate. While job creation and economic opportunities have undoubtedly improved the livelihood of some, concerns linger about the equitable distribution of benefits. To promote true emancipation, CPEC should prioritize inclusive development that addresses the needs of marginalized and vulnerable groups.

CPEC's benefits should ideally be shared among various stakeholders, including Chinese corporations, Pakistani businesses and local communities. The success of CPEC should not be measured solely by corporate profits but by its contribution to reducing poverty, improving healthcare and enhancing education in Pakistan. A balanced approach that fosters collaboration between China and Pakistan in achieving these goals is necessary. China's 14th Five-Year Plan places a significant emphasis on sustainable development, including green growth, innovation and social inclusion. This plan can serve as a blueprint for aligning CPEC with sustainable development objectives. Cooperation between Pakistan and China in implementing this plan along the corridor can lead to more balanced and equitable development outcomes.

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CPEC: A blessing & multipurpose umbrella for Pakistan and China

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KNOWING the deep-rooted friendship of China and Pakistan, the western powers including the USA had launched extensive publicity and propaganda against China on religious basis in the fifties. Their purpose was to create distance between Pakistan and China, two neighbouring countries, whose friendship had the potential to change their fate and future.

Pakistan recognized China on 4 January 1950 and established diplomatic relations with her in 1951. In his tenure as Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Zulfikar Ali Bhutto made an admirable and formidable contribution to bring China and Pakistan closer. As a consequence, the great leader of China, Zhou Enlie, as Prime Minister, visited Pakistan in 1964. In December, the same year, Pakistan's President General Muhammad Ayub Khan, embarked upon his visit to China. Z.A.Bhutto steered the mutual friendship on the basis of two friendly nations and not just two countries. He mostly wore a close neck coat which became very popular in Pakistan as a token of love and respect for Chinese leadership.

In this bond of deep friendship, Zhou Enlie's visit to Pakistan stands as the most critical and important event which paved the way for further strengthening the relations. The Jet which was presented to Chinese Prime Minister, Zhou Enlie in 1964, stands with dignity in a Chinese museum. The arch enemies of Pakistan were shocked when the cooperation between two countries was developed to these heights like CPEC.

Cooperation between China and Pakistan ranges from economic to military levels. China has proved most reliable friend and has helped Pakistan at every difficult juncture, like the 1965 War with India, in the East Pakistan tragedy 1971, at the time of nuclear explosion on May

28, 1998, in the calamity of earthquake 2005, in Corona epidemic 2019 they treated Pakistan as a part of China, and most recently in the financial crises threatening default.

In July 2013, the Chinese celebrated leader, the President of China Mr. Xi Jin Ping, launched the visionary Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the outcome of the said vision. The BRI and CPEC have completed a decade in 2023. It remained the ideal global cooperation platform and strategic vision of China for global development. It is interesting to note that BRI has extended its activities in our brother Muslim countries of Malaysia up to the Malacca Strait and Indonesia. CPEC is most important for Pakistan and China as our friends and foes are generally common.

The courageous initiative of CPEC was undertaken by the great and popular leader of Pakistan, Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Chinese President Mr. Xi Jin Ping in the year 2013. The objective was to shift the focus of cooperation from geo-politics to geo-economics. The BRI which aimed to revive the ancient Silk Road is the central piece of Chinese foreign policy. CPEC is the principal component of BRI, intended to connect Pakistan's Gwadar port city to China's Xinjiang region through a network of roads, railways and pipelines. To sum up, the Sino-Pakistan relationship, which essentially emanates from the national interest of both countries, is attributed as "Community of Common Destiny".

Friends are tested and tried in calamities. Pakistan remained unilaterally a fast friend of the USA since its inception. It joined defence pacts with them and thereby earned displeasure of Russia and faced the negative vetoes on the Kashmir issue. Unlike, the USA created a perception of a false friend because a friend in need is a friend indeed. In the 1965 War, instead of helping Pakistan being its ally, they stopped the supply of PL-480 wheat. In 1971 tragedy, the then ambassador of USA, Mr. Farland issued a policy statement at a crucial stage that East Pakistan would not and should not be a part of Pakistan, and also the 7th Fleet never reached Dhaka (former Dacca). Pakistan was again penalized for the atomic explosion in May 1998. Despite the havoc of floods in Pakistan, the IMF imposed preconditions unjustified by a lender to a sovereign country. The IMF, no doubt, follows the policy of the USA.

In Afghan Jihad against Russia, the Taliban forces and volunteers from Pakistan were martyred together and Pakistan also hosted millions of refugees from Afghanistan. The result proved that the war was for the USA which became a single superpower. The USA supplied war equipment including stinger missiles. But the brunt and backlog had to be faced by Pakistan.

It was shocking for Pakistan when the USA suddenly decided to destroy the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan who had made sacrifices for the USA. Pakistan was forced to participate in the USA war in Afghanistan. As a result, Pakistan lost his sincere friends in the shape of the Afghan Taliban and it provided a platform for our enemies to sponsor terrorism in Pakistan. The USA, despite our countless sacrifices during the war in Afghanistan, always demanded to do more due to trust deficit. In this background the recent shift in our foreign policy to reconcile with Russia is justified to safeguard our national interest. Pakistan has been

subjected to discrimination in economic relations with Iran. India is allowed to trade with Iran but Pakistan is tabooed. (kishwer72@gmail.com)

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Chinese envoy Jiang Zaidong assures full support to Pakistan's economic revival plan during SIFC visit

ISLAMABAD – Chinese delegation, led by Ambassador Jiang Zaidong visited the Special Investment Facilitation Council on September 20, 2023.

The visit of a top diplomat holds significance in strengthening the bilateral relations between Islamabad and Beijing. During a meeting with DG SIFC, Ambassador Zaidong hailed the SIFC initiative for attracting investments from friendly countries including China.

The dignitary further shows Chinese resolve to bring in more investment through SIFC and elevate Pak-China economic cooperation to new heights.

DG SIFC assured an all-out facilitation of Chinese investment and created an enabling environment through policy interventions.

Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) approved multiple projects presented by various ministries to attract investments from friendly nations, under the umbrella of the council, in key sectors like agriculture, livestock, mining, minerals, information technology, and energy.

Beijing remained a significant investor in Pakistan for several years. The two sides hold a close economic relationship, with China involved in various infrastructure and development projects in Pakistan.

SIFC programme is said to dovetail with the entire multi-billion project CPEC and serve as a propeller for progress.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-envoy-jiang-zaidong-assures-full-support-to-pakistans-economic-revival-plan-during-sifc-visit/>

The Express Tribune

Sino-Pak ties not at expense of other relations: FM

Jilani tells Asia Society Pak-US relationship de-hyphenated from other bilateral ties

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani said on Wednesday that Pakistan's relations with China were neither a "zero-sum game" nor at the expense of its relations with any other country, including the "robust" ties with the United States.

Speaking at an event of the Asia Society on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in New York, Jilani stressed that the Pak-US relationship had been de-hyphenated from all other bilateral ties, and both sides were focused on "standalone" bilateral relations.

“We believe we can have close and cooperative relations with both the US and China,” Foreign Minister Jilani told the gathering, while dilating on Pakistan’s foreign policy and its quest for peace, stability, and shared prosperity.

“Having acted as a bridge between the two countries (China and the US) in the past, we remain convinced that stable and cooperative relationship between the US and China is instrumental for global growth, development, and security,” he said.

Jilani said Pakistan’s relations with China were historical and anchored in strong trade and economic ties, adding that China was Pakistan’s largest trading partner and a major investor, especially in infrastructure and energy sectors, and its flagship China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

At the same time, Jilani termed the ties with the US one of the most consequential of bilateral relationships. He said that since the Independence, Pakistan partnered with the US in promoting peace but added that two important transformations had taken place in the ties over the time. “Firstly, security and defence cooperation remained an important pillar, while equal emphasis was being laid by both sides to strengthen cooperation in non-security areas like trade and investment, climate change, energy, health, agriculture, information technology (IT) and tech sector,” he said.

Secondly, the caretaker foreign minister continued: “The relationship now stands de-hyphenated from all other bilateral ties, and both sides are focused on tapping the inherent potential of standalone bilateral relations.” According to Jilani, these two transformations provided the ideal launching pad to enter a new era in the bilateral relationship.

He noted that the Pakistani-American community had been tirelessly complementing the Pakistan’s efforts to strengthen the bilateral ties with the US.

Afghanistan

Jilani said that Pakistan’s biggest concern at present was an enhanced threat from the terrorist organisations, including the Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) and the Islamic State-Khorasan Province (ISIS-K). He expressed concern over these outfits’ ability to use Afghan soil to launch attacks on Pakistan.

“Pakistan remains closely engaged with the interim government of Afghanistan on the issue,” Jilani said. “Terrorist outfits trying to gain a foothold in Afghanistan should be treated as a threat to the neighbourhood and the entire international community.”

Highlighting Pakistan's commitment to fighting and defeating terrorists, he stressed that Pakistan had the greatest stake in Afghanistan after Afghanistan itself, which were peace within and with its regional and international partners.

"This objective lies at the heart of our efforts to directly engage with the Afghan interim government as well as cooperate with the international community on Afghanistan," he said. He emphasised that “de-linking aid from political considerations” was the key to avert humanitarian crises in Afghanistan.

He pointed out that Pakistan shared the international community's concerns over the human rights situation in Afghanistan, especially the issues related to women's rights, girls' education, and women's employment.

The foreign minister also mentioned that Pakistan had been hosting millions of Afghan refugees for decades and would continue to work with the Afghan authorities and the international community for their return to their homeland.

India Foreign Minister

Jilani reiterated Pakistan's desire for "peaceful and cooperative neighbourly ties with India" but added that unfortunately, Islamabad's positive outreach and peace overtures were met with negativity.

"India's illegal actions in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and abhorrent human rights violations of innocent Kashmiris at the hands of Indian forces have further deteriorated relations [between the two countries]," he added.

He stressed that regional peace and stability called for peaceful and constructive dialogue on all outstanding issues, including the Kashmir dispute but added: "India's belligerence and anti-Pakistan rhetoric for domestic electorate are taking us farther away from these objectives."

On the Ukraine crisis, he said Pakistan would continue to play a constructive role to help end the war. "We hope that peace would prevail to allow peoples of both Russia and Ukraine to enjoy its dividends," he said, urging an early resumption of the Black Sea Grain Initiative. He said that Pakistan had always been a strong advocate for multilateralism, believing that through dialogue and diplomacy, "we can resolve conflicts, alleviate poverty, and achieve sustainable development".

"Pakistan also considers arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation efforts as vital tools to promote the goals of peace and security at the global and regional levels," he said.

Economic challenges

Pakistan, the caretaker foreign minister said, was committed to playing its part in the comity of nations to address the pressing challenges of the time and realise its vision for peace, stability, justice, equity, and shared prosperity.

"We are committed to moving our economy to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth, and are undertaking ambitious reforms to realise our vision," he said. "Our priorities," he continued, "are to attract investment, improve the ease-of-doing business, and streamline the regulatory regime".

The foreign minister termed climate change another pressing global challenge and said as last year's devastating floods were a testament that Pakistan was at the receiving end of the worst impacts of climate change despite being one of the lowest contributors to global warming. "We are doing our part to combat it by investing, with the help of our friends like the US, in reconstruction, tapping renewable energy, reforestation, and sustainable agriculture practices," he said.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2436860/sino-pak-ties-not-at-expense-of-other-relations-fm>

The Nation

PAF contingent lands back after successful participation in Shaheen-X air exercise in China

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) contingent landed back at an operational air base of PAF after successful participation in Shaheen-X air exercise in China. The contingent included PAF's J-10 C and JF-17 lead fighter aircraft, combat pilots, air defence controllers, and technical ground crew, who remained actively engaged during the exercise. The exercise was aimed at validating interoperability in the face of realistic contemporary air combat scenarios between the two strategic allies. Shaheen-X is the 10th in the series of Shaheen air exercises, annually held in both the countries on an alternate basis. The series of air exercises between Pakistan Air Force and People's Liberation Army Air Force are rooted in their enduring partnership. The collaborative endeavour has not only facilitated the exchange of valuable insights and lessons learned but has also served as a catalyst for enhancing interoperability among the combat crews of both air forces. The combined efforts of PAF's crew coupled with the formidable air combat capabilities of J-10 C and JF-17 aircraft, have been instrumental in achieving remarkable success in this challenging exercise. The successful participation of PAF air and ground crew in Shaheen series air exercises is reflective of the sound foothold of operational training of PAF personnel in line with the latest developments in aerial warfare in the face of shared challenges, said a press release on Tuesday.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2023-09-20/page-12/detail-0>

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Daily Times

Ambassador briefs media delegation on Pak-China relations, CPEC

* Ambassador Haq reiterates that Gwadar Port, special economic zone and Gwadar International Airport would play an important role in development of province and the country

A high-level media delegation from Balochistan province, currently on a visit to China, called on Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque at the Pakistan Embassy here on Wednesday.

Ambassador Haque briefed the delegation about Pakistan and China of bilateral relations especially the current status of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which he termed as the flagship project of BRI and a strong symbol of Pak-China strong ties.

In the second phase of CPEC, the focus is on cooperation in science and technology, agriculture and social sector development, he added.

He said that Pakistan and China were all-weather friends and strategic cooperative partners and both the countries supported each other during the challenging times.

He said that China extended ample assistance to Pakistan during the Covid-19 pandemic by sending vaccines, equipment and medical teams.

During the floods last year, China again extending a helping hand and sent relief goods to help the flood-stricken people in Pakistan, he added.

Ambassador Haque said that China was focusing on the Balochistan province and had initiated several development projects, especially in Gwadar.

He informed that Gwadar Port, special economic zone and Gwadar International Airport would play an important role in the development of the province and the country. Gwadar has potential to become the regional hub for business and trade and expressed the confidence that the port city will greatly contribute to the economy and bring about job and business opportunities for the locals, he expressed.

The members of the media delegation appreciated China's role in the development of Gwadar and Balochistan province and said the projects like Gwadar port, hospital, schools and roads have greatly contributed to regional connectivity and generated employment opportunities of the local people.

They offered to play a positive role in bringing the people of Balochistan and China more closer and contribute to further deepening of the relations between Pakistan and China.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1134056/ambassador-briefs-media-delegation-on-pak-china-relations-cpec/>

China boosts Pakistan with \$50.4 million FDI

The FDI from China into Pakistan has seen a significant increase, amounting to a total of \$50.4 million in the initial two months of FY 2023-24.

Notably, Pakistan received an additional \$32.4 million in FDI from China during August, as per the latest figures issued by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), according to Gwadar Pro.

Compared to the first two months of FY 2022-23, the current financial year has experienced a substantial increase in FDI from China, amounting to approximately 33.69%.

In July and August of FY 2022-23, the total FDI from China was recorded at \$ 37.7 million.

Similarly, Pakistan has also attracted \$16.1 million in FDI from China's Hong Kong, resulting in a total investment of \$33 million in the first two months of FY 2023-24.

Notably, there has been a substantial surge in investment from Hong Kong during July-August 2024, compared to the same period when FDI from Hong Kong was a mere \$0.8 million in the previous financial year.

As per data from the SBP, Pakistan garnered a total of \$ 150.4 million in FDI from various partner countries across the globe in August.

Out of this, \$32.4 million originated from China, and an additional \$16.1 million was contributed by Hong Kong.

In July-August FY 2023-24, as per the provisional list provided by the SBP, Pakistan received \$260.4 million, marking a substantial increase of 76% compared to the \$176.4 million received during the corresponding period in the previous financial year.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1134051/china-boosts-pakistan-with-50-4-million-fdi/>

Naqvi inaugurates 3rd Nanxia International Friendship Citizen Forum in Yinchuan

Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated 3rd Nanxia International Friendship Citizen Forum in the capital Yinchuan of the province of Nangxia China. CM Mohsin Naqvi got the distinction of becoming 1st Pakistani Chief Minister for inaugurating the Nanxia International Friendship Forum. CM Mohsin Naqvi was given a warm reception on his arrival in the conference hall of Xuhui. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi while making an important address during the 3rd Nanxia International Friendship Citizen Forum said that it is our resolve to ensure peace, stability and prosperity in the region. Pakistan-China relations are essential for peace, stability and prosperity in the whole region. Pakistan and China's strong, broad based and absolute relations are inevitable for the best interests of both the countries. Mohsin Naqvi stated that Pakistan and China are all weather cooperative and strategic partners. The Pakistan-China friendship and fraternal relations would always move towards elevations. Pakistan and China have to move forward for their bright and illuminating future. CM Mohsin Naqvi said that Pakistan and China for the last seven decades are nicely fulfilling their relations in different walks of lives. Pakistan and China have proved that mutual trust and understanding are fundamental grounds for stabilising bilateral relations. Mohsin Naqvi said that 10th anniversary of CPEC and Belt and Road initiative is being celebrated. There is a dire need to make joint endeavours for the completion of special economic zones, all ongoing projects along with expeditious progress of Gwader Port. The investors, industrialists and traders can play their vigorous role in order to take the CPEC and Belt and Road initiatives development projects to the pinnacle of glory and high standard.

CM Mohsin Naqvi said that participating in the friendship forum and addressing the distinguished ceremony is a matter of great pride for him. "I am thankful to the Communist Party and the people of Nanxia for playing host in the friendship forum." The forum provided us a unique opportunity to sit together and benefit from the collective wisdom. CM Mohsin Naqvi said that Chinese Monks by travelling on the silk route have witnessed an immortal civilization of Ghandhara and Sindh Valley in the past. The Chinese Monks have benefitted from the hidden knowledge and message of friendship of thousands years old civilization. By starting from the diplomatic relations we are moving forward by taking along the friendship of various cities and provinces as well as knowledge of harmony. The cities and provinces of both the countries augmented relations with each other. CM Mohsin Naqvi said that 43 provinces and cities of Pakistan and China by maintaining the relationship of friendship have provided a solid foundation for our future relations. Pakistan-China contacts would further promote bilateral economic, trade and tourism cooperation. CPEC and China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement have provided a new direction in the economic and trade relationships between Pakistan and China. Pakistan is the biggest trade partner of China and bilateral trade

has increased manifold in the recent years. CM Mohsin Naqvi said that our leaders have agreed to continue the high quality progress of CPEC for the benefit of both the countries. We are moving on the fast track of the ongoing development projects especially Special Economic Zone and Gwader development. Mohsin Naqvi said that he has met with the investors in connection with the Special Economic Zone. CM Mohsin Naqvi thanked the Chairman and Secretary of Nanxia Communist Party on displaying their wonderful hospitality. Provincial Ministers Amir Mir, SM Tanveer, Azfar Ali Nasir, Ibrahim Hassan Murad, Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman and Secretary Finance Mujahid Sher Dil were also present on the occasion.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1133896/naqvi-inaugurates-3rd-nanxia-international-friendship-citizen-forum-in-yinchuan/>

Nawaiwaqt News

سی پیک نے 10 سال کے دوران مثبت نتائج حاصل کئے ہیں: چینی میڈیا

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) نے اپنے آغاز کے بعد سے 10 سالوں میں مثبت نتائج حاصل کیے ہیں جس سے پاکستانی عوام کو بڑے پیمانے پر معاشی اور سماجی فوائد حاصل ہوئے ہیں۔ بدھ کو چائین میڈیا گروپ نے ایک رپورٹ میں کہا ہے کہ سی پیک کے تحت توانائی اور بجلی کے منصوبوں نے پاکستان کو درپیش بجلی کی شدید قلت کو بہت حد تک حل کیا ہے اور شاہراہوں کی تعمیر جیسے بنیادی ڈھانچے کے منصوبوں نے پورے ملک میں سڑکوں کی رسائی کو بہت بہتر بنایا ہے۔ پاکستان میں چینی سفارت خانے کی جانب سے فراہم کردہ اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 2022 کے اختتام تک سی پیک نے پاکستان میں 25.4 ارب ڈالر کی براہ راست سرمایہ کاری کی اور مجموعی طور پر 2 لاکھ 36 ہزار روزگار کے مواقع پیدا ہوئے۔ تجزیہ کاروں کے مطابق چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کی مشترکہ تعمیر نے نہ صرف متعدد ترقیاتی فوائد پیدا کیے ہیں بلکہ مشاورت، مشترکہ تعمیر اور اشتراک کے عالمی گورننس کے تصور پر بھی صحیح معنوں میں عمل کیا ہے۔

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پاک چین تعاون سے پاکستانی آبادی پر مثبت اثرات مرتب ہوں گے، چینی نائب وزیر خارجہ

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) چین کے نائب وزیر خارجہ نوٹنگ روٹنگ نے کہا ہے کہ چین اور پاکستان باہمی طور پر فائدہ مند تعاون کو فروغ دے رہے ہیں، اس سے صوبہ بلوچستان میں رہنے والے افراد سمیت پاکستان کی پوری آبادی پر مثبت اثرات مرتب ہوں گے۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق بلوچستان سے تعلق رکھنے والے صحافیوں کے ایک وفد سے ملاقات کے دوران وزیر نوٹنگ نے کہا کہ چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان پائیدار دوستی مشکل وقت میں غیر متزلزل حمایت پر منحصر ہے۔ انہوں نے پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری کو آگے بڑھانے، اعلیٰ معیار کی ترقی پر توجہ مرکوز کرنے اور پاکستان کے ساتھ صنعتی تعاون کو گہرا کرنے پر آمادگی کا اظہار کیا۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق انہوں نے عوام کے معیار زندگی کو بہتر بنانے کے مقصد سے منصوبوں میں تیزی لانے پر بھی زور دیا۔ نوٹنگ روٹنگ نے حالیہ برسوں میں گوادر بندرگاہ کی تیز رفتار ترقی پر روشنی ڈالتے ہوئے اس کی کامیابی کو مقامی آبادی کو حاصل ہونے والے فوائد سے منسوب کیا۔ یہاں باضابطہ طور پر جاری کردہ تفصیلات کے مطابق نوٹنگ روٹنگ نے میڈیا کوپرجوش دعوت دیتے ہوئے ان قابل ذکر واقعات پر تفصیلی رپورٹنگ کرنے کی ترغیب دی۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق انہوں نے ترقی اور سلامتی کے مثبت چکر کو آسان بنانے کے لئے دونوں ممالک کو مشترکہ طور پر ایک محفوظ اور متوقع کاروباری ماحول قائم کرنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق دورے پر آئے ہوئے پریس کور نے اس بات پر اتفاق کیا کہ چین کے ساتھ دوستی پاکستان کے مختلف شعبوں میں مشترکہ اتفاق رائے ہے۔ انہوں نے گوادر پورٹ، سڑکوں، ہسپتالوں، اسکولوں اور دیگر منصوبوں کے علاقائی رابطوں اور روزگار کے مواقع پیدا کرنے پر نمایاں اثرات کو تسلیم کیا۔ صحافیوں کو صوبہ بلوچستان کی ترقی کے لئے چین کی مسلسل حمایت کا بے

چینی سے انتظار تھا اور اسے مقامی آبادی کے لئے زیادہ خوشحالی کا ذریعہ قرار دیا گیا تھا۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق پریس کور نے صوبہ بلوچستان کے رہائشیوں اور چینی عوام کے درمیان معلومات کے فرق کو ختم کرنے کے لئے اپنی آمدگی کا اظہار کیا اور اپنی رپورٹنگ کے ذریعے چین اور پاکستان کے تعلقات کو مضبوط بنانے کے عزم پر زور دیا۔

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چین کے سفیر کا وفد کے ساتھ اے س آئی اے ف سی کا دورہ

سلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) پاکستان میں چین کے سفیر جیانگ زیڈونگ نے پے نی وفد کے ساتھ اے س آئی اے ف سی کا دورہ کیا۔ ڈی جی اے س آئی اے ف سی سے ملاقات کے دوران پے س کے سفیر نے ان کے ملک سمیت دوست ممالک سے سرمایہ کاری کو راغب کرنے کے لیے کونسل کے اقدام کو سراہا۔ انہوں نے کونسل کے ذریعے مزید سرمایہ کاری لانے اور پاک چین اقتصادی تعاون کو نئی بلندیوں تک پہنچانے کے لیے چینی عزم کا اظہار کیا۔

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Business Recorder

Minister underscores need for expediting work on SEZs under CPEC projects

NAVEED BUTT

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed, directed the relevant stakeholders to expedite the work on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects.

The minister for planning gave directions while chairing a meeting to review progress on SEZs under the CPEC.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Economist of Pakistan, Dr Nadeem Javaid, representatives from the Board of Investment, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and chief executive officers (CEOs) of Provincial Zones were also present in the meeting.

The minister directed the relevant stakeholders to expedite work on SEZs while following the deadlines.

The provincial representatives in the meeting gave a detailed briefing over the implementation status of SEZs which include Rashakai Special Economic Zone, Dhabeji Special Economic Zone; Allama Iqbal Industrial City; Bostan Special Economic Zone; ICT Model Industrial Zone; Industrial Park on Pakistan Steel Mill Land; Mirpur Industrial Zone; Mohmand Marble City and Moqpondass Special Economic Zone.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2023/09/22/2-page/972641-news.html>

Data ex-filtration

Indian group targeting Pakistani, Chinese state institutions

TAHIR AMIN

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Division has revealed that PatchWork — an Indian Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) group has actively targeted Chinese and Pakistan state institutions for data ex-filtration.

The Division has issued an advisory while saying that APT groups are anonymous threat actors attacking cyber/IT infrastructure of other states to gain unauthorised access/ingress while remaining undetected for an extended period of time. Usually, these groups (Sidewinder, Bitter, Do Not etc) are Indian state sponsored that often target Pakistan's Military and civil IT setups. Recently, PatchWork (an Indian APT group) has actively targeted Chinese and Pakistan State Institutions for data ex-filtration. In this regard, profile, modus operandi, Indicators of Compromise (IoCs) and preventive measures are as under: PatchWork (also known as Mahabusa and White Elephant) is an Indian APT group present in cyberspace since 2015. The APT group came into the limelight in 2017 when various cyber security researchers identified its modus operandi and nefarious operations.

PatchWork primarily targets Asian Region. It mainly uses spear phishing emails, whaling, social engineering and masquerading techniques (crafted malicious emails, fake rating websites appearing to be legitimate to gain users trust and SM links to download malicious mobile apps) to execute cyber-attacks on regional countries including Pakistan and China. An APT group may frequently change its techniques, tactics and procedures. However, phishing email remains initial entry point for malicious activities.

In yet another advisory "Cyber Security Advisory – Prevention Against Financial Scam," stated that a substantial rise in banking/financial scams has been observed using phishing, smishing and vishing techniques.

According to the advisory a copy of which is available with Business Recorder, the scammers introduce themselves as government officials (the FIA, the SBP and Defence Force using fake official landline numbers and logos on WhatsApp DP) through call-cloning services.

Resultantly, online-banking users continuously fall prey primarily due to a lack of cyber security awareness, as well as advanced social engineering tactics used by scammers (call cloning, malicious apps and fake websites). As a result, malicious actors deceitfully withdraw money from user's accounts.

Financial scammers make use of the following attack vectors to exploit victim's bank account:

a. Fake Websites – Reference of Army Poverty Alleviation Campaign. Scammers are using spoofed websites appearing to be State Bank of Pakistan legitimate verification website and asking victims to upload personal financial details on website in reference to Pakistan Army Poverty alleviation and Revival of Economy Campaign. Fake website of State Bank of Pakistan for verification being referred is (www.statebankverificaiton.wixsite.com)

b. Social Engineering. Malicious actors masquerade phone numbers or call from unknown mobile phone/compromised WhatsApp number, masked banking official number to the victim acting as a bank employee/manager and ask for Personally Identifiable Information (PII) like internet banking username, CNIC number, debit card number and debit card pin.

After that the malicious actor tactfully enquires the victim whether he/she has received One Time Password (OTP) from bank and asks the user to forward it to the caller directly or by clicking on a WhatsApp link. Armed with this information, malicious actor can easily compromise any bank account and transfer money to potential account or perform online shopping.

c. Anonymity. The attackers use secure and anonymous cyber means to conduct the operation. Due to which, backtracking is a difficult task.

There is no technical solution that can eradicate and detect social engineering completely; however, safe usage of mobile/computer and compliance with security guidelines is the only way forward.

Above in view, cyber awareness campaigns regarding financial scams be arranged at different forums. In addition to it, following protective measures are recommended:

a. Blocking of fake website appearing to be state bank verification website (www.statebankverificaiton.wixsite.com)

b. Scammers are equipped with latest technology for masking official numbers of banks. Users are advised to remain vigilant and call banking helpline themselves, immediately to verify any suspicious call.

c. Never provide sensitive information over phone to anyone, especially passwords. CNIC number and Debit/Credit Card PIN as banks do not ask for such information over phone except when user calls them for activation of debit card or internet banking account.

d. Always pay attention to suspicious numbers that do not look like real mobile phone numbers. Scammers often mask their identity by using email-to-text services to avoid revealing their actual phone number.

e. Be aware of false SMS regarding lottery schemes/Benazir Income Support Programme prize offers; they are all bogus.

f. Genuine SMS messages received from banks usually contain sender ID (consisting of bank's short name) instead of a phone number in sender information field.

g. All clickable links/SMS to earn money offers are counterfeit; do not fall prey to them.

h. Never trust and reply anonymous emotional SMS as these are all traps.

i. Always use Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on Internet Banking Apps, WhatsApp, Social Media and Gmail accounts.

j. Always keep a strong password for email or online account and regularly change passwords to prevent hacking.

k. Always check application permissions before installation of application and install applications from Google/iPhone Play Store only.

l. Before downloading/installing apps on Android devices, review app details, number of downloads, user reviews comments and “additional information” section.

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Daily Times

Pak exhibitors enthusiastic to explore opportunities at China-Arab States Expo

The Pakistani exhibitors are eagerly looking forward to exploring new opportunities at the Sixth China-Arab States Expo, which kicked off in Yinchuan, capital city of China’s northwest autonomous region of Ningxia on Thursday

The event serves as a platform for businesses from China and Arab countries to come together and foster economic cooperation with the world, said Muhammad Irfan, Commercial Counselor at the Guangzhou Consulate of Pakistan.

Muhammad Irfan told China Economic Net (CEN) that Pakistan, being a key player in the region, recognizes the importance of strengthening its ties with China in terms of trade and investments. The participation of Pakistani exhibitors at this event signifies their commitment to expanding bilateral trade relations and tapping into potential business prospects.

“China’s Belt and Road Initiative has already paved the way for increased trade and infrastructure development between the two countries. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a prime example of this collaboration, with major projects underway in sectors such as energy, transportation, and infrastructure,” he added.

The Commercial Counselor said more than 25 Pakistani exhibitors are showcasing their products at the four-day expo and they are very excited to participate and meet Chinese visitors, whereas more than 300 square meters of area is fixed for Pakistan. Shahzad Chadyala, a Pakistani exhibitor, showcased his wooden handicrafts and furniture and hand-made carved products to visitors at the China-Arab States Expo.

He said that this expo provides a platform for Pakistani businesses to engage with Chinese counterparts, explore new trade opportunities, and forge strategic partnerships.

“Pakistan handicrafts are very famous around the globe. As one of the closest allies of China in the region, Pakistan can leverage this platform to strengthen its economic cooperation and attract Chinese investments,” he added.

Five sessions of the Expo have been held in Yinchuan, Ningxia since 2013 with “Friendship, Cooperation and Win-win Development” as the principle.

According to the organisers, the previous five Expos have attracted 24 Chinese and foreign dignitaries, 318 Chinese and foreign ministerial-level officials, and over 6,000 domestic and foreign enterprises from 112 countries and regions.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1134200/pak-exhibitors-enthusiastic-to-explore-opportunities-at-china-arab-states-expo/>

Pakistan Observer

CM visits biggest general hospital in Chinese city Yinchuan of Ningxia province

Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi visited the biggest General Hospital in the Chinese city Yinchuan of Ningxia province. Chief secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman also accompanied him. Senior officials of the Ningxia province and officers of the Pakistan Embassy also accompanied CM Mohsin Naqvi. The officials of Ningxia Hospital briefed the CM about available facilities and mechanisms in the hospital.

The biggest general hospital of Ningxia consists of 3500 beds. CM Mohsin Naqvi also held a conversation with the doctors and paramedical staff of Ningxia General Hospital. Mohsin Naqvi inspected the reception, wards and departments of the Ningxia General Hospital. He also witnessed restrooms of doctors and paramedical staff.

CM Mohsin Naqvi reviewed the blood sample collection room, medical store, and emergency ward and also monitored ambulance vehicles equipped with the latest medical equipment. CM Mohsin Naqvi also witnessed the latest machinery available for the treatment and equipment. Mohsin Naqvi said that the management staff of one of the biggest General Hospital of Ningxia is praiseworthy and worth emulating. "After visiting Uzbekistan I reviewed facilities in the second foreign hospital."

Mohsin Naqvi revealed that we are trying our utmost to improve medical facilities for the patients on the same pattern in the hospitals of Punjab. We would benefit from the skills of the Ningxia government to improve the condition of hospitals. CM Mohsin Naqvi also met with the Pakistanis working in the Ningxia General Hospital and exchanged views with them.

<https://pakobserver.net/cm-visits-biggest-general-hospital-in-chinese-city-yinchuan-of-ningxia-province/>

BRI, CPEC vital vehicles for achieving SDGs: PM

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar noted that China's Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are vital vehicles for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

He was participating in a high-level meeting on Global Development Initiative Cooperation Outcomes held on the sidelines of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, according to a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Thursday.

The GDI was proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping on September 20, 2022. In his remarks, the Prime Minister highlighted that progress towards achieving the SDGs has suffered a serious setback due to the poly crises of Covid, conflict and climate change.

He expressed Pakistan's support for the GDI and commended the milestones achieved in its implementation, the most recent being the successful launch of the Inter-Agency Task Force on GDI.

And he highlighted the need for action in 5 key areas: food production, infrastructure investment, industrialization, resilient healthcare systems and the bridging the digital divide.

The Prime Minister further highlighted the necessity of adequate and appropriate finance at all levels of the development process and welcomed President Xi's announcement of the setting up another fund of USD 10 billion dedicated to the implementation of the GDI.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister stated that Pakistan looks forward to enhancing its cooperation with China and other members of the Group of Friends of GDI to realize their collective aspiration for implementation of the SDGs.

The event also heard opening remarks by Mr. Han Zheng, Vice President of China, Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly, and other high-level dignitaries, as well as a video briefing and presentation on GDI cooperation.

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Pak, China express resolve to enhance coop for uplift, security

Pakistan and China reiterated their strong resolve to further enhance the existing excellent cooperation between the countries in a meeting held between Mr Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti Federal Minister for Interior and his Chinese counterpart Mr Wang Xiao Hong Member of the Secretariat of CPC Central Committee, State Councillor and Minister for Public Security.

The two ministers held a bilateral meeting in Lianyungang City on the occasion of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum 2023.

Federal Interior Minister, while responding to welcome remarks by the host minister, thanked the Chinese government for their warm welcome and hospitality to Pakistan's delegation. Mr. Bugti further said that China is a time tested and all weather strategic friend and expressed profound appreciation on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan for the unwavering and unconditional support of the government and the people of China for Pakistan during all challenges.

Mr. Sarfraz Bugti briefed the host minister about various steps undertaken by Pakistan to ensure the foolproof security of Chinese in Pakistan who are working on various projects for a better future of people of Pakistan.

The Chinese Minister appreciated the strong resolve of the government of Pakistan and various measures taken by it to counter the threat of terrorism, drugs, and risks to the security of Chinese nationals and installations. He expressed the hope that Pakistan and China can explore more avenues through capacity building and joint cooperation to defeat the nefarious designs of inimical elements.

<https://pakobserver.net/pak-china-express-resolve-to-enhance-coop-for-uplift-security/#:~:text=Pakistan%20and%20China%20reiterated%20their%20strong%20resolve%20to,Committee%2C%20State%20Councillor%20and%20Minister%20for%20Public%20Security>

Zong's CEO reaffirms pledge to invest in Pakistan's digital future

Zong 4G's CEO and Chairman Mr. Huo Junli has reaffirmed Zong 4G's steadfast commitment to spearheading advancements in the telecommunication industry and driving Pakistan's digital transformation.

In a meeting with the caretaker IT & Telecommunication Minister, Dr. Umar Saif, the Zong CEO reaffirmed Zong 4G's pledge to invest in the digital future of Pakistan and emphasized the pivotal role of technology in national development.

The discussion focused on fostering social and digital inclusion, ensuring that technology reaches every corner of the country, and no one is left behind in the digital era.

The meeting spotlighted the enduring Pak-China friendship, with Zong 4G's envisioning a transformative "information superhighway" connecting the two nations. This visionary initiative aims to facilitate seamless technology transfer and knowledge exchange from China to Pakistan, catalyzing Pakistan's progress and development.

The meeting underscores Zong 4G's unwavering commitment to propel Pakistan's digital evolution, solidify its leadership in the telecommunications sector, and foster international collaborations that illuminate a brighter digital future.

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Chief of China's AAD of MFA meets delegation from Gwadar

Mr. Liu Jinsong, Director-General of the Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, met with a delegation from Pakistan's Gwadar region, headed by Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Vice Chancellor of the University of Gwadar. Liu welcomed Sabir and the delegation to China and engaged in discussions and interactions with each member of the delegation.

He emphasized that over the past decade since the launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), with the joint efforts of both China and Pakistan, significant infrastructure projects in Gwadar, including ports, airports, roads, bridges, hospitals, and desalination plant have been completed and put into operation, bringing tangible benefits to the local people. Liu pointed out that China attaches great importance to the well-being and economic development of Balochistan and Gwadar region in Pakistan and continues to invest, demonstrating that China's friendly policy towards Pakistan is oriented towards all ethnic groups in Pakistan, that the CPEC projects have benefited all regions, tribes and social strata of the country, and that the China-Pakistan Friendship and Cooperation have a very strong inclusiveness and universally beneficial nature.

The construction of the CPEC benefits every region in Pakistan, and there will be no exceptions. All projects undertaken by China in various parts of Pakistan, including Gwadar Port, are based on the principles of extensive consultation, joint construction, and shared benefits, respecting Pakistan's sovereignty and the wishes of the local people, and ultimately benefiting the grassroots population. China requests Chinese nationals in Pakistan to abide by local laws, respect local customs, traditions, religions, and cultures, uphold justice while pursuing shared interests, create more job opportunities locally, and engage in more grassroots and charitable activities.

China will continue to enhance communication and cooperation with the Balochistan government, public institutions, think tanks, universities, media, and grassroots communities, promoting comprehensive cooperation in connectivity, trade and investment, people's livelihood, and education, to make more local people feel the benefits and happiness brought by the high-quality development of the CPEC. Liu pointed out that China-Pakistan cooperation needs to balance security and development, with security being a prerequisite and guarantee for development. Counter-terrorism efforts must address both the symptoms and root causes, and genuine long-term stability can only be achieved by reducing poverty and unemployment, and by eliminating external interference and disruption. Liu expressed the hope that the Pakistani side would attach greater importance to the security of CPEC projects, the band build consensus, and resources for development. China is willing to work with Pakistan to eradicate the breeding grounds for terrorism. Liu stated that there is a famous saying on the Pakistan Monument at the top of Shakarparian Park: "The destiny of a nation is in the hands of every individual, and every individual is a guiding star for their nation." The key to Pakistan's development lies in self-confidence, self-improvement, and self-reliance.

Concepts such as "To get rich, first build ports and roads," "Establish pilot projects and special economic zones," and "No stability without agriculture, no prosperity without industry, no vitality without commerce, and no upgrading without finance" are all mature experiences from China's reform and opening up that Pakistan can refer to and learn from. China sincerely hopes that Pakistan will maintain political stability and policy continuity.

<https://pakobserver.net/chief-of-chinas-aad-of-mfa-meets-delegation-from-gwadar/#:~:text=Mr.%20Liu%20Jinsong%2C%20Director-General%20of%20the%20Asian%20Affairs,and%20interactions%20with%20each%20member%20of%20the%20delegation>

No other country rivals China in sports: Ferraz

"I believe that there will be an amazing experience. And I'd like to thank the Chinese government to give us a chance to play in this amazing facility," said Issanaye Ramires Ferraz, Pakistan's Brazilian volleyball coach.

We have team work. That is our philosophy. We will work as a team to give Pakistan a high performance and get good results." CEN reported.

"Before this, we have played the Asian Men's Volleyball Championship. Compared to that, our team is fit now, in terms of ball skills and physical fitness.

Our head coach is also satisfied with our training. We expect to stand on the victory stand,” said Mubashir Raza Watto, captain of Pakistan’s national volleyball team.

“We went to China for the World Military Games. We got a bronze medal. If I talk about the management of China, their management is very good, in terms of food, in terms of accommodation.

They treat us very well. In terms of sports, I don’t think there is a better country than China that manages it so well,” Mubashir added.

The men’s and women’s volleyball competitions started on Sept. 19 and will last through Oct. 7 across four venues in Hangzhou, China.

Pakistan’s biggest achievement in the Asian Games volleyball history is their third-place finish in the 1962 Jakarta Asian Games. In the last Asian Games held in Indonesia in 2018 Pakistan finished eighth.

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K2 Daily

چین و گلگت بلتستان میں ریجنل گریڈ فیروزوں کے معاہدے پر دستخط

چین اور گلگت بلتستان میں ریجنل گریڈ فیروزوں کے معاہدے پر دستخط ہو گئے، یہ منصوبہ نو ارب کی لاگت سے تین سال کے عرصے میں پایہ تکمیل کو پہنچانے کا حکرہ برقیات کی طرف سے پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر کریم خان، سلطان محمود ایچر سز کے ایم ڈی پیر محمد شاہ جہاں اور چائینیز کمپنی ایس ٹی کے مابین دستخط ہوئے گلگت بلتستان ریجنل گریڈ فیروزوں کی تکمیل سے پہلے مرحلے میں گلگت، بھر اور ہنزہہ کو انٹرنک کیا جائے گا جس ضلع میں بجلی کی پیداوار زیادہ ہوگی وہاں سے اضافی بجلی کو دوسرے اضلاع میں لایا جائے گا جہاں پہ بجلی کی کمی کا سامنا ہوگا۔ اس طرح بجلی کی کمی کو پورا کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ نو ارب کی لاگت سے بننے والا یہ پراجیکٹ 2026 تک تین سال کی مدت میں پورا کیا جائیگا۔ جس سے پہلے فیروز میں تین اضلاع مستفید ہوں گے۔ چین اور گلگت بلتستان میں ریجنل گریڈ فیروزوں کے معاہدے پر دستخط خوش آئند ہیں، ماضی میں بھی اس حوالے سے بااقت سنائی دیتی رہی ہے۔ فیڈرل پی ایس ڈی پی منصوبوں کے حوالے سے مقررہ نام لائن پورا کرنے والے پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر کیف کارروائی عمل میں لانے کا کہا گیا گلگت بلتستان میں توانائی کے بحران پر قابو پانے کے انتہائی اہمیت کے حامل پی ایس ڈی پی فنڈ ڈو بیوے منصوبوں ریجنل گریڈ فیروزوں اور چائینیز میکانک اسٹریکچر پراجیکٹ کو وفاقی وزیر برقیات منسوپہ بندی احسن اقبال کی سربراہی میں منعقد ہونے والے سینٹرل ڈوٹیشن ورکنگ گروپ میں اصولی منظوری دی گئی اور حتمی منظوری کیلئے ایکٹ پیج کی سفارش کی گئی تھی۔ چیف سیکرٹری گلگت بلتستان جی ایم احمد وانی نے اس ضمن میں تھیلیات سے آگاہ کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ گلگت بلتستان جیسے پاکستان کے اہم اور شہاد گزار ضلع میں اب تک ریجنل گریڈ مسلم کابو ہوا ایک ایسے جسکی جہ سے یہاں کے عوام کوشش کی دہائیوں سے اعصاب شکن توانائی بحران کا شکار ہیں۔ گریڈ کے قیام سے گلگت بلتستان میں پیدا ہونے والی اضافی بجلی سے ملک کے دیگر صوبے بھی مستفید ہوں گے۔ شہر حتمک جھینس

میکھاواٹ پاور پراجیکٹ کے حوالے سے چیف سیکرٹری گلگت بلتستان نے بتایا کہ یہ منصوبہ بلتستان، ریجنل پانچویں ضلع سکرو سے ملحقہ آبادی کو تھانہ بجران سے نہات دلانے کے حوالے سے انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے۔ اس منصوبے کی تکمیل کے بعد سکرو ڈیم اور شہر لوڈ شیڈنگ سے پاک ہو جائے گا جس کے نتیجے میں نہ صرف عوام کو اعصاب صحت کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے نہات ملے گی بلکہ بلتستان کے علاقوں میں سیاحت اور صنعتی ترقی کو بھی دوام حاصل ہوگا جس سے لوگوں کی سماجی معاشی حالت بہتر ہوگی۔ جب وفاقی وزارت ترقیاتی منصوبہ بندی کے اہم اجلاس میں جب یہ منصوبے منظور ہوئے تو کہا گیا کہ ان منصوبوں پر ایک کی حتمی منظوری کے بعد تیزی سے عملدرآمد شروع کر دیا جائے گا اور سترہ ارب روپے کی لاگت سے ریجنل گرو فیروان سکیم منصوبہ لگے تین سالوں میں پایہ تکمیل کو پہنچے گی۔ چیف سیکرٹری نے مزید بتایا کہ سی ٹی بی میں پاور پراجیکٹس سیکٹر میں غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے۔ چیف سیکرٹری نے کہا تھا اس منصوبے کی تکمیل سے گلگت بلتستان حکومت کو پاور سیکٹر میں بین الاقوامی سرمایہ کاروں کو راضی کرنے میں بھرپور مدد ملے گی۔ شہر تھنگ جیٹس، میکھاواٹ پاور پراجیکٹ کے حوالے سے چیف سیکرٹری نے بتایا کہ یہ منصوبہ بلتستان ریجنل پانچویں ضلع سکرو سے ملحقہ آبادی کو تھانہ بجران سے نہات دلانے کے حوالے سے انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے۔ اس منصوبے کی تکمیل کے بعد سکرو ڈیم اور شہر لوڈ شیڈنگ سے پاک ہو جائے گا جس کے نتیجے میں نہ صرف عوام کو اعصاب صحت کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے نہات ملے گی بلکہ بلتستان کے علاقوں میں سیاحت اور صنعتی ترقی کو بھی دوام حاصل ہوگا۔ جین پاکستان اٹانک کارپوریشن نے گلگت بلتستان کی اہمیت اور سرمایہ کاری و روزگار کے مواقع میں نمایاں اضافہ کیا ہے، وقت گزرنے کے ساتھ صورتحال مزید بہتر ہوتی چلی جائے گی۔ سی بی کے اس خطے کو ایک نئی چھان دی ہے، اس منصوبے کے تحت انڈسٹریل اور اٹانک ڈوز لگائے جا رہے ہیں جو اس علاقے کے لوگوں کو خوشحال کریں گے۔ تھانہ بجران کے پارے میں انہوں نے کہا کہ گلگت بلتستان پینل گرو سے منسلک نہیں، یہاں پہلے گرو ٹیشن کے قیام کے لیے کام بینڈری لگ رہا ہے۔ ماضی میں دیباہ برہمٹا پر پھیلنے سے کام نہیں ہوا مگر اب صورتحال مختلف ہے 4500 میگا واٹ 7500 میگا واٹ اور 5000 میگا واٹ کے دیباہ برہمٹا، پونجی اور داسو منصوبوں کی تکمیل سے وافر دستی اور ماحول دوست بجلی پیدا کی جاسکتی۔ گلگت بلتستان کا خطہ سٹیڈ اکنومی، تھانہ بجران کی پیرو اور آمدنیات

ہیں جنہوں نے 1980 سے جین کی صنعتی ترقی اور ایک چھوٹے میں اضافہ کیا ہے۔ 1979 میں اٹانک ریٹائرمنٹ سے پہلے جین کی ترقی پاکستان کی ترقی سے کہتی ہیں آج جین کی ترقی 8069 اٹانک بجلی کی ہے جبکہ پاکستان کی ترقی سے آمدنی 1400 سے 1500 اٹانک محدود ہے۔ پاکستان نے سی بی کے 37 اٹانک ڈوز جو بنائے گئے تھے لیکن نو ڈوز کی منظوری ہوئی ہے جس میں دھاتی ٹیٹھ، ڈھنگی ٹیٹھ، پورٹ قاسم کراچی، آئی سی ٹی ماڈل انڈسٹریل زون، علامہ اقبال انڈسٹریل ٹی، موکو پورٹ، گلگت بلتستان، میر پور اٹانک ڈوز، یوٹان انڈسٹریل زون اور مہاراجہ ٹیٹھ شامل ہیں۔ پہلے مرحلے میں چار اٹانک ڈوز قائم کیے جائیں گے جن میں سے تین پر کام شروع کیا جانا ہے جن میں ٹیٹھ، پورٹ قاسم کراچی، آئی سی ٹی ماڈل انڈسٹریل زون، یوٹان انڈسٹریل ٹی، موکو پورٹ، گلگت بلتستان، میر پور اٹانک ڈوز شامل ہیں۔ پاکستان میں اب تک ایک پورٹ پر ڈیسنگ ڈوز اور اٹانک ڈوز کا تجربہ کامیاب نہیں رہا دیگر ممالک کی طرح ہم ان ڈوز کے ذریعے ایک پورٹ اور بیرونی سرمایہ کاری نہیں بڑھا سکتے۔ جین اور ماحول کی طرح پگھلنے والی ہے جی اٹانک ڈوز کے ذریعے ایک پورٹ میں اضافہ کیا ہے جن میں چٹا کنگ اٹانک ڈوز شامل ہے۔ جس نے پارلیمنٹ کی کمیٹی کے اہل علم اور ان کو بتایا کہ دھاتی اٹانک ڈوز، پورٹ قاسم کراچی 22 گھنٹے سے بھی کم لاگت پر قائم ہے جو پورٹ کی سہولت کی طرح نظر کا میڈیٹر رکھنے پر پیش ثابت ہو سکتا ہے۔ پورٹ قاسم میں ٹیکنالوجی کا پروفائٹ کی دہائیوں سے تیس کی عدم دھاتی کے باعث بند کرنا بڑا ہے لہذا دھاتی اٹانک ڈوز پر ڈیسنگ ڈوز کی کامیابی کیلئے بجلی، گیس، پانی کی سپلائی اور ماحولیاتی آلودگی کی روک تھام کے جدید انفراسٹرکچر کا ہونا ضروری ہے۔ جین کی کامیابی کی ایک وجہ اس کی صنعتوں کا بڑا اکنومی آف اسکیل ہونا بھی ہے جین میں ایک اسپنڈل کا سائزوں لاکھ سپنڈل ہوتا ہے جبکہ پاکستان میں بڑے سے بڑی اسپنڈل ایک لاکھ اسپنڈل کی ہوتی ہے جس کی وجہ سے جین کی میڈیٹرنگ لاگت پاکستان کے مقابلے میں کم ہے۔ جین کا گلوبل مارکیٹنگ نیٹ ورک پوری دنیا میں پھیلا ہوا ہے جس سے ہمیں قائمہ اٹانک چاہنے لیکن صنعتوں کے لیے بجلی کی ضرورت کے مطابق پیداوار انتہائی ضروری ہے جس کے لیے گلگت بلتستان سے قائمہ اٹانک ہاں گرو ٹیشن قائم ہونا ضروری ہے۔

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چینی باشندوں کی فول پروف سیکورٹی یقینی بنائیں گے، سرفراز بگٹی

پاکستان جین مشنر کے قریب ڈشون کے عزم نامہ کام ہاں گے ہیں چینی وزیر اعلیٰ

بگٹی (آئی این بی) گرامن وزیر اعلیٰ سرفراز بگٹی کی یقینی ہم منصب داکھیاؤ ہانگ سے ملاقات ہوئی ہے، جس میں باہمی ترقی اور سکورٹی

اور تعلیم کی روک تھام کے لیے حکومت پاکستان کے عزم اور اقدامات کو سراہا۔ ہانگ نے چینی شہریوں اور جمہوریت کی سکورٹی کے لیے پاکستانی حکومت کے اقدامات کی بھی تعریف کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور جین مشنر کے قریب ڈشون کے عزم نامہ ہاں گے ہیں۔

بگٹی وزیر اعلیٰ ہانگ نے سیکورٹی کے لیے ہانگ سے ملاقات کی اور اقدامات کو سراہا۔ ہانگ نے چینی شہریوں اور جمہوریت کی سکورٹی کے لیے پاکستانی حکومت کے اقدامات کی بھی تعریف کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور جین مشنر کے قریب ڈشون کے عزم نامہ ہاں گے ہیں۔

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پنجاب حکومت کے وفد کا چین عرب ایکسپو کے استقبالیہ، نشیا پونیورسٹی کے سکول آف ایگریکلچر کا دورہ

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) چین کے صوبے نشیا کے دار الحکومت یو جواں میں 6 ویں چین، عرب ایکسپو میں شریک غیر ملکی مندوبین کے اعزاز میں استقبالیہ تقریب منعقد ہوئی۔ صوبائی وزراء ایس ایم تنویر، مظفر علی ناصر، ابراہیم حسن مراد اور سیکرٹری خزانہ مجاہد شیر دل پر مشتمل پنجاب حکومت کے وفد نے 6 ویں چین، عرب ممالک

ایکسپو تقریب میں خصوصی شرکت کی۔ صوبائی وزراء ایس ایم تنویر، انظر علی ناصر، ابراہیم حسن مراد نے منشیہ کے حکام اور کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے عہدیداروں سے ملاقات کی۔ صوبائی وزراء نے ایکسپو میں شریک عرب ممالک کے وفد سے ملاقاتیں کیں۔ صوبائی وزیر ایس ایم تنویر نے کہا کہ دورہ چین پنجاب کے عوام کو مزید بہتر سہولتوں کے مواقع فراہم کرنے کے لئے معاون ثابت ہوگا۔ جبکہ محسن نقوی کی ہدایت پر پنجاب حکومت کے وفد نے منشیہ یونیورسٹی کے سکول آف ایگریکلچر کا دورہ کیا۔ صوبائی وزراء نے یو جوان کے آبپاشی زرعی نظام کا بھی جائزہ لیا۔ صوبائی وزراء نے سکول آف ایگریکلچر میں زرعی ریسرچ سنٹر کے مختلف شعبوں کا مشاہدہ کیا اور جدید بنیادوں پر ریسرچ کا عمل دیکھا۔ صوبائی وزراء ایس ایم تنویر، انظر علی ناصر اور ابراہیم حسن مراد نے چینی طلباء و طالبات سے ملاقات اور تبادلہ خیال کیا۔ ابراہیم حسن مراد نے کہا کہ زرعی ریسرچ میں چینی اداروں کی معاونت کا خیر مقدم کریں گے۔

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Ministries, divisions asked to expedite CPEC projects

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Friday asked all the ministries and divisions to expedite the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects.

The minister said this while chairing a meeting to review the progress of CPEC projects. The meeting was attended by the chief economist of Pakistan and representatives of the various ministries and divisions.

During the meeting, the minister was apprised about the progress of the CPEC projects particularly after the 12th JCC meeting held in July 2023. The CPEC agreement was signed between Pakistan and China on July 5, 2013.

The representatives of various ministries and divisions gave a detailed briefing on the implementation status of their respective projects in different sectors such as energy, infrastructure, information technology, Gwadar International Airport, special economic zones (SEZs), and other key areas.

The official told the meeting during the briefing that in the early harvest projects of the CPEC, six mega infrastructure projects were completed including, Havelian-Thakot section of KKH, Multan-Sukkur (M-5) Motorway, Hakla-DIKhan Motorway, Optical Fiber Cable, Eastbay Expressway and Orange Line Metro Train.

Furthermore, on the western alignment of the CPEC, work on different sections is under implementation which will be completed by 2024. Since most of these highways pass through the far-flung areas of Pakistan, it has opened those areas for business which will bring prosperity. During the meeting, it was further informed that the meeting of Joint Working Groups (JWG) on (infrastructure) will be held next week to review the projects.

The minister also asked the relevant ministry to expedite the work on SEZs which include Rashakai Special Economic Zone, Dhabeji Special Economic Zone; Allama Iqbal Industrial City; Bostan Special Economic Zone; ICT Model Industrial Zone; Industrial Park on Pakistan

Steel Mill Land; Mirpur Industrial Zone; Mohmand Marble City and Moqpondass Special Economic Zone.

Similarly, during the meeting, a briefing was also given on the upcoming Belt and Road Forum to be held in China.

The CPEC enters a significant milestone as it celebrates a decade of remarkable achievements in fostering economic growth, infrastructure development, and regional connectivity.

The year 2023 marks the Decade of CPEC and the strong partnership between Pakistan and China.

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Matiari DC writes to NTDC MD

Chinese working on CPEC project living in insecure conditions?

ISLAMABAD: Chinese engineers and workers working on NTDC (National Transmission and Despatch Company) Converter Station Matiari - a CEPC project, are reportedly living in insecure and unhygienic conditions.

This has been disclosed in a letter written by Deputy Commissioner, Matiari, Lal Dino Mangi to Managing Director, NTDC, Rana Abdul Jabbar.

Lapses were identified at a meeting in the office of the Deputy Commissioner Matiari on September 13, 2023 which was attended by the SSP Matiari, Colonel Asif Shehryar (Retd), CO 56 FD, Matiari Converter Station, Major Jamshed Ahmed (Retd), Station Security Officer, Matiari Converter Station, and AC Matiari.

During the meeting, it was noted that Matiari Converter Station was constructed recently under the CPEC project with the assistance of China and Chinese engineers/technical staff will operate and maintain this National Grid of NTDC for about 35 years. As per the SOPs of Ministry of Interior and Home Department, Government of Sindh, security of this vital installation along with the Chinese workers is responsibility of the Pak Army (Headquarters 44 Div Gwadar) assisted by private security agencies and Sindh Police SPU Unit.

“Though it is fully covered by the boundary wall with proper watch towers, some aspects have fully been ignored which need to be addressed on war footing basis to avoid any untoward incident,” said Deputy Commissioner in a letter to Managing Director NTDC.

According to him, fire extinguisher and water line hydrants/points have been installed. However, there is no Fire Tender of Foam Chemical available to extinguish fire on transformers /converters, and wires etc. He has recommended a Fire Tender loaded with Foam Chemical should be procured and stationed immediately. Besides, directions are being issued to Civil Defence Department to visit the premises and identify other shortfalls if needed.

Reviewing health facilities for Chinese nationals, local staff, and security personnel, Deputy Commissioner explained that except the First Aid toolkit, there is no designated room or dispensary available to provide immediate health cover to the Chinese and local staff as well

as security personnel, which is a big question mark for the NTDC. He has recommended that a contract be immediately signed with Agha Khan Hospital University administration for arranging doctors and paramedical staff with life-saving drugs round the clock as is the case in Oil and Gas Companies and other agencies for which space will be provided by the NTDC.

Meanwhile, DHO Matiari has been directed to visit the installation and deputize for the time being a Doctor with paramedic staff on daily/weekly basis to provide health cover. Besides, Health Department/Director Rescue 1122 is being approached by the District Administration to station one Rescue 1122 Ambulance inside or nearby the National Grid.

Deputy Commissioner has maintained that it is astonishing for the district administration and district police that no nearby houses have been declared as 'Safe Houses' by the Government of Pakistan, Power Division/NTDC, and security agencies as of yet for Chinese nationals.

"It may become a matter of great concern especially in case of any disaster such as terrorism incident, inundation of station due to flooding, etc. as it is the responsibility of Government of Pakistan and Government of Sindh to identify and declare nearby safer places for immediate rescue and shift the foreign nationals there," it was noted.

In this regard, following three nearby places have been proposed to be upgraded to international level by the NTDC and concerned department/ agency: (i) Bhit Shah Rest House under Secretary Culture & Tourism, Department Sindh; (ii) Circuit House Matiari under District Administration/Secretary (GA), SGA&CD Government of Sindh; and (iii) Army Mess, Hyderabad Cantt under Headquarter 18 Div.

It was noted by the Assistant Commissioner Matiari that during Monsoon/Floods season, there is an extra ordinary burden over the portion of protective bund of River Indus in front of/short distance from NTDC Matiari Converter National Grid Station (CPEC Project) and in case of any breach/over flow of flood water, this vital installation will directly be affected causing a black-out in the country. Therefore, Power Division/NTDC may take up this issue immediately with the concerned quarters for ensuring international level arrangements for lodging and boarding of Chinese.

In this regard, it was strongly recommended that Irrigation Department, Government of Sindh may be approached to direct the Executive Engineer, Irrigation, Hala Division to strengthen this portion of protective bund immediately without any loss of time.

Deputy Commissioner has opined that unfortunately, the mega project of CPEC was constructed in low lying area surrounded by Agriculture lands and National Highway (N-5). While erecting the boundary wall within the acquired area of land, no provision of storm-water drain was provided. Consequently, during monsoon/heavy rainfall in the year 2022 the surroundings and inside area of National Grid was inundated and district administration had provided dewatering pumps and tankers to drain out the rain water which may otherwise have caused shutdown of National Grid and a huge loss to the government exchequer.

In this regard, it has been proposed to construct storm-water drain alongside the boundary wall of National Grid with storage station wherefrom the said rain water be drained out in the nearby water course/irrigation system to safeguard it from inundation.

On disposal of refuse/waste, it was noted by the participants that daily refuse/waste is not being collected and disposed-off on daily basis nor any contract has been awarded to any Contractor for disposal of the refuse which may cause unhygienic conditions for foreigners, other workers and security agencies.

In this regard, it has been recommended that a contract be signed with Sindh Solid Waste Management under Government of Sindh for cleaning and lifting of garbage from the premises to avoid any unhygienic condition which may contribute to spread of epidemic diseases.

“This project is of utmost importance and can be considered Pakistan’s lifeline. Therefore, all the proposed arrangements may be carried out on war-footing basis without any further loss of time. In case of any laxity or mishap, NTDC shall be held responsible,” warned Deputy Commissioner.—MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN

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Pakistan, China sign MoU to improve lighting warning system

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Daily Times

Chinese tech firm launches its first service center in Pakistan

The Hangzhou-based Chinese technology company, Hikvision, has inaugurated its first service center in Pakistan, according to a statement issued here.

The Return Merchandise Authorisation (RMA) Centre in Rawalpindi represents an advancement in the company’s efforts to provide after-sales support to its expanding

customer base in Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday quoting the statement. In 2016, Hikvision established its presence in Pakistan, bringing advanced offerings to the video security industry and expanding its product lineup to include access control systems, video-based doorbells, smart home products, and other innovations.

The company said the RMA Centre will help enhance technical support services, improve after-sales problem resolution, and advance service and product quality. A key objective is assisting customers with software and hardware issues, the statement noted. A spokesman for Hikvision Pakistan told Gwadar Pro that the company has offices in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. The company plans to expand the RMA network in Pakistan by establishing such centers in various other cities, he said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1134375/chinese-tech-firm-launches-its-first-service-center-in-pakistan/>

China-built power plants using high-quality coal in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: All coal-fired power plants built by Chinese companies in Pakistan have been consistently using high-quality coal imported from other countries, it was learned from reliable official and non-official sources on Friday.

An official from the power division of Pakistan, seeking anonymity, commented on a news item raising a question about the coal quality and said that the writer of the news failed to understand the basic facts, and minutes of the meeting by the authority concerned and also did not bother to check the basic facts independently.

Basic knowledge about the power industry based on facts can clearly show and prove that the Chinese power plants cannot run on low-quality coal like a fighter jet cannot start and run on regular fuel.

A learned source told Internews that there is no classification of coal as “superior” or “inferior” based on the difference in thermal energy.

“If “less than 6000CV” is the definition of “inferior coal” according to an ignorant bureaucrat, then the coal mines in Thar of Pakistan have only 2000CV coal. So, under their parameter, should it be defined as extremely inferior coal,” said the source.

According to a reliable source, at the hearing site, the Chinese company had carried out detailed science popularization and explanation and introduced the correct and scientific concepts in the industry to the NEPRA officials who raised this issue.

The Chinese engineers and experts have briefed the Pakistani side about a clear scientific definition of the coal thermal zone set by the agency itself. According to the scientific design of the boiler, different power plants need to adapt to different calorific value zones of coal.

For example, according to the regulations of the Pakistani side, the Port Qasim coal-fired power station needs to use coal produced in Indonesia in the range of 4500-5500CV, and according to this calorific value range, the corresponding boiler has been designed. There is no positive correlation with coal prices.

There is no high or low calorific value affecting the price of coal, and the pricing power is not in the hands of Chinese companies, but in the hands of international coal exchanges, said the source.

The relevant media report written without proper knowledge has forcefully mixed the two together, neither seeking confirmation on the issue nor from the relevant departments of NEPRA, relying only on one-sided information and misguided and confused common people.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1134367/china-built-power-plants-using-high-quality-coal-in-pakistan/>

Dawn News

ML-1 cost being revised as officials head to Beijing

Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD: China is reported to have agreed to a revised cost of \$6.6bn for Mainline-1 (ML-1) — the 1,872km Karachi-Peshawar railway track — and would submit a modified design plan for the project to Pakistan latest by September 31.

Informed sources told Dawn that Communications Secretary Khurram Agha who heads the Pakistani side of CPEC's Joint Working Groups (JWG) of Aviation, Railways and Infrastructure and Railways Secretary Mazhar Ali Shah would travel to Beijing at the weekend to attend the JWG meeting on Monday for finalisation of the cost estimated and associated matters.

Formal announcement for the agreement is expected when caretaker prime minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar visits China on September 18 to attend annual events relating to One-Belt and Road Initiative. The sources said ML-1 costs were estimated at around \$9.8bn previously but the Chinese side had shown some flexibility and some design changes had helped reduced costs and some other portions of the project would be developed by the Pakistani side itself in due course.

During the upcoming visit of PM Kakar, the two sides are also expected to take up four proposed projects for implementation that had been delayed between 2018 and 2022. Formal negotiations on the four projects including Mirpur-Muzaffarabad-Mansehra Motorway, Zhob-Dera Ismail Khan Motorway and Babusar Top would also be held during the JWG meetings next week.

Modified design to be shared with Pakistan by end of September

Informed sources said the then Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had persuaded the Chinese leadership for revival of these projects last year as the latter also had agreed to fast-track processing of ML-1 project. However, since no significant progress could be achieved since then, these projects would now be processed through the Special Investment Facilitation Committee (SIFC) — a civil-military forum on investment — and would be taken to maturity stage by the caretaker government.

The developments were discussed at a meeting held on Friday to review work on CPEC projects. An official statement said caretaker minister for planning and development Muhammad Sami Saeed, who presided over the meeting, asked all the ministries and divisions “to expedite the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects”.

The minister was apprised about progress on CPEC projects, particularly since July when the 12th JCC meeting was held. Representatives of various ministries and divisions gave detailed briefings about work on projects in energy, infrastructure, IT sectors, Gwadar international airport, special economic zones (SEZs) and other key areas.

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Pakistan Observer

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The Nation

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The year 2023 marks the Decade of CPEC and the strong partnership between Pakistan and China. Accordingly, both Pakistan and China are celebrating 10 Years of Belt & Road Initiatives (BRI) and CPEC from July 5 2023. Recently, the Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng visited Pakistan and attended a ceremony to mark 10 years of the CPEC project.

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Pakistani exhibitors enthusiastic to explore opportunities at China-Arab States Expo

BEIJING-The Pakistani exhibitors are eagerly looking forward to exploring new opportunities at the Sixth China-Arab States Expo, which kicked off in Yinchuan, capital city of China's northwest autonomous region of Ningxia.

The event serves as a platform for businesses from China and Arab countries to come together and foster economic cooperation with the world, said Muhammad Irfan, Commercial Counselor at the Guangzhou Consulate of Pakistan.

Muhammad Irfan told China Economic Net (CEN) that Pakistan, being a key player in the region, recognizes the importance of strengthening its ties with China in terms of trade and investments. The participation of Pakistani exhibitors at this event signifies their commitment to expanding bilateral trade relations and tapping into potential business prospects.

“China's Belt and Road Initiative has already paved the way for increased trade and infrastructure development between the two countries. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a prime example of this collaboration, with major projects underway in sectors such as energy, transportation, and infrastructure,” he added.

The Commercial Counselor said more than 25 Pakistani exhibitors are showcasing their products at the four-day expo and they are very excited to participate and meet Chinese visitors, whereas more than 300 square meters of area is fixed for Pakistan.

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The News

China, Pakistan, Israel and PM Kakar

Abdullah Khan

In a recent address at the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar made a statement that ignited a flurry of discussions and debates, both at home and abroad. In his speech, he likened Pakistan's relationship with China to that of the United States and Israel. While some critics back in Pakistan raised concerns about this analogy, it is essential to recognize that PM Kakar's statement aimed to shed light on the profound and multifaceted nature of Pakistan-China relations, rather than making a direct comparison.

The analogy PM Kakar used was not of his own creation. Instead, he drew from statements made by Chinese officials in the past, who referred to Pakistan as “China’s Israel.” This characterization has been echoed in various contexts, including Andrew Small’s book, “The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia’s New Geopolitics,” where a former Chinese Army officer, General Xiong Guangkai, articulated that ‘Pakistan is China’s Israel.’ PM Kakar merely reiterated this notion to help the American audience comprehend the depth and significance of the relationship between Pakistan and China.

It is crucial to clarify that Pakistan never sought or aspired to be ‘China’s Israel.’ The analogy’s origin lies with Chinese diplomats and officials who saw similarities in the strategic dynamics of both relationships. PM Kakar’s use of this analogy was meant to emphasize that Pakistan’s alliance with China is unique and distinctive, bearing its own historical and geopolitical context.

What further solidifies this analogy’s historical context is a 13-year-old Al Jazeera English article published on September 28, 2010. This article quoted Chinese diplomats saying, “Pakistan is our Israel,” underscoring that PM Kakar’s reference was rooted in prior statements made by Chinese officials.

In front of one of the most influential American think tanks, PM Kakar delivered a powerful message, underscoring that Pakistan’s partnership with China cannot be compared to its relationships with other nations, including the United States. He highlighted Pakistan’s unwavering commitment to the ‘One China’ policy and the respect for China’s territorial sovereignty, demonstrating the depth of mutual understanding and shared interests. PM Kakar eloquently stated, “Pakistan and China have a lot in common in terms of the emerging threats within the region. There are commonalities on certain issues, such as the One-China policy, be it in Tibet, Xinjiang, Taiwan, we do share ... the stated goals that we would stand shoulder to shoulder with each other, and it is reciprocated by China.”

Furthermore, PM Kakar acknowledged the growing concerns and suspicions that some in the United States harbor toward Beijing. In doing so, he emphasized the importance of engagement, not containment, as the way forward in dealing with China. Drawing a historical parallel, he expressed hope that a rapprochement, akin to what Henry Kissinger achieved in the 1970s through Islamabad, could be realized soon.

PM Kakar’s candor during the CFR address was notable. He openly discussed the notion of a ‘China Containment’ policy that some American allies have considered. While the host, Mr. Stephen J. Hadley, tried to dismiss the idea of an official containment policy, PM Kakar diplomatically reminded him of the various policy papers and intellectual discourses within American academia and policymaking circles that suggest otherwise.

In essence, Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar’s statement was a resounding affirmation of the unbreakable bond between Pakistan and China. It served as a reminder that Pakistan values its relationship with China as a cornerstone of its foreign policy. While advocating for improved relations with the United States, PM Kakar made it unequivocally clear that Pakistan’s ties with China are non-negotiable. In an increasingly complex geopolitical

landscape, Pakistan-China relations stand as a testament to the enduring strength of strategic partnerships built on mutual respect and shared interests.

The longstanding partnership between Pakistan and China is rooted in mutual respect, shared geopolitical interests, and a vision for regional stability and prosperity. It has withstood the test of time, evolving into a comprehensive relationship that encompasses trade, infrastructure development, security cooperation, and cultural exchanges.

One of the cornerstones of this enduring relationship is the 'One China' policy that Pakistan staunchly upholds. Pakistan's unequivocal support for China's territorial integrity, including sensitive issues related to Tibet, Xinjiang, and Taiwan, reflects a shared understanding of sovereignty and territorial integrity - a principle that underpins the stability of nations in the international arena. This support extends beyond rhetoric to diplomatic and political arenas, reinforcing the depth of this bilateral friendship.

Furthermore, the economic dimension of the Pakistan-China relationship is of great significance. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), has revolutionized the economic landscape of Pakistan. The multibillion-dollar investment in infrastructure, energy, and industry is a testament to China's commitment to Pakistan's progress. This initiative has not only boosted Pakistan's economic growth but has also significantly enhanced its connectivity, attracting foreign investments and fostering regional economic integration.

The strategic importance of Pakistan in China's foreign policy cannot be overstated. It serves as a vital link in China's vision for a more connected world through the BRI. Geographically, Pakistan provides a gateway for China to the Arabian Sea, offering strategic access to important maritime trade routes. This strategic alliance provides mutual benefits, ensuring security and stability in the region.

Moreover, the military cooperation between Pakistan and China further cements their relationship. Joint exercises, defense agreements, and the exchange of military expertise have strengthened both countries' defense capabilities. This collaboration not only contributes to regional stability but also provides a counterbalance to potential security threats in the region.

In conclusion, the analogy used by Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar was a strategic and diplomatic attempt to articulate the depth and significance of Pakistan-China relations to a wider audience. Pakistan and China share a relationship based on mutual respect, shared geopolitical interests, and unwavering support for each other's sovereignty.

This alliance has proven to be indispensable for regional stability and prosperity. As both nations continue to navigate complex geopolitical challenges, their strong and unbreakable bond remains a beacon of hope and a pillar of strength in an evolving global landscape.

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Pakistan, China mark 10 years of CPEC

LAHORE: Pakistan and China celebrated the 10th anniversary of their flagship economic project, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), on Friday, with speakers at a conference highlighting its achievements and future prospects.

The conference, organised by the Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI), was attended by government officials, military officers, diplomats, academics and business leaders from both countries.

Moazzam Ali Ghurki, president of PCJCCI, said the CPEC had influenced various economic factors such as leadership quality, infrastructure development, revenue generation, job creation and technology transfer.

He said the main agenda of the conference was to discuss the achievements of CPEC and to explore new avenues of cooperation under the project. Former Corps Commander Quetta Lt. General Nasser Khan Janjua said Pakistan needed to provide infrastructural support to investors as Gwadar, the port city at the heart of CPEC, had the potential to change the fate of the country.

He said CPEC was not only a road to economic prosperity for Pakistan, but also a strategic partnership with China that would enhance regional stability and security. Dr. Saad, chairman of the Governor's Inspection Team, said CPEC projects were expected to add 2.5 percent to Pakistan's GDP and create 2.3 million jobs.

He said CPEC was also a catalyst for social development and poverty alleviation in Pakistan. Fazal ur Rehman, special secretary of the Home Department of Punjab province, said Punjab had established a dedicated unit called SPU to ensure the security of all Chinese projects and personnel in the province.

He said Punjab was committed to providing a peaceful and secure environment for CPEC activities. Du Yue, director of the Consulate of the People's Republic of China in Lahore, said the bilateral relationship between China and Pakistan was characterized by mutual trust, respect and goodwill.

He said PCJCCI had set a remarkable example of this goodwill by organizing the conference. He said CPEC was not only a project of economic cooperation, but also a manifestation of the shared vision and destiny of China and Pakistan.

Lu Jianxue, president of the Lahore Overseas Chinese Association, said CPEC-related economic projects would enhance Pakistan's trade, growth rate, employment and income levels.

He said CPEC would ultimately bring prosperity to Pakistan and its people and would also help Pakistan in alleviating poverty. The conference concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of CPEC and China's National Day.

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وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کا چینی صوبے تشیا کا دورہ

دسہم

نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی نے اپنے دورہ چین میں پوسٹ کی گئی ٹویٹ میں باہمی ترقی کے لئے برادر ملک چین کے ساتھ تعلقات کو مضبوط بنانے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ دورہ چین کے دوران انہوں نے سیکرٹری کمیونسٹ پارٹی (منشیا) لیانگ ین شون سے ملاقات پر انہیں پنجاب کا دورہ کرنے کی دعوت دی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کی ٹویٹس میں کچھ ”غیر معمولی“ نہ بھی ہو لیکن محسن نقوی کے دورے کی ایک خاص بات یہ ہے کہ اس انہوں نے چین کے ایسے ریجن کے دورہ کیا جہاں سے صوبہ پنجاب اور اس کے عوام کی بہتری کے لئے زیادہ اقدامات کے امکانات موجود ہیں۔ صوبہ منشیا۔۔ دوسرا یہ کہ لاہور، راولپنڈی یا فیصل آباد کی بجائے پنجاب کے نسبتاً کم ترقی یافتہ اور جنوبی چین کے شمال مغرب میں ایک Ningxia Hui پنجاب کے شہروں ساہووال اور بہاولپور کو بالترتیب منشیا کے شہروں ووزہنگ اور ژانگ وی کا سسرٹھی قرار دیا گیا۔ صوبہ خود مختار خطہ ہے جو صوبہ شانسکی اور صوبہ گانسو کے ساتھ واقع ہے۔ منشیا کی آبادی 72 لاکھ سے زیادہ اور رقبہ 66400 مربع کلومیٹر ہے۔ دار الحکومت کانام ین چوان ہے۔ منشیا کے پورے خطے کا موسم بارانی اور نیم بارانی ہے۔ اس خطے کو تیس (30) ہزار سال قبل چین کی قدیم ترین تہذیب کی ایک جائے پیدائش بھی Yinchuan سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ یہاں عظیم دیوار چین کا میوزیم بھی واقع ہے۔ اسے ریڈ لینڈ یعنی ”سر زمین سرخ“ بھی کہا جاتا ہے جہاں جدید چین کی داعی ریڈ آرمی جمع ہوئی تھی۔ گزشتہ برس 2022 میں منشیا کا جی ڈی پی 506.957 ارب یوان رہا۔ ہر سال سے اگلے سال کے درمیان اوسطاً چار فیصد کی شرح سے جی ڈی پی میں اضافہ ہوتا ہے۔ فی کس آمدنی 69781 یوان ہے جس میں ساڑھے تین فیصد کی شرح سے اضافہ ہوتا ہے۔

نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی نے 17 ستمبر سے چین کا دورہ شروع کیا جو 22 ستمبر تک جاری رہا۔ نگران صوبائی وزیر ایس ایم تنویر، عامر میر، اظفر علی ناصر، ابراہیم حسن مراد، چیف سیکرٹری زاہد اختر زمان، سیکرٹری خزانہ مجاہد شیر دل اور دیگر حکام بھی ان کے ہمراہ تھے۔ بیجنگ ایئر پورٹ پر چین اور پاکستانی سفارتخانے کے حکام نے وفد کا خیر مقدم کیا۔ قبل ازیں قائم مقام چینی قونصل جنرل چاؤ کی نے لاہور ایئر پورٹ سے وزیر اعلیٰ کو الوداع کیا۔ نگران وزیر اعلیٰ چین کے تجربات سے استفادہ کر کے پنجاب میں پائیدار ترقی کا ہدف حاصل کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں۔ اس مقصد کے حصول کے لئے پنجاب میں ون ونڈو آپریشن کے ذریعے سرمایہ کاری کو آسان بنایا جا رہا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ اس عزم کا اظہار کرتے آئے ہیں کہ چینی سرمایہ کاروں کو پنجاب میں سرمایہ کاری کے لئے خصوصی مراعات دی جائیں گی۔ نگران وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی نے صوبہ منشیا کے دار الحکومت ین چوان میں تیسرے منشیا انٹرنیشنل فرینڈ شپ سٹیٹس فورم میں شرکت کی۔ یوہائی کونشن سنٹر پینچن پر منشیا کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے چیئرمین / گورنر، ژانگ یو پو اور سیکرٹری جنرل / چیف منسٹر لیانگ یانشون نے پنجاب کے سرکاری وفد کا پر تپاک استقبال کیا۔ تقریب میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے محسن نقوی نے کہا کہ منشیا انٹرنیشنل فرینڈ شپ سٹیٹس فورم میں شرکت کو پنجاب کے عوام کے لئے اعزاز سمجھتا ہوں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب 14 کروڑ افراد کا صوبہ ہے جہاں ترقی کے بے شمار مواقع منتظر ہیں۔ منشیا کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے چیئرمین / گورنر ژانگ یو پو نے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور پنجاب کے وفد کا کھلے دل سے خیر مقدم کرتے ہیں۔ منشیا کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے سیکرٹری جنرل / چیف منسٹر لیانگ یانشون نے کہا کہ پنجاب کے عوام کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے لئے تعاون کو فرض عین سمجھتے ہیں۔ ین چوان میں کمیونسٹ پارٹی سیکرٹری آفس پینچن پر نے وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی اور وفد کا پر تپاک استقبال کیا۔ تبادلہ خیال میں میٹ پروڈکشن، ڈیری ڈویلپمنٹ، آئی (Liang Yanshun) منشیا کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے سیکرٹری ٹی اور ڈریپ اریگیشن سسٹم میں چین کی مہارت سے فائدہ اٹھانے پر اتفاق ہوا جبکہ ساہووال اور بہاولپور کو منشیا کے شہروں ووزہنگ اور ژانگ وی کے سسرٹھی قرار دینے کا اصولی فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ محسن نقوی نے منشیا کے اپنے ہم منصب لیانگ یانشون کو پنجاب کے دورہ کرنے کی باضابطہ دعوت بھی دی جو انہوں نے شکرے کے ساتھ قبول کر لی ہے۔ اس موقع پر منشیا اور پنجاب کے درمیان 17 سال قبل کئے گئے سسرٹھی کے معاہدے کے احیاء پر بھی اتفاق کیا گیا۔

نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب منشیا کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے وائس گورنر کے آفس بھی گئے جہاں وائس گورنر ژانگ لی نے وفد کا پر تپاک استقبال کیا۔ باہمی ملاقات میں آئی ٹی، زراعت اور ڈیری ڈویلپمنٹ میں تعاون بڑھانے کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ پنجاب اور منشیا کے درمیان ثقافتی اور تجارتی و فوڈ کے تبادلے پر اتفاق بھی کیا گیا۔ صنعتی ترقی کو تیز کرنے کے قابل

عمل تجاویز پر غور اور شہری ترقی کے لئے چین کی مہارت اور تجربات سے مستفید ہونے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ محسن نقوی نے کہا کہ دورہ چین سے تعاون اور ترقی کے نئے راستے کھلیں گے۔ پاک چین تعلقات پورے خطے میں امن، استحکام اور خوشحالی کے لئے ضروری ہیں۔ پاکستان اور چین کی دوستی اور برادرانہ تعلقات ہمیشہ بلند یوں کی طرف گامزن رہیں گے۔ روشن اور تابناک مستقبل کے لئے پاکستان اور چین کو آگے بڑھنا ہے۔ پاکستان اور چین گزشتہ 7 دہائیوں سے مختلف شعبہ ہائے زندگی میں تعلقات کو بخوبی نبھا رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے یہ بھی کہا کہ سی پیک اور بیلٹ اینڈ روڈ انیشیٹیو کی 10 ویں سالگرہ منائی جا رہی ہے۔ اس عظیم الشان منصوبے کے تحت سیشل اکنامک زونز، تمام جاری منصوبوں کی تکمیل اور گوادر بندرگاہ کی تیز رفتار ترقی کیلئے مشترکہ کوششوں کی ضرورت ہے۔ سرمایہ کار، صنعتکار اور تاجر سی پیک کے ترقیاتی منصوبوں کو معیاری بلندیوں تک پہنچانے کے لئے بھرپور کردار ادا کر سکتے ہیں۔

نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محسن نقوی نے ننشیا جہاز ہسپتال کا مطالعاتی دورہ بھی کیا تاکہ اسی طرز پر پنجاب کے ہسپتالوں میں بہتری لائی جاسکے۔ ننشیا کا سب سے بڑا جہاز ہسپتال 3500 بستروں پر مشتمل ہے۔ اس مشاہدے کے تحت ننشیا کی مہارت سے فائدہ اٹھایا جائے گا۔ اس دورے کی ایک اور خاص بات یہ ہے کہ محسن نقوی کی ہدایت پر پنجاب حکومت کے وفد نے دودھ کی جدید پراسیسنگ فیکٹری اور این چوان کے سٹیٹ آف دی آرٹ ون ونڈوسٹم کا دورہ کیا۔ وفد میں صوبائی کے ارکان اور سیکرٹری خزانہ مجاہد شیردل شامل تھے جنہیں جدید ملک پراسیسنگ فیکٹری میں ویلیو ایڈیشن کے بارے میں بھی بریفنگ دی گئی۔ پنجاب حکومت کے وفد نے این چوان کے آبپاشی و زرعی نظام کا بھی مشاہدہ کیا۔ صوبائی وزرانے ننشیا یونیورسٹی کے سکول آف ایگریکلچر اور زرعی ریسرچ انسٹیٹیوٹ کے مختلف شعبوں کا مطالعہ کیا۔ سکول آف ایگریکلچر کی فیکلٹی 200 ٹیچرز پر مشتمل ہے اور یہاں 2000 سے زائد سٹوڈنٹس زیر تعلیم ہیں۔ ماضی میں بہت سے چینی بدھ بھکشو شاہراہ ریشم کے راستے گندھارا اور وادی سندھ کی تہذیبوں کا مشاہدہ کرتے رہے ہیں جس سے دونوں ملکوں میں علم دوستی کا لازوال رشتہ رہا ہے۔ بلاشبہ نگران وزیر اعلیٰ محسن نقوی کے عوام کی فلاح و بہبود کا علم لے کر آگے بڑھ رہے ہیں اور دونوں ملکوں کے 43 صوبوں اور شہروں نے دوستی قائم کر کے مستقبل کے تعلقات کو مضبوط بنیاد فراہم کی ہے۔

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Xi declares biggest-ever Asian Games open

HANGZHOU, (China): Chinese President Xi Jinping declared the 19th Asian Games open at a colourful ceremony in Hangzhou on Saturday, launching a two-week sporting extravaganza that boasts more athletes than the Olympics.

After being delayed by a year because of China's now-abandoned zero-Covid policy, more than 12,000 competitors from 45 nations and territories will battle it out in 40 sports.

In front of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and other visiting leaders, Xi officially opened the Games at the 80,000-capacity Hangzhou Olympic stadium, also known as "the Big Lotus".

Xi was given a rapturous reception by spectators waving mini Chinese flags.

Assad, on his first visit to ally China since the civil war erupted in Syria in 2011, stood up and applauded as his country's team entered the arena and the crowd cheered when his image flashed up on a big screen. International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach was also among the dignitaries — and leaders from Cambodia, Kuwait and Nepal, among others, had all been expected to attend.

“Finally we can gather for the 19th Asian Games,” Raja Randhir Singh, acting president of the Olympic Council of Asia, told the crowd to more cheers.

“The one-year postponement was unprecedented in OCA history,” he added.

Security was tight in the area around the arena in the hours leading up to the ceremony, with roads closed and police stationed on street corners. Spectators were given thorough security checks before entering and staff confiscated food and umbrellas. The light rainfall in recent days had stopped.

The theme of the ceremony was water and it also celebrated Hangzhou’s ancient history and landscape, while also giving a nod to the city’s reputation as the unofficial home of China’s tech industry.

“I feel very happy and excited,” a 35-year-old woman spectator surnamed Zhang said.

“I feel it’s a great honour for the city.”

Jung-Woo Lee, sport policy expert at the University of Edinburgh, told AFP the Games were “China’s post-pandemic soft-power exercise”.

But they have already been rocked by a row between New Delhi and China over three Indian wushu fighters, with a trip to the city by India’s sports minister cancelled on Friday.

China denied Indian claims that the trio had been barred from entering the country.

China’s status as a sporting and business destination took a severe hit during the pandemic, when snap lockdowns and strict travel rules saw almost all international events cancelled in the country.

North Korean athletes, who like those from Taiwan were given loud cheers as they entered the ceremony, are contesting their first major international competition since the pandemic.

But the biggest cheer of all was reserved for hosts China, who are overwhelming favourites to top the medals table, with Japan and South Korea battling for second.

Games athletes will fight for medals in Olympic staples such as athletics, swimming, football, gymnastics and cycling.

ESports will make its debut as a medal event at the Games, in what is seen as a step towards inclusion one day in the Olympics.—AFP

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Iranian diplomat terms CPEC good project

LAHORE: “Pakistan is actively working to strengthen its trade relations with friendly countries so that they can benefit from each other’s experiences in the process of economic development,” Governor Punjab, said.

He said this during a meeting with the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan, Raza Amiri Moghaddam here on Saturday. Expansion of bilateral relations in the fields of education, culture and trade were discussed in the meeting.

Iranian Ambassador Raza Amiri Moghaddam said that Iran shares close and cordial ties with Pakistan. He said that CPEC is a good project, and this project will fulfil Pakistan's energy needs. He offered Iran's cooperation in the field of energy.

Iranian Ambassador laid stress on expanding cooperation in the field of media. He said that Iran is one of the best countries in the world in organ transplantation. He said that Pakistan and Iran can strengthen ties through medical and other tourism. He reiterated his determination to take trade, tourism and cultural relations between Pakistan and Iran to new heights.

The Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a brotherly Islamic country, and the relations between the two countries are based on ancient history, mutual respect and bilateral cooperation. There are many opportunities to increase bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Iran in the fields of trade, tourism, culture, and education.

He said that Pakistan's textile products are known for their high quality worldwide while Pakistani rice and other agricultural produce are also very popular in the world because of their high quality. Foreign direct investment facilities are being provided to foreign investors in the export processing zones set up under CPEC. He said that Iranian industrialists can invest in these export processing zones. He said that it is encouraging that barter trade has been promoted since the recent past. The Iranian President himself came to the border and visited the markets along with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, which gave a good message to the people of both the countries.

Moreover, the Governor attended the inauguration ceremony of the second phase of Akhuwat Center for Information Technology and Vocational Education Programme at Governor House Lahore as special guest.

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PCJCCI marks 10th anniversary of CPEC, China's National Day

LAHORE: The Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) celebrated 10th anniversary of CPEC and China's National Day by conducting conference on Saturday at local Hotel.

The topic of the conference was "CPEC achievements, targets and future prospects." The chief guest of the event was Du Yue, Director and senior most officer, Consulate General of People's Republic of China.

Various keynote speakers participated in the event, Lt General Nasser Khan Janjua, former Corps Commander Quetta, Dr Saad Khan, Chairman, Governor's Inspection Team, Fazal ur Rehman, Special Secretary Home Department (Punjab), Kashif Anwar, President LCCI, Shahzad Ali Malik, CEO, Guard Agricultural Research and Services (Pvt) Ltd, Lu Jianxue, President, Lahore Overseas Chinese Association, Ma-Xiayoan, Executive President, Tang Chinese International Organization, Moazzam Ali Ghurki, President PCJCCI, Ch Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan, President, Lahore High Court Bar Association, Hamza Khalid and many others. The event was also attended by top notch business leaders from both Pakistan and China.

Moazzam Ali Ghurki, President PCJCCI said during his welcome address that the main agenda of the conference is to discuss the achievements of CPEC. The CPEC had influenced different economic factors like leadership quality, the quality of infrastructure, revenue generation, job opportunities and technology gateway.

Lt General Nasser Khan Janjua, former Corps Commander Quetta emphasized to provide infrastructural support to investors as Gwadar alone has the capability to change the fate of Pakistan and by putting our motherland into the right direction. Dr Saad, Chairman, Governor's Inspection Team said that it is expected; CPEC projects will add a rise of 2.5% in GDP of Pakistan and provide employment opportunity with almost 2.3 millions jobs as well.

Fazal ur Rehman, Special Secretary Home Department (Punjab), said that we have dedicated unit called SPU has been raised to ensure that all Chinese projects whether they are of CPEC or non-CPEC, they are given adequate security so that we can work in peaceful and secured environment. The chief guest of the event Du Yue, Director, Consulate People's Republic of China while sharing his views said that I believe the bilateral relationship between the two neighboring countries is characterized by feelings of mutual trust, respect and goodwill towards each other; the PCJCCI has set a remarkable example of this goodwill. I regard China Pakistan Economic Corridor; not only the road to economic prosperity of Pakistan, but the future of whole world.

Lu Jianxue, President, Lahore Overseas Chinese Association shared his views by saying that CPEC-related economic projects being done with the cooperation of China will certainly enhance Pakistan's trade, its economic growth rate, create employment for the people and will enhance their incomes and in the overall scenario this economic development will ultimately bring prosperity to the Pakistan and its people and will also help Pakistan in alleviating poverty.

Hamza Khalid, Vice President PCJCCI and Salahuddin Hanif, Secretary General PCJCCI thanked the worthy speakers and the event was followed by a cake-cutting ceremony to celebrate China's National Day.

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Daily Times

Naqvi declares peace as indispensable between Pakistan-China ties

Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi's China visit accomplished successfully. CM Mohsin Naqvi departed for his return to Pakistan today. CM Mohsin Naqvi's China visit remained highly beneficial with regard to bilateral relations especially enhancing cooperation in the agriculture and industry sectors. "Mohsin Naqvi in China" remained top trend of twitter. The Chinese media gave a special significance and prominent coverage to CM Mohsin Naqvi's visit. CM Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated Ningxia International Friendship Citizen Forum comprising more than 18 countries. Mohsin Naqvi is the first Chief Minister in the history of Pakistan who inaugurated this forum. CM Mohsin Naqvi made an important address in the Ningxia Friendship Citizen Forum. CM Mohsin Naqvi emphasized on peace and prosperity

for a bright future in the region. CM in his address declared peace as indispensable between Pakistan-China relations.

Owing to the endeavours of CM Mohsin Naqvi, an agreement on the documents was signed to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as “Sister Cities” with the Chinese cities. Sahiwal and Wuzhong, Bahawalpur and Zong Wei will collaborate in all sectors. Sister Cities will provide assistance in the economy, trade, science and technology sectors. Sister cities will provide cooperation for the promotion of education, agriculture, health, culture and tourism. The prominent officials of “Sister Cities” and concerned departments will exchange mutual delegations and technology. CM Mohsin Naqvi also visited Ningxia General Hospital and Medical University. CM Mohsin Naqvi also inspected solid waste management, safe city cameras, policing and road infrastructure in Beijing. CM Mohsin Naqvi held an important meeting with the Communist Party Secretary Liang Ya Shong at Yangchuan while two Vice Governors organized ceremonies in his honour. The ministerial delegation of Punjab participated in the 6th China-Arab Expo at Yangchuan. Provincial Ministers SM Tanveer, Amir Mir, Azfar Ali Nasir, Ibrahim Hassan Murad, Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman and Secretary Finance Mujahid Sher Dil also accompanied him. CM Mohsin Naqvi acknowledged that the Government of China and government officials accorded him and the delegation a warm welcome. “I especially thank the Secretary of Ningxia Communist Party.” Mohsin Naqvi extended an invitation to the Party Secretary of Ningxia to visit Punjab and he duly accepted the invitation to visit Punjab. CM Mohsin Naqvi stated that the signing on the documents of agreement to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as “Sister Cities” with the two Chinese cities is a great success. Mutual cooperation will further enhance in the light of these agreements. During meetings with the Vice Governors of Ningxia, it was agreed to enhance technical cooperation in the sectors of agriculture, irrigation, industry and information technology. CM Mohsin Naqvi monitored health, agricultural research, industry, one window operation and citizen facilities in Ningxia. It will be our utmost endeavour that the people of Punjab benefit from the fruits of China visit, added CM Mohsin Naqvi. CM Mohsin Naqvi said that in the backdrop of China visit, immediate steps will be taken to provide relief to the people of Punjab along with provision of expeditious services in an improved manner.

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<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1134732/naqvi-declares-peace-as-indispensable-between-pakistan-china-ties/>

The Express Tribune

Cooperation with China, Arab states in BRI sought

NBP highlights agricultural potential, investment opportunities at China-Arab Expo

BEIJING:

The Sixth China-Arab States Expo is promoting high-quality joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI) and making greater contributions to south-south cooperation, said Shaikh Muhammad Shariq, Vice President of the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP).

Addressing a conference with the theme “High-Quality Development and Cooperation of Modern Agriculture at The Sixth China-Arab States Expo,” he noted that Pakistan’s fertile land and agricultural potential offer opportunities for cooperation in agribusiness and food processing.

“The China-Arab Expo serves as an essential platform for showcasing construction innovations under the BRI. For countries like Pakistan, where agriculture is a critical component of the economy, the Expo offers opportunities to adopt cutting-edge construction techniques to enhance infrastructure development in rural areas, thus boosting agricultural productivity and economic growth,” Shariq added.

He further emphasised that the synergy between construction innovations and agriculture exemplifies the transformative potential of the BRI and its collaborative endeavours with Arab states, reinforcing the Expo’s significance on the global stage.

“The Expo encourages collaboration and knowledge sharing between experts, policymakers, and businesses from China, Arab countries, and Pakistan. This facilitates the transfer of knowledge and expertise in construction and infrastructure development, which is instrumental in advancing Pakistan’s agricultural sector.”

Shariq told the audience that Pakistan is committed to providing an investor-friendly environment. The government has introduced several incentives to attract foreign investment, such as tax breaks and exemptions available in specific sectors, he said adding that streamlined processes and a one-window operation have been implemented to facilitate ease of doing business. “CPEC has not only transformed Pakistan’s infrastructure but has also opened up immense opportunities for trade, investment, and economic growth.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2437529/cooperation-with-china-arab-states-in-bri-sought>

The Nation

China’s high-tech materials firm to help renovate textile industry

BEIJING-A Chinese leading manufacturer, which specialises in textiles auxiliaries and organic silicone products, has joint hands with local partners to bring technological innovation support to the textile printing and dyeing industry in Pakistan.

“As the pillar industry of Pakistan, textile industry is currently facing two major constraints, namely energy and cotton yarn shortage. The fabric categories of some local printing and dyeing factories are gradually transitioning to a large proportion of polyester. Chinese chemical fiber suppliers can provide the most suitable chemical fiber raw materials for unique textile categories to match needs,” said Xing Pingping, Overseas Sales Manager of Ningbo Runhe High-tech Materials Co., Ltd.

According to Xing, recently, his company joined hands with Pakistani agent FairChem International to hold a textile seminar in Faisalabad, in which China and Pakistan partners jointly discussed the future direction of local textile printing and dyeing industry. More than 150 local practitioners participated to explore new opportunities. According to data released by Pakistan Customs, in fiscal year 2022, Pakistan's total exports of textiles reached USD19.32 billion, a year-on-year increase of 25.3 percent from the previous fiscal year, and accounted for nearly 61 percent of Pakistan's total merchandise exports. Pakistan, which has a relatively complete industry chain, owns more than 2,000 cotton spinning, and textile factories, China Economic Net (CEN) reported.

However, "Pakistan's textile category structure is obviously different from other countries in South Asia. Many major fabric categories use larger amounts of cotton, yet have lower profit margins," Xing said, "Which has largely affected the competitiveness of Pakistani textiles in the international market. "In response to the energy shortage I mentioned earlier, growth in the coming years will be driven largely by the digital textile printing market," Xing emphasized, "the market for digital textile printing in Pakistan is increasing as it offers better and high-definition textile print design possibilities, lower water, effluent, emissions and energy use.

Besides, the technological level of Pakistani textile enterprises is increasing day by day, thus some small-scale factories also have advanced textile materials and technologies, such as polyurethane coating, aramid finishing, waterproof finishing, etc. There are also many printing and dyeing factories that have digital printing machinery. Regarding current shortage of cotton yarn, local companies have generally increased the proportion of polyester applications. For these chemical fiber materials, our cutting-edge chemical fiber silicone emulsion can come in handy. In addition, professional chemical fiber finishing solutions and polyester cotton-like and wool-like finishing solutions can also provide assistance to our local partners." The Sales Manager pointed out that after officially starting to deeply expand Pakistani market in 2021, they have established a strong partnership with two chemical traders, FairChem, which specializes in dyes, and Biochem, a printing paste expert. Sometime later, an agreement was signed with Farbstoffe Intl, a comprehensive manufacturer and marketer of textile chemicals. "In the next step, we will establish a laboratory in Pakistan, equipped with basic chemical property testing, fabric finishing, application R&D and warehouse modules. On the whole, our purpose is to not only establish testing and warehouse functions, R&D and local talent cultivation also will be our programme, by which we look forward to bringing technological innovation to Pakistan's textile industry through joint efforts between the two countries."

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2023-09-24/page-9/detail-4>

The News

Public service to be improved in light of China visit: CM

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has completed his China visit successfully on Saturday. Naqvi's China visit remained highly beneficial with regard to bilateral relations especially enhancing cooperation in the agriculture and industry sectors.

The Chinese media also gave a special significance and prominent coverage to Mohsin Naqvi's visit. Naqvi also inaugurated Ningxia International Friendship Citizen Forum comprising more than 18 countries. He became the first Chief Minister in the history of Pakistan who inaugurated this forum.

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Express News

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چین نے مین لائن۔ ون کیلئے 6 ارب 60 کروڑ ڈالر کی نظر ثانی شدہ لاگت پر اتفاق کر لیا ہے اور منصوبے کا ترمیم شدہ ڈیزائن پلان 31 اکتوبر تک پاکستان کو پیش کیا جائے گا
جو کراچی تاپشاور 1872 کلومیٹر ریلوے ٹریک منصوبہ ہے۔

باخبر ذرائع نے بتایا کہ سیکریٹری مواصلات خرم آغا پاکستان کی جانب سے سی بی سی جوائنٹ ورکنگ گروپس (جے ڈبلیو جی) برائے ایوی ایشن، ریلوے اور انفراسٹرکچر کے
سربراہ ہیں اور سیکریٹری ریلوے مظہر علی شاہ لاگت اور اس سے متعلقہ معاملات کو حتمی شکل دینے کیلئے پیر کو جے ڈبلیو جی اجلاس میں شرکت کیلئے اسی ہفتے کے آخر میں
بیجنگ جائیں گے۔

معاهدے کا باقاعدہ اعلان نگران وزیر اعظم انوار الحق کا کڑ کے 18 اکتوبر کو نوبیلٹ اینڈ روڈ انیشیٹیو سے متعلق سالانہ تقریبات میں شرکت کے لیے دورہ چین کے دوران
متوقع ہے۔

ذرائع کے مطابق ایم ایل۔ 1 کی لاگت کا تخمینہ پہلے تقریباً 9 ارب 80 کروڑ ڈالر لگایا گیا تھا تاہم چین نے کچھ ٹکڑے دکھائی اور ڈیزائن کی چند تبدیلیوں سے لاگت کم کرنے میں
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<https://www.express.pk/story/2541901/6/>

Jang News

چینی پولیس کے تعاون سے پنجاب پولیس کا معیار بہتر بنایا جائے گا، آئی جی پنجاب

میاں عابد

انسپیکٹر جنرل (آئی جی) پنجاب پولیس عثمان انور کا کہنا ہے کہ چینی پولیس کے تعاون سے پنجاب میں پولیسنگ کا معیار بہتر سے بہتر بنایا جائے گا۔

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سونے پر وونشل ڈپارٹمنٹ آف پبلک سیکورٹی کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں شرکت بھی کی۔

اجلاس میں پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان پولیسنگ امور میں دو طرفہ تعاون کو فروغ دینے پر اتفاق کیا گیا۔ چینی پولیس حکام نے پنجاب پولیس کو وسائل، ٹریننگ، ماڈرن
پولیسنگ پر ہر ممکن معاونت کرنے پر اتفاق کیا۔

آئی جی پنجاب نے کہا کہ اسپیشل پروٹیکشن یونٹ کی استعداد کار بڑھانے کے لیے باہمی تعاون بڑھایا جائے گا۔ چینی پولیس کے تعاون سے ایلپٹ فورس کو اپ گریڈ، جدید
وسائل فراہم کیے جائیں گے جبکہ کرائم کنٹرول، جنرل پولیسنگ کا معیار بہتر بنانے کے لیے چینی پولیس معاونت کرے گی۔

عثمان انور نے یہ بھی کہا کہ سائبر سیکورٹی سے متعلق معاملات میں پنجاب پولیس کو تعاون و جدید وسائل فراہم کرنے پر اتفاق رائے کیا گیا، جرائم کے قلع قمع کے لیے
انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کے مزید موثر استعمال کو یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔

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Business Recorder

China, Punjab govt sign letters of intent to establish sister cities

BEIJING: China and Punjab province signed Letters of Intent (LoI) to establish sister-city relations between Sahiwal and Wuzhong as well as Bahawalpur and Zhongwei to strengthen the bond of friendship between China and Pakistan.

Zhou Yihe Deputy Mayor of Wuzhong City and Kang Jun Jie Deputy Mayor of Zhongwei represented their cities in the signing ceremony.

S.M. Tanvir, Minister of Agriculture and Industrial Development, Government of Punjab signed the two agreements from the Pakistani side, according Pakistan Embassy Beijing. The signing of letters of intent for friendly cooperation between the two sides was held during Chief Minister of Punjab, Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, visit to Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region China, from Sept 18 to 21 to attend the Third Ningxia International Sister Cities Forum and Sixth China-Arab Expo held in Yinchuan, Ningxia.

The chief minister was accompanied by a 15-member delegation comprising provincial ministers and high-ranking officials.

During the visit, the chief minister Punjab met with the provincial leadership of Ningxia and exchanged views on the avenues to enhance cooperation between the two sister provinces, Ningxia and Punjab. Wuzhong is the second most populous city of the region, specializing in dairy, smart agriculture, and food processing. Zhongwei, predominantly a desert city, has been developed as a centre of renewable energy including solar and wind farming, and also as a model base in the region's drive for oasisification in desert areas. The friendship agreements entail cooperation in a range of areas, especially agriculture, education, healthcare, economy and trade, science and technology, and tourism.—APP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2023/09/25/5-page/972852-news.html>

Pakistani media delegation wraps up China visit

BEIJING: An 11-member media delegation comprised of journalists from Islamabad, Quetta, and Gwadar wrapped up its week-long visit to China and left for Islamabad here on Sunday.

During the visit, the delegation, led by Dr. Furqan Rao, Incharge, China Desk, Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), explored China's economic development and rich culture and also visited important and historical places including the Great Wall of China and the Palace Museum.

The delegation, which also included Rana Imran Latif, held a meeting with China's Assistant Foreign Minister Nong Rong who updated the members about political and economic relations between China and Pakistan.

During its visit to the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing, the delegation was briefed by the Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque about bilateral relations between Pakistan and China and the current status of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework.

The delegation also visited China Economic Net (CEN), the largest and most comprehensive economic information portal in China.

Cui Jun, General Manager welcomed the delegation and briefed the members about the role of China Economic Net in further deepening the friendly relations between China and Pakistan as well as its key role in highlighting ongoing development projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework.

The delegation also travelled to Qingdao, a coastal city of Shandong province on a high-speed train and visited the Qindao Guoxin Group, Shanghai Cooperation Organization Demonstration Zone, and Haier Industrial Park.

In his remarks about the visit, Zafar Blaoch a Quetta-based journalist told APP that it has been a great learning trip as he got an opportunity to closely observe as to how the China became world's second-largest economy.

He was greatly impressed by visiting Qingdao port where he witnessed the ship's unloading process which is completed in just 20 hours.

Zafar Baloch said that Pakistan could learn from China's open market mechanism for investors and ensure the job opportunities.

He opined that Pakistan should sign more agreements to enhance trade with China and sell the home-made materials and agricultural products in the Chinese market which offers huge opportunities.

Akbar Notezai, a journalist based in Quetta said that Pakistan could learn a lot from China's economic, infrastructure development, and evolving technology, among other things.

"Each time, I visited the fast developing China, there has been a lot to learn from the talented and hardworking Chinese nation who works round-the-clock to make the lives of people more easier". At the same time, I am fully confident that if China continues to grow at its current pace, it will soon be the world's largest economy.

While commenting on the economic development of China, Noor Mohsin based in Gwadar, shared that he has visited different countries, but his present visit to China was completely unique.

He was touched by the hospitality of the Chinese administrators and impressed by the cleanliness of the city and roads, as well as the law-abiding citizens who truly make China a great country.

He mentioned visits to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Huawei, Orijin Water Company, and China Economic Net Media Center and added, the Qingdao Port is an important project that will help stabilize the Chinese economy.

Noor Mohsin proposed that the Pakistani leadership should take full advantage of Chinese technology and put Pakistan on the path to progress and development.

He expressed his gratitude to the new Chinese ambassador in Pakistan who was the guiding force in materializing the tour of China.—APP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2023/09/25/7-page/972860-news.html>

Pakistan Observer

Economic Watch: BRI cooperation makes the world greener

Braving wind and sun, camel caravans trekked along the ancient Silk Road, taking silk and tea from China to Central Asia and Europe more than 1,000 years ago. Now, clean energy products are delivered to Belt and Road countries via freight trains and flights, turning wind and sunshine into treasure.

While green development is becoming a global consensus, more and more Chinese enterprises have become strong forces in building a green Belt and Road.

At the 2023 Euro-Asia Economic Forum, Nikolay Pomoshchnikov, head of the subregional office for North and Central Asia of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations, said that Central Asia has huge potential for renewable energy including solar energy, wind energy and hydropower and the forum provides a very good opportunity for cooperation with China and these countries.

The three-day forum concluded on Sunday in Xi'an, the capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Xi'an, also the starting point of the ancient Silk Road, has witnessed green development through trade exchanges between China and BRI partners.

In late April this year, the city launched the first China-Europe freight train for the export of new energy vehicles (NEVs). Data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers show that from January to August 2023, China exported 727,000 NEVs, a 1.1-fold year-on-year increase.

Last month, a train loaded with photovoltaic (PV) modules left Xi'an for Tashkent, Uzbekistan. These modules will serve a 1-gigawatt PV project in Uzbekistan, which will produce 2.4 billion kWh of clean energy annually, helping cut carbon emissions by up to 2.4 million tonnes.—Xinhua

<https://pakobserver.net/economic-watch-bri-cooperation-makes-the-world-greener/>

Pakistan record wins in tennis with setbacks in taekwondo, swimming

Pakistan on Sunday recorded impressive performances in shooting and tennis with setbacks in taekwondo and swimming and taekwondo in the ongoing Asian Games 2023 being held in Hangzhou, China.

In shooting, Pakistan's GM Bashir secured the eighth position after scoring 282 points with eight centres off target. The Pakistani shooter needs to finish in the top six to proceed to the finals. The second round of the qualification phase will be played on Monday (tomorrow).

Bashir recorded 98 points in eight seconds, then 97 in six seconds and 97 in four seconds.

Separately, Pakistan's Mehak Fatima failed to qualify for the next round in women's 10m air rifle. She finished 40th in the qualifying round.

Tennis: On the other hand, Pakistan got off to a flying start in the tennis singles and doubles.

In women's tennis singles, Ushna Sohail handed a straight-sets defeat to Tajikistan's Sumaya Tukhtaeva 6-2, 6-3. Another Pakistani tennis player, Sarah Ibrahim emerged victorious against Qatar's Hind Almudahka after a three-set battle 6-2, 6(5)-7, 6-3.

Ibrahim won the first set comfortably 6-2, but Almudahka made a comeback in the second set — which lasted for more than an hour — and won it after a close encounter 7-6(5).

The decisive set was won by the Pakistani player 6-3 after a 51-minute long clash.

Sunday was Pakistan's day in tennis, after triumphs in women's singles, Pakistani continued its excellent form and beat Mongolia in straight sets 6-0, 6-1 in mixed doubles.

Pakistani duo Sarah Ibrahim and Aqeel Khan — who lost to Uzbekistan's Khumoyon Sultanov in men's singles — came over Mongolia's Anand Gankhuyag and Khatansuikh Batbayar and won the tie in just 48 minutes.

Setbacks in taekwondo, swimming disciplines

In men's taekwondo, Pakistan's Aqdas Ullah Qadeer lost to Nepal's Bahadur Prem Limbu in the first round.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's Naila lost to Japanese athlete Yuiko Niwa in the quarter-final.

The Pakistani athlete finished the match with 100.0 points but her opponent qualified for the semi-final with 104.6 points. Earlier, Naila defeated Saudia Arabia's Medhat Abrar Bukhari in the Round of 16.

In swimming, both of Pakistan's swimmers Mohammad Amaan Siddiqui and Mohammad Ahmed Durrani failed to qualify for the next round. In Men's 200m individual medley, Durrani's timing was two minutes and 15.10 seconds, which was enough to create a new national record but he failed to reach the next round.

The previous Pakistani record in the 200m individual medley was two minutes and 16.26 seconds.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistan-record-wins-in-tennis-with-setbacks-in-taekwondo-swimming/>

The Nation

China-built power plants using imported coal in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD-All coal-fired power plants built by Chinese companies in Pakistan have been consistently using high-quality coal imported from other countries.

Commented on a news item raising a question about the coal quality, the officials said basic knowledge about the power industry based on facts can clearly show and prove that the Chinese power plants cannot run on low-quality coal like a fighter jet cannot start and run on regular fuel.

Stating the actual situation, the sources further stated that there is no classification of coal as “superior” or “inferior” based on the difference in thermal energy. “If less than 6000CV is the definition of inferior coal according to an ignorant bureaucrat, then the coal mines in Thar of Pakistan have only 2000CV coal. So, under their parameter, it should be defined as extremely inferior coal,” sources said.

At the hearing site, the Chinese company had carried out detailed science popularisation and explanation and introduced the correct and scientific concepts in the industry to the NEPRA officials who raised this issue.

The Chinese engineers and experts have briefed the Pakistani side about a clear scientific definition of the coal thermal zone set by the agency itself. According to the scientific design of the boiler, different power plants need to adapt to different calorific value zones of coal. For example, according to the regulations of the Pakistani side, the Port Qasim coal-fired power station needs to use coal produced in Indonesia in the range of 4500-5500CV, and according to this calorific value range, the corresponding boiler has been designed.

There is no positive correlation with coal prices. There is no high or low calorific value affecting the price of coal, and the pricing power is not in the hands of Chinese companies, but in the hands of international coal exchanges, the sources added.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2023-09-25/page-9/detail-4>

The News

CPEC projects: experts predict revolution in agri sector

Sabz Ali Tareen

CHARSADDA: A two-day international conference on the advantages of agriculture within the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was convened at the Bacha Khan University, where scientists and researchers from across the country participated.

Speakers on the occasion said the CPEC project promises a revolution in the field of agriculture, alongside various other sectors in Pakistan, adding that new research and modern methods expected to enhance crop production.

On the concluding day of the conference, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Bashir Ahmed distributed certificates to the participants.

Notable participants in the conference included Prof Dr Zahid Anwar from the China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Dr Muhammad Aarif from Agriculture University Peshawar, and Prof Dr Atta-ur-Rahman from the University of Peshawar, who presented their research studies during the event.

The organisers emphasised that Pakistan, being an agrarian nation, stands to gain significantly from the agriculture sector under the CPEC initiative. Therefore, new projects initiated in the field of agriculture under CPEC are expected to contribute to self-sufficiency in food production.

Moreover, it was highlighted during the event that women in the province could also benefit from the agriculture sector under the CPEC. They said new research and modern opportunities in agriculture can empower women's participation in this field, in accordance with the CPEC project's broader vision. At the end of the two-day event, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Bashir Ahmed awarded commendation certificates to the conference participants.

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74th Founding Day celebrations of China start in City

Faizan Bangash

LAHORE: Acting Consul General of China Mr Cao Ke has termed Pakistan-China friendship higher than Himalyas. He added that Pak-China relationship had attained further significance after the China-Pak Economic Corridor Project and it would strengthen with the passage of time.

Speaking at the 74th Founding Day ceremony of People's Republic of China held here Sunday, Mr Cao Ke stated that China attached great importance to Pakistan and both sides had witnessed decades of friendship.

The Chinese diplomat highlighted the importance of ongoing CPEC projects in Pakistan and chanted the slogan of 'Pak-China Dosti Zindabad' at the end of his speech. The ceremony was also attended by Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Governor Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Federal Minister Fawad Hassan Fawad, Provincial Minister Amir Mir, former Foreign Minister Khursheed Mehmood Kasuri, PMLN leader Muhammad Mehdi and others.

The governor in his address stated that China had been a trustworthy friend of Pakistan. He added Sino-Pak ties were getting stronger.

Meanwhile, guests and acting Consul General cut the cake to celebrate 74th Founding Day of China.

Another ceremony in connection with China's 74th Founding Day will also be held in a private school today (Monday).

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Nawaiwaqt News

کراچی تاپشاور ریلوے لائن منصوبہ، چین کا 6.60 ارب ڈالر کی نظر ثانی شدہ لاگت پر اتفاق

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) چین نے کراچی تاپشاور ریلوے لائن کیلئے 6.60 ارب ڈالر کی نظر ثانی شدہ لاگت پر اتفاق کر لیا۔ چین نے بین لائن۔ ون کیلئے 6 ارب 60 کروڑ ڈالر کی نظر ثانی شدہ لاگت پر اتفاق کر لیا ہے اور منصوبے کا ترمیم شدہ ڈیزائن پلان 31 اکتوبر تک پاکستان کو پیش کیا جائے گا جو کراچی تاپشاور 1872 کلومیٹر ریلوے ٹریک منصوبہ ہے۔ باخبر ذرائع نے بتایا کہ سیکرٹری مواصلات خرم آغا پاکستان کی جانب سے سی بیگ جو انٹ ورکنگ گروپس (جے ڈبلیو جی) برائے ایوی ایشن، ریلوے اور انفراسٹرکچر کے سربراہ ہیں اور سیکرٹری ریلوے مظہر علی شاہ لاگت اور اس سے متعلقہ معاملات کو حتمی شکل دینے کیلئے پیر کو جے ڈبلیو جی اجلاس میں شرکت کیلئے اسی ہفتے کے آخر میں بیجنگ جائیں گے۔ معاہدے کا باقاعدہ اعلان نگران وزیر اعظم انوار الحق کاکڑ کے 18 اکتوبر کو ون ہیلت اینڈ روڈ انیشیٹیو سے متعلق سالانہ

تقریبات میں شرکت کے لئے دورہ چین کے دوران متوقع ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ایم ایل۔ 1 کی لاگت کا تخمینہ پہلے تقریباً 9 ارب 80 کروڑ ڈالر لگایا گیا تھا تاہم چین نے کچھ لچک دکھائی اور ڈیزائن کی چند تبدیلیوں سے لاگت کم کرنے میں مدد ملی۔ اسی طرح منصوبے کے کچھ دوسرے حصے مقررہ وقت پر خود پاکستان ڈیولپ کرے گا۔

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Pakistan Observer

Under President Xi's leadership, China emerges as global leader ushering in new era of peace, prosperity

Under President Xi Jinping, China has emerged as global leader seeking peaceful relations with the world powers and playing a role in conflict resolution among various countries thus ushering in an era of peace and prosperity.

These views were expressed by Editor-in-Chief & Chairman/CEO of Pakistan Observer Mr. Faisal Zahid Malik during a call-on meeting with the Consul General (CG) of China Mr Yang Yundong in a meeting at the latter's office.

He congratulated the Chinese Consul General on the 3rd term of President Xi at the annual session of the national legislature earlier in March this year.

This is the biggest motivation moving forward and is also a weighty responsibility on President Xi's shoulders and I am sure he will come up to the expectations of the Chinese people, he said.

This shows, excellency, people's trust in President Xi's leadership and I believe Pakistan will benefit greatly from his brainchild project the Belt & Road Initiative (B&RI).

About Pakistan Observer's role in promoting China-Pakistan relations, he assured the CG of his newspaper's continuous support in furthering Pak-China ties.

"I have best relations with your predecessor and hope yo cultivate deeper ties with you as well," said Faisal Zahid Malik.

He also appreciated the Chinese mediation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and Iran. This further cements China's global leadership role for international peace.

President Xi has established his credentials as a peace maker by brokering a deal between the KSA and Iran, said Faisal Zahid Malik.

He noted with satisfaction that the BRI's flagship project China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with an investment of over US \$46 billion brought promise of economic prosperity, peace and stability for Pakistan at a time when investment was a far cry and the country was passing through the worst financial challenges.

China's decision to select Pakistan for investment changed the world's conventional opinion about Pakistan and there was a beeline of international investors, foreign mission and multinational companies seeking to partner in this multibillion project, he said.

“This year marks the 10th anniversary of the launch of CPEC. Over the past ten years, under the guidance of the leaders of our two countries, CPEC has made outstanding contributions to Pakistan’s economic and social development. Its great achievements have attracted worldwide attention,” said Faisal Zahid Malik.

The Chinese Consul General appreciated Mr Faisal Zahid Malik’s sincerity and goodwill and noted that the bond of friendship between China and Pakistan is higher than the Himalayas and deeper than the oceans.

<https://pakobserver.net/under-president-xi-leadership-china-emerges-as/#:~:text=Under%20President%20Xi%20Jinping%2C%20China%20has%20emerged%20as,ushering%20in%20an%20era%20of%20peace%20and%20prosperity.>

Solangi participates in SCO’s Television Festival 2023 in China

Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Monday participated in the Television Festival 2023, organized by Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Nanjing, China.

On the occasion, Murtaza Solangi met Chinese Minister for National Radio and TV Cao Shumin and thanked her for organizing the festival.

During the meeting, both ministers expressed the resolve to enhance cooperation in the areas of television and radio.

They vowed to promote innovation in media technology and exchange of journalist delegations.

Murtaza Solangi called for initiating the Chinese Hour programme on Pakistan Television (PTV). He also stressed for promoting the activities of Chinese media in Pakistan.

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74th National Day of China celebrated in Lahore

The 74th anniversary ceremony of the National Day of Peoples Republic of China was held at a local hotel here on Sunday night in which Punjab Governor Balighur Rehman and Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi attended the ceremony as chief guests.

Federal Minister Fawad Hassan Fawad, Provincial Minister SM Tanveer, Azfar Ali Nasir, Amir Mir, Jamal Nasir, Ibrahim Murad, Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Consul General of USA, Consul General of Iran and other personalities participated in the ceremony. Punjab Governor, CM, provincial ministers and Chief Secretary jointly cut the cake with the acting Consul General of China Mr. Cao Ke and congratulated him on the national day of China. Acting Chinese Consul General thanked Governor Punjab, CM Punjab and stated that the recent China visit of CM Mohsin Naqvi holds the status of a milestone for the Pak-China relationship. CM Mohsin Naqvi said that a new era of Pak-China relationship has started, adding that further new avenues of cooperation in all sectors of life between the two countries

will open. Extraordinary acknowledgment was given during the China visit on which I am grateful to the Party Secretary of Ningxia and the Chinese leadership he added. Pakistan and China were standing shoulder to shoulder for a bright and peaceful future, he mentioned. The CM said China has proved to be our all-weather friend, a strong partner and a reliable neighbor.

The Punjab government is thankful on extending support and cooperation by China in different sectors, he added. Punjab Governor Balighur Rehman stated that CM Punjab and his cabinet paid a successful China visit. An encouraging and positive discussion with regard to enhancing cooperation took place during this visit. Agreements to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as Sister Cities with the Chinese cities took place. Pakistan and China were all weather friends. Earlier, national anthems of Pakistan and China were played at the start of the ceremony.

Pakistan-China Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) also celebrated 74th China's National Day by conducting conference titled "CPEC achievements, targets and future prospects". According to the joint chambers spokesperson here Monday, the chief guest of the event was Du Yue, director and senior most officer, Consulate General of People's Republic of China. Various keynote speakers including Lt- Gen Nasser Khan Janjua, former Corps Commander Quetta, Shahzad Ali Malik, chief executive officer, Guard Agricultural Research and Services (Pvt) Ltd, Lu Jianxue, President, Lahore Overseas Chinese Association, Ma-Xiayuan, Executive President, Tang Chinese International Organisation, Moazzam Ali Ghurki President PCJCCI, and Hamza Khalid participated in the event. Sharing his views, the chief Mr. Du Yue said, "I believe the bilateral relationship between the two neighboring countries is characterised by feelings of mutual trust, respect and goodwill towards each other. PCJCCI has set a remarkable example of this goodwill.

I regard China Pakistan Economic Corridor; not only the road to economic prosperity of Pakistan, but the future of whole world." In his welcome address, the PCJCCI President Moazzam Ali Ghurki said, "I congratulate the people and leadership of China on the occasion of National Day.

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The Express Tribune

CPEC expansion plan in doldrums

China has not agreed to further expand cooperation in areas of energy, water management, climate change

ISLAMABAD: China has not agreed to further expand cooperation in areas of energy, water management, and climate change under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), underscoring the challenges that both the sides are facing in deepening the economic ties. Moreover, Islamabad gave up its opposition to setting up a new imported coal-fired power plant in Gwadar and also agreed to a number of Chinese demands to address Beijing's

concerns, the signed minutes of the 11th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) of the CPEC showed.

Although, the JCC meeting was held in Oct 2022, its minutes were signed on July 31, highlighting the difference of opinions on both sides that led to almost a year's delay in reaching a consensus.

The details showed that China did not agree to a host of measures that Pakistan had proposed in the areas of energy, water management, climate change and tourism in Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B), Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and the coastal areas. The final draft shared with Beijing by Pakistan and the final minutes signed by both the sides were different in many ways. The CPEC minutes had been signed on July 31 during the visit of the Chinese vice premier, Ahsan Iqbal, former planning minister in the PDM government, said.

The JCC is a strategic decision-making body of CPEC and its 11th meeting was held virtually on Oct 27, 2022 on the insistence of the PML-N led government that wanted to showcase some progress.

China excluded cooperation in the areas of cross-border tourism in G-B, K-P and AJK and cooperation for promotion of coastal tourism from the final minutes of the 11th JCC, the details showed.

China also did not agree to Pakistan's proposal for inclusion of Water Resources Management and Climate Change and Urban Infrastructure Development in the CPEC framework. The proposal for setting up a new joint working group on water resources management and climate change was also rejected by China.

When contacted, the Ministry of Planning stated that it was a global practice for the minutes of meetings between two countries to be signed by both the sides only after due consultation and evolving consensus. This is to ensure that the minutes accurately reflect the agreements and understandings reached by both the parties, it added.

The planning ministry further said that the 11th JCC meeting minutes were signed in July 2023 after a thorough consultation process. Both the sides reviewed and discussed the minutes in detail to ensure that they comprehended all these outstanding issues and future goals, it added.

The details showed that China excluded the issue of financial challenges being faced by the power companies from the final minutes. The text related to the financial closing of 701 megawatts (MW) Azad Pattan hydropower project, 1,124MW Kohala power plant, and 1,320MW Thar Block 1 Shanghai Electric Co power plant was dropped from the final minutes.

The draft minutes had mentioned that "the projects have achieved 90% milestones for financial closing; however, financial closing is dependent on Sinosure clearance".

Major concession on Gwadar plant

Pakistan has given significant concessions to China on the issue of setting up the 300MW Gwadar Power Plant.

Islamabad wanted to either shelve the 300MW project or change its location to Thar to use the local coal. But China did not agree to Pakistan's text about the Gwadar plant, which had mentioned that "both sides recognised that there was a need to examine the requirement, size, location and fuel type for 300MW Gwadar Power Plant in view of escalating international coal prices, which were resulting in exceptionally high prices of electricity, liquidity and foreign exchange issues for Pakistan and environmental concerns".

Pakistan had also wanted the conversion of the imported fuel-based Gwadar plant to Thar coal to address energy security and liquidity issues to which China did not agree.

The final minutes showed that "both sides agreed to advance the Gwadar Power Plant in accordance with the existing plan".

Pakistan also committed that it would follow the consensus reached by two sides, and will direct the Pakistani power purchase companies to stop deducting the capacity power rate and return the deducted power rate.

To ensure the normal operations of CPEC power projects, the Pakistani side promised to take necessary measures to ensure timely exchange to US dollars for CPEC power projects to buy necessary fuels.

China also did not agree to a proposal to the inclusion of a 500kv transmission line from Hub to Gwadar to link the seaport city with the national grid in the CPEC framework.

Similarly, China did not agree to "carry out joint studies for future development of Thar coal blocks, including development of mega power parks and power evacuation infrastructure, with a view to meet Pakistan's energy needs from indigenous resources, conversion of coal into other products for domestic demand as well as exports.

The reference that the JCC appreciated the decision on the conversion of imported coal-based IPPS to local Thar coal was also dropped.

China also did not agree to the proposal for inclusion of 100MW KIU and 80MW Phander hydel power projects in the CPEC energy cooperation list and implementation through Chinese investors. China did not agree to the proposal of developing a policy framework for coal gasification to fertiliser projects based on Thar coal. Similarly, there is no mention of the South-North gas pipeline project in the final minutes. The draft minutes had mentioned examination of feasibility study and Chinese cooperation for the purpose.

Pakistan had proposed Chinese participation in a strategic underground gas storage project but there is no mention of this mega project in the final minutes.

Pakistan had also proposed participation of China in the national seismic study for sedimentary areas and sought Chinese equipment. But this idea is also shelved at the bilateral level.

Pakistan proposed joint exploration, development, and marketing of metallic minerals and sought Chinese technology, but the final minutes were silent on this issue too.

The planning ministry emphasised that signing of the minutes of the 11th JCC meeting was a testament to the strong relationship between Pakistan and China. It was also a reflection of the commitment by both sides to work together to achieve their common goals, it added.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2437871/cpec-expansion-plan-in-doldrums>

The Nation

Gwadar team lauds China's development, modernisation efforts

ISLAMABAD - A 10-member delegation from Gwadar recently returned from a visit to China, where they observed the country's development and modernisation efforts.

The group expressed appreciation for China's development and its neighbourhood diplomacy approach of building friendly ties.

The delegation emphasised that Pakistan's long-standing friendship with China has support across political affiliations and society.

The group, comprising senior academics, researchers, businessmen and administrative officers, was led by Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gwadar (UG).

They embarked on a ten-day visit to China on September 10, upon invitation from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In Beijing, the delegates met with Liu Jinsong, Director General of the Asian Affairs Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

Liu noted that since the start of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a decade ago, collaborative efforts have led to major infrastructure projects in Gwadar, including ports, airports, roads, hospitals and a desalination plant, benefitting the local population.

According to a UG statement, Liu affirmed China's commitment to economic progress in Balochistan and Gwadar.

He said China's friendly policy towards Pakistan extends to all ethnic groups, with CPEC bringing benefits across regions, tribes and social strata.

The delegation expressed interest in promoting educational partnerships, knowledge exchange and cooperation in trade, technology and infrastructure.

They are keen to build a framework for broader bilateral collaboration beyond just education. People in Gwadar appreciate the swift, inclusive and mutually beneficial corridor cooperation, the statement said.

They look forward to more people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation to further boost China-Pakistan friendship for generations.

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Photo contest highlights BRI, CPEC projects in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in collaboration with the Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), has launched a nationwide photography competition aimed at showcasing the progress of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Secretary Information and Broadcasting Zahoor Ahmed chaired a meeting on Monday to review arrangements for the "Nationwide Best Belt & Road Initiative Projects Photography Competition," which aims to capture the essence and impact of CPEC and other BRI projects in Pakistan.

The meeting, attended by senior officials from the ministry and its attached departments, was briefed about the aims and objectives of the photography competition, its procedure, and timeline.

Photos related to CPEC and BRI projects in Pakistan, categorized as "Infrastructure and Development," "People and Stories," and "Environmental Impact," can be submitted by September 7. Winners will be announced on September 10, following evaluation by a panel of renowned photographers, artists, and relevant government bodies on September 8-9.

The prize distribution ceremony and exhibition, co-hosted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Pakistan-China Institute, will be held on September 12, 2023, and will be attended by dignitaries, officials, and the media. The Pakistan-China Institute will also organize a trip to China for award winners.

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Express News

سی پیک مشترکہ تعاون کمیٹی، چین کا توانائی سمیت پاکستان کے تجویز کردہ کئی منصوبوں سے اختلاف

چین نے سی پیک کے تحت پاکستان کے ساتھ توانائی، واٹر مینجمنٹ اور ماحولیاتی تبدیلی کے شعبوں میں تعاون مزید بڑھانے سے عدم اتفاق کیا ہے جس سے: اسلام آباد دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان اقتصادی تعاون بڑھانے کے ضمن میں چلینجز کی نشاندہی ہوتی ہے۔

سی پیک کی 11 ویں مشترکہ تعاون کمیٹی (جے سی سی) کے دستخط شدہ منٹس سے معلوم ہوا ہے کہ پاکستان نے گوادریں درآمدی کونکے سے چلنے والا نیپا پاور پلانٹ لگانے کی مخالفت ترک کر دی اور بیجنگ کے تحفظات کو دور کرنے کیلئے متعدد چینی مطالبات پر بھی اتفاق کیا۔

اگرچہ جے سی سی کا اجلاس اکتوبر 2022 میں ہوا تھا، لیکن اس کے منٹس پر رواں سال 31 جولائی کو دستخط کئے گئے جس سے دونوں فریقین میں اختلافات کی نشاندہی ہوتی ہے۔ اتفاق رائے تک پہنچنے میں تقریباً ایک سال کی تاخیر ہوئی۔

تفصیلات سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ چین نے پاکستان کی طرف سے گلگت بلتستان، خیبر پختونخوا، آزاد جموں و کشمیر اور ساحلی علاقوں میں توانائی، واٹر مینجمنٹ، موسمیاتی تبدیلی اور سیاحت کے شعبوں میں تجویز کردہ بہت سے اقدامات سے اتفاق نہیں کیا۔

پاکستان کی جانب سے بیجنگ کے ساتھ شیئر کیا گیا حتمی مسودہ اور دونوں فریقوں کے دستخط شدہ حتمی منٹس کئی اعتبار سے ایک دوسرے سے مختلف تھے۔

سابق وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسن اقبال نے بتایا کہ ان منٹس پر 31 جولائی کو چینی نائب وزیر اعظم کے دورے کے دوران دستخط کئے گئے تھے۔ جے سی سی کا گیارہواں دورہ جو نل اجلاس پی ڈی ایم حکومت کے اصرار پر 27 اکتوبر 2022 کو ہوا تھا تاکہ سی پیک پر پیش رفت ہو سکے۔

تفصیلات سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ چین نے گلگت بلتستان، خیبر پختونخوا اور آزاد جموں و کشمیر میں سرحد پار سیاحت اور ساحلی سیاحت کے فروغ کیلئے تعاون کو 11 ویں جے سی سی کے حتمی منٹس سے خارج کر دیا۔ چین نے سی پیک فریم ورک میں آبی وسائل کے انتظام، موسمیاتی تبدیلی اور اربن انفراسٹرکچر کی ترقی کو شامل کرنے کی پاکستان کی تجویز سے بھی اتفاق نہیں کیا۔

واٹر ریورس مینجمنٹ اور موسمیاتی تبدیلی پر ایک نئے مشترکہ ورکنگ گروپ کے قیام کی تجویز کو بھی چین نے مسترد کر دیا۔ رابطہ کرنے پر وزارت منصوبہ بندی نے کہا کہ یہ ایک عالمی پریکٹس ہے کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان میٹنگز کے منٹس پر دونوں فریقین کی طرف سے مناسب مشاورت اور اتفاق رائے کے بعد ہی دستخط کئے جاتے ہیں۔

پاکستان نے چین کو درآمدی ایندھن سے بننے والے 300 میگا واٹ کا گواڈر پاور پلانٹ لگانے کے معاملے پر بڑی رعایت دی ہے۔ پاکستان اس منصوبے کو روکنا یا مقامی کوئلہ استعمال کرنے کیلئے اس کا مقام تبدیل کر کے تھر کرنا چاہتا تھا تاکہ زرمبادلہ کے ذخائر کی بچت ہو تاہم چین نے گواڈر پلانٹ کے بارے میں پاکستان کی تجویز سے اتفاق نہیں کیا۔

جے سی سی کے درآمدی کوئلے سے چلنے والے آئی پی پی ایس کو مقامی تھر کول میں تبدیل کرنے کے فیصلے کو منٹس سے خارج کر دیا گیا۔ چین نے 100 میگا واٹ کے ”آئی یو“ اور 80 میگا واٹ کے پھنڈر ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹس کو سی پیک توانائی تعاون کی فہرست میں شامل کرنے اور چینی سرمایہ کاری کی تجویز سے اتفاق نہیں کیا۔

چین نے تھر کے کوئلے سے کھاد کے منصوبوں کیلئے کول گیسیفیکیشن کیلئے پالیسی فریم ورک تیار کرنے کی تجویز سے بھی اتفاق نہیں کیا۔ اسی طرح ساؤتھ تھر نار تھ گیس پائپ لائن پراجیکٹ کا بھی حتمی منٹس میں کوئی ذکر نہیں آیا۔ پاکستان نے سٹریٹجک زیر زمین گیس ذخیرہ کرنے کے منصوبے میں چینی شراکت کی تجویز دی تھی لیکن اس پر بھی اتفاق نہ ہوا۔

وزارت منصوبہ بندی نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ جے سی سی کے 11 ویں اجلاس کے منٹس پر دستخط پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان مضبوط تعلقات کا ثبوت ہیں۔ یہ دونوں فریقوں کے مشترکہ اہداف کے حصول کے لیے مل کر کام کرنے کے عزم کی عکاسی بھی کرتے ہیں۔

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پاکستان، چین کار ریڈیو، ٹی وی انڈسٹری میں تعاون بڑھانے کا عزم

پاکستان اور چین نے ریڈیو، ٹی وی انڈسٹری میں تعاون بڑھانے کا عزم کیا ہے۔ :انجنگ

نگران وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات مرتضیٰ سولنگی نے چین کے شہر نانجنگ میں شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے زیر اہتمام ٹیلی وژن فیسٹول 2023 میں شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر چین کے وزیر برائے نیشنل ریڈیو اور ٹیلی وژن ٹراؤشومی نے وزیر اطلاعات سے ملاقات کی۔

دونوں وزرانے ریڈیو اور ٹیلی وژن کی صنعت میں تعاون کو فروغ دینے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔ ملاقات میں دونوں ممالک کے مابین میڈیا ٹیکنالوجی کی جدت اور صحافیوں کے تبادلہ کو فروغ دینے کا بھی اعادہ کیا گیا۔

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Chinese Tour Operators show satisfaction over security situation: IG Punjab

Inspector General of Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar and delegation of senior officers of Punjab Police are busy in official engagements, meetings and various field visits in China, in continuation of which IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar held an important meeting with Chinese tourism tour operators and investors. IG Punjab briefed Chinese tour operators and investors about the security arrangements for foreign nationals in Punjab province. IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar while talking to the Chinese delegation said that Pakistan is a safe and secure country, rich in favorable environment for investment and beautiful tourist spots, the security situation in Pakistan is completely satisfactory for international investment and projects. IG Punjab said that Chinese experts are performing their services in various projects of Punjab in a completely peaceful environment while Chinese investors are being provided a completely peaceful environment for their all new projects and business ventures in Pakistan. These views were expressed by IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar during a meeting with Chinese investors and tourist tour operators held in China. Chinese tour operators and investors expressed satisfaction over the security situation in Pakistan and applauded the efforts of Punjab Police.

IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar said that Chinese tourism tour operators and investors have shown full willingness to promote Chinese tourism and investment in Pakistan. Chinese tour operators and investors will visit Pakistan soon to finalize bilateral cooperation, and will finalize operational matters with local tour operators in Pakistan, Department of Tourism, Punjab Police and other relevant departments. IG Punjab said that the Chinese delegation will review the security situation and arrangements in Pakistan, the facilities offered by the tourism department. Chinese investors have shown interest in starting various projects in Pakistan; it will pay the way for the launch of new projects. IG Punjab further said that the Chinese delegation will sign a MOU with the Punjab Police for tourism development on the occasion of their visit to Pakistan under which further steps will be ensured in future to enhance mutual cooperation. The police chief and senior police officers of Wuxi, China were also present in the meeting.

On the instructions of the Inspector General of Police, Punjab, police teams, are working day and night to eradicate crime throughout the province, which has resulted in arrest of thousands of culprits during current year. Spokesperson of Punjab Police told that during the current year, total 88736 wanted criminals and proclaimed offenders were arrested in various crimes in the province, including 12651 of A category and 76085 of B category. Spokesman of the Punjab Police further said that intelligence-based operations are going on rapidly in the whole province to eliminate the menace of drugs. 20436 drug dealers, dealers, and smugglers were arrested while registering 21516 cases against them across the province. 19631 kg of charas, 864 kg of opium, 562 kg of heroin, 65 kg of ice, 3055 kg of bhang and 67 kg of other drugs were also recovered from the possession of drug dealers. 584 million cash & goods

looted in dacoity incidents and 1414 million cash & goods looted in robbery incidents recovered in the crackdown during the current year. 1242 snatched and stolen vehicles, and 17921 snatched and stolen motorcycles were recovered from culprits. 71 cases of kidnapping for ransom were registered, and 127 accused were arrested while 77 hostages were recovered, 447 accused were arrested in 456 cases of blind murder. IG Punjab ordered to speed up the crackdown against the criminals to eradicate the crimes from the province. He directed the RPOs, DPOs should focus on timely actions for eradication of crimes under personal supervision and reports of police operations, and arrest of culprits should be sent regularly to the Central Police Office

President Pakistan Police Sports Board/Inspector General Police Punjab has issued the schedule of annual sports tournaments of Pakistan Police while issuing instructions for conducting inter-district and inter-regional annual competitions of police. On the instructions of Director General Police Sports Board, training camps have been formally started across the province. Chief Sports Officer DIG Logistics Athar Ismail while giving the details of the competitions held at district, provincial and national level said that cricket and other sports camps have been started in all districts and units including Lahore. While participating in the camp of the cricket team, Chief Sports Officer DIG Logistics Athar Ismail said that the national police cricket team will be formed based on the competitions held at the district, region, unit and inter-provincial levels, this police cricket team will participate in national level competitions.

Chief sports officer further said that along with cricket, the schedule of other 29 sports competitions has also been announced. These sports include archery, baseball, athletics, boxing, kabaddi, body building, weightlifting, hockey and other sports. Training camps are going on in different districts of the province. Chief Sports Officer Athar Ismail said that after completing the inter-district tournament from September 1 to September 31, the Focal Person of all districts will send the results to the Chief Sports Officer, Central Police Office. The best players of the district level will compete in inter-range tournaments from December 1 to December 31 through which performance based best athletes will be selected for department level competitions. In February and March, through inter-departmental and inter-provincial tournaments, the best players will be selected to form a police team in each sport, out of which the selected players will make their place in the national team of Pakistan by showing excellent performance at the national level. Chief Sports Officer further said that the sports calendar of Pakistan Police runs along with the Olympic Association and talent hunt will also continue in all districts in this regard.

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Xinjiang Grand Bazaar reflective of neat blend of tradition and innovation

The rhythmic beats of the Naghra kettledrum reverberate through the air as a Uyghur musician, dressed in a blue robe, strikes the drum with practiced taps.

His red-robed companion plays a lively melody on the suona, the music drifting through the entrance of a newly opened fruit themed supermarket. Drawn to the vibrant sounds, a twenty-

something passer-by joins the duo for an impromptu traditional Xinjiang dance, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday.

Established in 2003, the Xinjiang Grand Bazaar spans an expansive 100,000 square metres with more than 3,000 stores. The bazaar has increasingly become a tourism hot spot, with a daily visitor count exceeding 120,000 and surpassing 150,000 over the weekends since this August.

Behind this uplifting development is that the bazaar goes beyond its role of a marketplace to showcase the region's unique architectural, culinary and cultural traditions, and its innovation capabilities.

At the entrance of the Xinjiang Grand Bazaar lies an 80-metre dome-roofed sightseeing tower. Adopting traditional Uyghur architectural design, the two-storey platform offers a panoramic view of the entire bazaar and its surrounding area.

"I just love this tower. It has an amazing appearance, and it provides so unique a view," Mr Liu, a visitor from China's coastal city of Hangzhou told China Economic Net (CEN) reporter.

To promote the culture of naan, a traditional Xinjiang flatbread that resembles a pizza without sauce, a naan-themed museum was established.

The museum educates visitors about the history of naan bread, the different types of naan across Xinjiang and the raw materials and tools for naan making.

Also highlighted at the bazaar are traditional culinary delights such as Kao Bao Zi (meat-filled baked buns) and Xinjiang lamb skewers and traditional dance and music performances.

Building on the cherished traditional elements, the bazaar has also explored new avenues for development. The first way is to combine cultural elements with contemporary designs to develop a range of creative tourism and culinary products.

For example, in 2020, the bazaar partnered with a tourism company based in Fujian to craft official merchandise featuring silk apparel, hats, and scarves, and traditional Uyghur musical instruments.

The bazaar has also engaged the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) countries for exchange and inspirations. In the 2023 Silk Road Culinary Festival held at the bazaar from September 23rd to 28th, culinary and tourism enterprises from countries along the Silk Road including Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan are invited to showcase their unique offerings.

Up to now, the grand bazaar boasts nearly a hundred local snacks and a variety of distinctive cultural products, a representative from the Tianshan District Cultural Tourism Development Co., Ltd. in Urumqi said in an early September interview, adding that more such products are to be launched.

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The Nation

China's experience to contribute significantly to Pak social, economic prosperity: Envoy

by SHAFQAT ALI

ISLAMABAD - Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zeidang yesterday said that China's experiences would contribute significantly to Pakistan's social and economic prosperity.

In a meeting here with on Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, the envoy expressed his happiness at being appointed in Pakistan. The Chinese Ambassador reaffirmed the close friendship between China and Pakistan, expressing China's commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation. He highlighted China's recent white paper titled "Common Future of Mankind," aimed at fostering global peace and development. The ambassador also extended an invitation to the Chairman Senate to visit China. The discussions revolved around various matters of mutual interest, encompassing bilateral relations, economic collaboration, and coordination.

The determination to enhance bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors was reaffirmed, underlining the mutual benefits for both nations. The meeting also underscored the imperative for joint endeavors aimed at promoting peace, prosperity, and development in the region. While extending his congratulations to Ambassador Jiang Zeidang on his new role, Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani expressed optimism that the ambassador's substantial skills would contribute to stabilizing and fortifying the Pakistan-China relationship. He commended China's commitment to regional peace and highlighted the necessity of bolstering cooperation in multilateral domains. The discussions also encompassed the advancement of collaboration in the agriculture and mining sectors. The Senate Chairman expressed his intent to draw inspiration from China's experiences in the realms of agriculture and mining, culminating in the potential strengthening of a "Strategic Cooperation Partnership" that would further enhance Pakistan-China relations.

He underscored the historical solidarity between the two nations, where they have consistently supported each other on various international platforms. Sanjrani acknowledged the transformative impact of the "Pak-China Economic Corridor" project, ushering in a new era of joint development and prosperity. Urging the expedited exchange of parliamentary delegations, he extended an invitation to head of the National People's Congress (NPC) of China to visit Pakistan.

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Pak-China crop pest management seminar held in Chengdu

BEIJING-In order to strengthen the mutual learning and cooperation between China and Pakistan in the fields of crop pest management technology, prevention and control measures and management standards, the Seminar on Methods and Standards of Crop Pest Management in China and Pakistan was organised by International Standardization Talent Training Base (Chengdu).

The event was co-hosted by the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) and the University of Punjab online and attended by technicians of agricultural enterprises engaged in crop pest control and experts of related scientific research institutes from both countries, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday. Honored guest Dr Abid Ali, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, gave a keynote speech titled Standard System and Current Situation of Pest Control of Major Crops in Pakistan. “We are facing growing severe pressure from pests, which is a serious threat to survival and security for Pakistan, an agricultural country. Climate change and high temperatures have intensified pests, in the meantime, extensive cropping signifies a lack of systematic and scientific control. Moreover, blind abuse of pesticides has led to more and more pests becoming resistant further. Such a vicious cycle keeps the cost of plant protection high.”

After analyzing the complex situation of crop pest management in Pakistan, Dr Ali took several major pests such as Fall Armyworm (FAW) as examples to introduce Pakistan’s current management system (chemical control) and pointed out that Pakistan lacks adequate pest monitoring and forecasting systems, which means that pesticides still dominate prevention and control measures. Statistics show that Pakistan’s annual pesticide use has soared from 50,000 tons/year in 2001 to 200,000 tons/year in 2020 in the past 20 years. Therefore, studying the population distribution of natural enemies of pests in different phenological stages and crops will help Pakistan establish a biological management system, which reduces the use of pesticides. “China has leading technology in the field of biological control. Through learning-related experience, it will be of great benefit to the promotion of biological control in Pakistan.”

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Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match today

LAHORE - The first time in the history of Pakistan and China Relations, Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match is all set to be held in collaboration with Chinese Consulate Lahore and Insti-tute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR) at LCCA Ground near Gaddafi Stadium today (Wednesday). In connection with commemo-ration of Chinese National Day to be held on 1st September, more than ten Chinese nationals will be especially playing cricket match wearing helmet, gloves, bat and other cricket gadgets. Chinese players include LUO JIANXUE, XING XUANYU, LAI QUANPING, LAI HENBAO, QI ZIGANG, WANG YOUFU, PENG LIDONG, ZENG XINGXING and ZENG QINGQIANG. Former Pakistan cricket players will also play in the match.

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The News

China’s national day celebrated

LAHORE: China’s National Day (74th birthday anniversary) was celebrated at Punjab Tianjin University of Technology (PTUT) Tuesday. Caretaker Minister for Industries SM Tanvir and acting Consul General of China Mr Cao Ke, were the chief guests.

Secretary Industries Ehsan Bhutta, VC Dr Abdus Sattar Shakir, PSIC MD Asim Javed, teachers and students participated. National flags of both countries were hoisted and national anthems were played. Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanvir while addressing the event congratulated the leadership and people of China on their national day on behalf of the government and the people of Punjab.

He said there is an eternal bond of friendship between Pakistan and China, China is a sincere friend of Pakistan who has supported Pakistan in every hour of difficulty. He said that China became independent two years after Pakistan and thanks to hard work it has become the second largest economy in the world today while we are still far behind. We need to work hard, he said, adding Pakistan would Inshallah come out of economic difficulties and become a prosperous country. He said that the delegation of Punjab under the leadership of Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has recently visited China, which will further promote bilateral economic cooperation.

Talking to the media, the provincial minister said that we will benefit from China's agricultural research and expertise for the development of the agriculture sector. He said that there would be a record production of cotton this year, the credit of which goes to the chief minister. He said that students were being equipped with modern sciences in Tianjin University which will yield good results. Consul General China Cao Ke thanked Industries department and PSIC for arranging a wonderful ceremony. He assured of his full support for research and development for students of PTUT.

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Sanjrani, Chinese envoy discuss Sino-Pak economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zeidang Tuesday called on Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and their discussion revolved round various matters of mutual interest, encompassing bilateral relations, economic collaboration and coordination.

The meeting took place here at the Parliament House. The determination to enhance bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors was reaffirmed, underlining mutual benefits for both nations. Moreover, the meeting underscored the imperative for joint endeavors aimed at promoting peace, prosperity, and development in the region. Congratulating Ambassador Jiang Zeidang on his new role, Sanjrani expressed optimism that the ambassador's substantial skills would contribute to stabilizing and fortifying Pakistan-China relationship. He commended China's commitment to regional peace and highlighted the necessity of bolstering cooperation in multilateral domains. The discussions also encompassed the advancement of collaboration in agriculture and mining sectors. The chairman Senate expressed his intent to draw inspiration from China's experiences in the realms of agriculture and mining, culminating in the potential strengthening of a "Strategic Cooperation Partnership" that would further enhance Pakistan-China relations. He underscored historical solidarity between the two nations, where they had consistently supported each other on various international platforms. Sanjrani acknowledged the transformative impact of the "Pak-China Economic Corridor" project, ushering in a new era of joint development and prosperity. Urging expedited exchange of parliamentary delegations, he invited the head of

the National People's Congress (NPC) of China to visit Pakistan. Sanjrani also highlighted Pakistan's investment-friendly environment and encouraged Chinese investors to explore opportunities for mutually beneficial projects. He expressed appreciation for the private sector investments from China in remote areas of Pakistan. The chairman also recognized the global leadership qualities of Chinese President Xi Jinping, commending his impactful writings, and suggested translating the book into Urdu.

The Chinese ambassador reaffirmed close friendship between China and Pakistan, expressing China's commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation. He emphasized that China's experiences would contribute significantly to Pakistan's social and economic prosperity, expressing his happiness at being in Pakistan.

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Business Recorder

West 'over-obsessed' to contain China: PM

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that Pakistan was focusing on its own interests without choosing sides in the great power competition, and that the West was "over-obsessed" with efforts to contain China.

The prime minister, in an interview with Washington Post during his visit to New York to attend the 78th United Nations General Assembly session published on Wednesday, said Pakistan intended to stay "neutral" on Russia's war with Ukraine and saw China as its "all-weather friend" and "strategic partner."

"It's not a Cold War. There is no Iron Curtain here. It's not that opaque. Everybody sees what is happening," the prime minister said. He said that the West was "over-obsessed" with efforts to contain China.

He told the interviewer that Pakistan was charting a path, designed to avoid getting caught up in the competition between the West and Russia and China. He said Pakistan had no intention of committing to either camp in the growing US-China rivalry.

By siding with the West against the Soviets and again after 9/11, Pakistan paid a high price, Kakar said. "Pakistan in the last 30 years, has been treated unfairly by the West," he told the interviewer.

"Every nation for itself... Why should we be worried about this competition? It's between two great powers, two great civilizations, and the implications [affect] 150-plus countries. And Pakistan is just one of them," PM Kakar remarked. Mentioning Pakistan's "neutral" stance on Ukraine, the prime minister said: "This crisis is creating challenges and at the same time it is creating opportunities also within the region, and we are looking at it both ways."

Prime Minister Kakar flatly denied the allegations in a media report of Pakistan moving any munitions to Ukraine saying, "We have not gone for any sale which was directly intended for the Ukraine, not any sort of transactions, even through a third party."

Regarding the arrest of workers of Pakistan Tehree-k-e-Insaf, the prime minister denied the alleged abuses and compared Pakistan's actions to the arrests in the United States of those who attacked the US Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.—APP

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Daily Times

IUB signs education cooperation program with Chinese university

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB), Anhui University of Chinese Medicine (AHUCM) and the TANG International Education Group have signed an International Education Cooperation Program.

According to details shared by University College of Conventional Medicine (UCCM), IUB, a Chinese delegation led by AHUCM's Prof Dr Zhou Yadong visited the IUB. A tripartite agreement was signed among the two universities and TANG Int'l in a meeting chaired by IUB VC Prof Dr Naveed Akhtar, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the AHUCM will provide 30 scholarships to UCCM students to complete education in China. The dual degree program will allow the students of Eastern Medicine to achieve degrees in Chinese Medicine on scholarships. Principal UCCM Dr Hafiz Muhammad Asif said that the agreement will not only help in enhancing standards of education in Pakistan but will also help in resolving health related issues in the country.

Recently, a UCCM delegation visited China from August 27 to September 5. The delegation visited top-ranked Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) institutes, including the AHUCM, and Gansu Health Vocational College.

A tripartite MoU was signed during the visit between the UCCM, Gansu Vocational Health College, and TANG for cooperation in education, innovation, exchanges of faculty and students, industrial-educational integration and modern talent cultivation of vocational and technical education, especially in the field of Traditional Medicine.

The IUB will be the pioneer institute in Pakistan to launch TCM degree/diploma program with all its major disciplines.

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The Nation

Friendship wins Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match

LAHORE-Friendship emerged victorious in the inaugural Pak-China Friendly Cricket Match of 2023 held here at the LCCA Ground on Wednesday.

This landmark event not only showcased the enduring camaraderie between the two nations but also marked a significant moment in the backdrop of cricket's return to the Hangzhou Asian Games in China.

Pak-China Green demonstrated their prowess on the field by outplaying Pak-China Red, securing victory with 9 wickets to spare. This cricketing spectacle, which enthralled fans, particularly in Lahore, was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Chinese Consulate Lahore and the Institute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR).

The Pak-China cricket teams were led by Luo Jianxue for the Red team and Yasir Habib Khan for the Green team. Distinguished guests, including Zaka Ashraf, Chairman of PCB Management Committee, and Cao Ke, the Chinese Acting Consul General in Lahore, graced the event. Prominent figures such as Lahore Qalandars owners Atif Rana and Sameen Rana, along with former cricketers Misbah ul Haq, Nadeem Khan, and Junaid Zia, were also in attendance.

LRCA President Khawaja Nadeem Ahmed, Moazzam Khan Klair, Fakhar Shah, IIRMR Chairman Muhammad Mehdi, President Yasir Habib Khan and Vice President Muhammad Faisal, Khawar Sandhu, PCJCCI President MoazamGhurki, Secretary Salahuddin, and others added to the event's prestige.

Chief guest Zaka Ashraf commended the IIRMR's initiative to engage Chinese nationals in a healthy cricket event. He expressed Pakistan's readiness to provide all necessary facilities to the Chinese national cricket team and welcomed them to the state-of-the-art National Cricket Academy for coaching and training.

Chinese Acting Consul General Cao Ke highlighted the shared love for cricket as a unique aspect that unites China and Pakistan. He expressed his hope for Pakistan's victory in the Asian Games and emphasized cricket's role as a bridge between the two nations. Furthermore, China's commitment to cricket was evident as they developed new cricket infrastructure for the Hangzhou Asian Games, demonstrating their dedication to welcoming the sport back on the global stage.

Cao Ke expressed the significance of the historic first-ever friendly cricket match between China and Pakistan, where dignitaries, Chinese consuls, journalists, celebrities, and Chinese compatriots all came together to celebrate not only the match but also the deepening bonds of friendship between the two nations.

He concluded by celebrating China's National Day, the ongoing Asian Games, and the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China, highlighting the 19th Asian Games as a platform for promoting friendship and cooperation among Asian nations.

IIRMR Chairman Muhammad Mehdi said that Institute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR) is dedicated to bolster Pak-China relations and 1st Pak-China friendly cricket match has tugged the strings of all hearts influenced by new flavour of congenial delicacy between both the brothers' countries.

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Business Recorder

Chinese workers' safety

It is shocking that Chinese engineers and workers at the NTDC (National Transmission and Despatch Company) Converter Station Matiari – a crucial CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) project – are reportedly living in very insecure and unhygienic conditions. A letter by the local deputy commissioner to the NTDC managing director, which has made its way to the press, reveals that engineers/workers/technical staff at the recently-constructed converter station have been working without proper security, medical assistance and even waste disposal facilities.

This is a very poor reflection on the local government as well as NTDC because “this project is of (the) utmost importance and can be considered Pakistan’s lifeline”, according to the letter, yet all this time foreign workers have been provided just a few guards, only a first-aid kit – not even so much as a separate room or dispensary for immediate or emergency health cover – and they are without proper fire-fighting equipment. Shamefully, there’s also no provision to collect or dispose of daily waste, nor has anybody bothered to award any contract for such disposal, leaving workers unnecessarily vulnerable to all sorts of diseases.

The list goes on. There’s also no provision for shifting the staff to a safe location in case of heavy monsoon downpour and/or flash floods, which the area is prone to, putting a big question mark on the competence and planning of concerned authorities. It seems that nobody in the long chain of command, which includes the Sindh government, the civil service and security agencies including the military, gave any thought to this project or their duties at all. They certainly didn’t factor in how seriously Pakistan relies on both CPEC and Chinese assistance, especially at this crucial time. Or the fact that repeated terror incidents targeting Chinese nationals in the past have not only caused great harm and embarrassment to the country, but also derailed CPEC more than once; even threatened to end the cooperation completely.

Now that this issue has reached the public, and also caught the attention of Chinese authorities no doubt, it is vital to move quickly to plug all the holes instead of indulging in the same old inter-departmental blame game, which is sure to follow. Yet regardless of how quickly and to what extent all these issues can be addressed, it’s pretty certain that our Chinese friends would not have been impressed, and very rightly so. For they go to show, yet again, just how incapable and inefficient all sorts of Pakistani government departments have become, even when it comes to something as important as CPEC, and also how blind they are to international diplomatic considerations and responsibilities.

Their actions, rather lack of them, would now be taken in Beijing, and elsewhere, as though we do not value their assistance and partnership at all. Rather, we behave as if we are doing others some sort of favour by allowing them to come here and work for our benefit. If this is how the State, and companies like NTDC, behave with partners as crucial as the Chinese and with projects as important as CPEC, there’s very little chance of them overcoming the hardships caused by the current economic downturn.

It's a small miracle that no untoward incident took place in all this time. And one can only hope that relevant quarters will mobilise before one does. So far, at least in this case, they have relied only on chance for success, which in itself is a severe indictment of the Pakistani state and its many arms.

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‘Possible’ CPEC ‘rollback’: Jilani refutes speculation

ALI HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani on Thursday refuted the speculation being rife about the possible rollback of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) following growing Pakistan-US relations, saying “there is absolutely no question of it being rolled back.”

Briefing media persons after returning from New York where he accompanied caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar to represent Pakistan at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, Jilani also elaborated on the details of the trip to the UN Headquarters and the engagements held by Pakistan’s delegation during the visit.

Responding to a question about speculation being rife that Pakistan may roll back the CPEC project following growing relations with the US, the caretaker foreign minister stated that CPEC is a “very important” transformational project for Pakistan.

“There is absolutely no question of it [CPEC] being rolled back,” he stated in categorical terms. As a matter of fact, we have entered into the second phase of the CPEC which will involve a lot of things, including upgradation of railways, upgradation of agriculture, technical cooperation, collaboration in information technology and many other areas, he added.

“I’m 100 percent sure that in coming years, you will only see further advancement in CPEC and there is no need to cast any doubt in this regard,” Jilani further asserted. To another question about Pakistan’s policy with regard to Israel following certain Muslim countries including Saudi Arabia are set to go on normalisation with the Jewish state, the caretaker foreign minister empathetically stated that Pakistan’s stance on the Israel-Palestine conflict has “absolutely not changed and it will remain the same as it was in the past.”

“There is no change in our policy regarding Israel. Our policy is linked to the rights of the Palestinian people. Our response to these questions is very clear and whenever we take any decision on such an issue, we keep our national interest at the top. Currently, there is no thinking [of recognition] of Israel in Pakistan,” he added.

Jilani stated that both he and the caretaker prime minister had clarified this in their speeches at the UNGA, adding that Palestinians must be given independent state status like that of pre-1967 with Al-Quds Sharif as the capital of Palestine.

When asked what is Pakistan’s national interest with regard to Israel, he explained that Pakistan’s stance with regard to the right to self-determination to the people of Jammu and Kashmir is similar to the people of Palestine.

“That becomes part of our national interest,” he added.

The caretaker foreign minister also stated that two delegations – one from the Middle East and another by Pakistan-US businessmen – are coming in the next few days for discussions with regard to investment under the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC).

He added that around two dozen MoUs with different countries are expected to be signed within the next few days. He said that during his interactions with the foreign delegates including the business community on the sidelines of the UNGA session in New York, the response about the SIFC was “very positive.”

He said a delegation of the Pakistan-US businessmen is expected next month which is also the outcome of the SIFC’s establishment as well as the positive indicators of Pakistan’s economy.

He said SIFC is focused on the promotion of agriculture, IT and mining, adding that Pakistan is trying to enhance its IT exports to \$ 10 billion.

To another question about Pakistan’s recent purchases of Russian oil, he said that these deals do not break any international law.

“Pakistan has not really done anything which is different from other countries. I don’t think Pakistan by purchasing these items from Russia has violated any sanction law or any international law,” he said, adding that many other countries are also trading with Russia and Pakistan has not done anything which is not in line with the terms of Russia’s trading with other countries.

He also stated that the government wanted to remove all obstacles to the Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline and dialogue in this connection is under way.

Asked whether Afghanistan has shared any information with Pakistan with regard to the reported arrests of some 200 TTP militants, Jilani confirmed that recently the interim Afghan authorities have shared the information. However, he did not elaborate on the details of these arrests.

To another query as to whether Pakistan will seek the handing over of the arrested militants, he stated: “If these [arrested] are Afghan nationals, then obviously we will not seek their handing over rather they should be punished as per the law.”

He said that Pakistan has concerns regarding the cross-border terrorism from Afghanistan, adding that the relevant authorities are engaged with their Afghan counterparts on the matter.

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The Nation

Solangi felicitates China on its 74th National Day

ISLAMABAD - Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Thursday extended heartfelt felicitations to the People’s Republic of China and its citizens on the occasion of their 74th National Day.

Solangi extended the felicitation during a special ceremony hosted by the Embassy of China in Pakistan to commemorate its 74th National Day. On the occasion, Minister Murtaza Solangi highlighted the enduring bond of friendship between Pakistan and China, acknowledging China's unwavering support to his country during its challenging times. He lauded China for its remarkable journey of development, which, over the course of 74 years, had steered its people out of darkness and led them to an era of progress and prosperity.

The minister said China had achieved substantial progress in areas of economy, science, technology, social development, national unity, and border defence. He emphasized that China's emergence as a global economic power was a testament to the dedication and efforts of its people. Solangi commended China's presentation of its development and prosperity plan at the world stage, which had garnered respect and admiration across the globe.

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China-Pakistan cooperation to multiply in future: Envoy

By SHAFQAT ALI

ISLAMABAD-Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong yesterday said that China and Pakistan cooperation will multiply in the years to come.

Speaking at a reception hosted by the Chinese Embassy here to celebrate China's National Day, he said Pakistan and China were iron brothers and had been cooperating in all fields. Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani, Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Information Minister Murtza Solangi, Culture Minister Jamal Shah and others participated in the event. A host of envoys and journalists were also in attendance.

Ambassador Jiang Zaidong said China was dedicated to strengthening the strong friendship and enduring strategic cooperation between the two countries. He said the cooperation between the two friendly countries was benefitting both the sides.

The Chinese Ambassador reaffirmed the strong friendship between China and Pakistan, emphasizing China's commitment to support Pakistan. He stressed that China's experiences would significantly contribute to Pakistan's social and economic well-being and expressed his delight at being in Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas said Pakistan and China were close friends and committed to strengthen this partnership further. He said the two countries stand together for the peace and prosperity of the regional.

Jilani said the Pakistani nation was also celebrating the National Day of China together with their Chinese friends.

He said the Pakistani government was committed to enhance the cooperation between the two countries to new levels. In his speech, Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani acknowledged the transformative influence of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative, marking the beginning of a new era of collaborative growth and prosperity.

The Senate Chairman underscored Pakistan's conducive investment climate, encouraging Chinese investors to explore mutually advantageous project opportunities.

He highlighted that Chinese investments in Pakistan have created valuable job opportunities for the nation's youth and have played a pivotal role in advancing regional development.

Sanjrani expressed gratitude for Chinese private sector investments in remote areas of Pakistan. He also commended Chinese President Xi Jinping's global leadership qualities, praising his influential writings, and proposed translating his book into Urdu. During the National Day holiday, known as Golden Week, Chinese people engage in various activities, including travel, both domestically and internationally. Festivities, including flag-raising ceremonies, fireworks, and light shows, take place nationwide, with Beijing hosting the largest celebrations.

A significant civil-military parade is held in Beijing every five years, featuring a flag-raising ceremony at Tian'anmen Square. Throughout the week, people relax, travel, enjoy good food, exchange gifts, and, for many, reunite with their families.

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The News

Pakistan, China committed to expanding CPEC: ministry

ISLAMABAD: China and Pakistan are committed to expanding the scope of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to include new areas of cooperation, such as water resources management, climate change and tourism.

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The JWGs are technical bodies comprising experts from both sides, who are responsible for conceiving and evaluating project proposals in their respective areas. This is a standard procedure for CPEC projects, and it ensures that all proposals are carefully considered and that they meet the goals and objectives of the CPEC long-term plan.

According to the Planning Ministry, some of the CPEC projects have already been implemented while others are underway in Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and the coastal areas. More projects are planned in these areas in the future.

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Envoy highlights growth of China under CPC

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong on Thursday, during the celebration of 74th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, thanked Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani, Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani and all the guests. He said over the past 74 years, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the Chinese people have worked hard in unity and forged a path for socialism with Chinese characteristics. We have created two miracles: rapid economic growth and long-term social stability. Particularly since the 18th National Congress of the CPC, under the strong

leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, we have secured historic achievements and undergone historic changes in the cause of the Party and the country. Now we are advancing the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization. Zaidong further said we have won the largest battle against poverty in human history, succeeded in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, and embarked on a new journey toward building a modern socialist country in all respects. We follow the new development philosophy, formulate a new development paradigm and advance high-quality development. From 2012 to 2022, China's GDP has grown from 54 trillion yuan to 114 trillion yuan, accounting for 18.5 percent of the world economy, and contributing over 30 percent to global economic growth. Despite the sluggish global economic recovery, China's GDP grew by 5.5 per cent year-on-year in the first half of this year, the fastest among major economies. We have implemented a people-centered philosophy of development, and put in place the world's largest education system, social security system and health care system. Chinese people's sense of fulfillment, happiness, and security continue to increase. We have pursued a more proactive opening-up strategy, and have become

a major trading partner of over 140 countries and regions. The Belt and Road Initiative has become a public good welcomed by the international community. We firmly believe that with Comrade Xi Jinping being the core of the CPC Central Committee and the entire Party, and by following the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, the Chinese people will continue to advance the great cause of building a strong country and achieving national rejuvenation. He added the Communist Party of China not only seeks happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, but also seeks progress for mankind and great harmony for the world. China's development cannot be separated from the world, and the world's prosperity needs China. In the process of comprehensively promoting the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation with Chinese modernization, we will provide the world with new opportunities with China's new development. The day before yesterday, China issued a white paper entitled "Working Together to Build a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind: China's Initiatives and Actions", which systematically expounds the ideological connotation and vivid practice of building a community with a shared future for mankind, and the Belt and Road Initiative is an official practical platform for it. This year marks the 10th anniversary of President Xi Jinping's proposal of the "Belt and Road" Initiative as well as the 10th anniversary of the launch of the CPEC. With his profound thoughts on the future and destiny of mankind, and the development trends of China and the world, President Xi put forward the BRI to promote worldwide win-win cooperation and common development. During the past ten years, more than 3,000 cooperation projects have been formed within the framework of the BRI, driving nearly one trillion US dollars in investment, creating 420,000 jobs for countries along the route, and lifting nearly 40 million people out of poverty, he said. The ambassador said the World Bank report estimates that by the year of 2030, the "Belt and Road" initiative will generate 1.6 trillion US dollars of revenue annually all over the world. The CPEC, as a pilot project of the BRI, has brought a total of 25.4 billion US dollars in direct investment, 155,000 direct job opportunities, 510 kilometers of expressways, 8,000

megawatts of electricity and 886-km of core transmission grids to Pakistan, injecting strong momentum into Pakistan's economic and social development, becoming a vivid symbol of China-Pakistan all-weather friendship.

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Xinhuanet News

Pakistan to enhance cooperation with China to promote affordable green energy, say experts

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 15 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan needs to further enhance cooperation with China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to promote affordable clean and green energy in the South Asian country, Pakistani experts have said.

Pakistan and China enjoy close ties, which must be utilized for expanding affordable and clean energy access in Pakistan, experts said during a seminar titled "Renewable Energy Collaboration under the CPEC", which was organized recently by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), an Islamabad-based think tank.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, the 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.

Speaking on the occasion, Abid Qaiyum Suleri, SDPI's executive director, said that climate crisis amplified by consistent use of dirty fuels impacts the global community without any distinction of geography and economic conditions.

Pakistan ranked among the top 10 most vulnerable countries on the Climate Risk Index, and the country faced climate-induced devastating floods last year, affecting over 33 million people including children.

While countries around the globe are responding to the climate crisis by embarking on a renewable energy transition, the energy inflation in Pakistan owing to various internal and international factors manifests itself at the domestic level, Suleri said.

"Pakistan must bank on China's expertise in promoting green energy initiatives with doable and practical solutions to address these problems. Various energy projects under CPEC have already been helping Pakistan realize its goal of increasing the share of renewable energy in power generation to 30 percent till 2030," he added.

Liaquat Ali Shah, executive director of the Center of Excellence for CPEC at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, said that CPEC provided Pakistan with a platform to fast-track adoption of renewable energy and significantly low carbon emissions.

Shah stressed the need for building institutional capacity, and policy integration, by aligning industry and energy policies with green industrial policies.

"The focus on renewable energy should extend beyond generation to energy conservation and efficiency ... the outdated facilities can lead to increased costs," he said.

Khalid Waleed, a scholar and expert in energy economics, stressed the need to attract foreign investment into the country especially from China to advance green initiatives and spur economic activity.

"The potential for China to shift manufacturing to Pakistan, China, with its abundant capital resources, could benefit from utilizing Pakistan's labor-intensive workforce, creating a mutually advantageous trade relationship," he said.

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Global Times

China shares experience in promoting science literacy during Beijing International Week

By Deng Xiaoci

The Beijing International Week for Science Literacy started on Sunday. Guests from all over the world, including His Royal Highness Prince Fahd bin Mansour bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz from Saudi Arabia and Khan Muhammad Wazir, the science and technology counselor of the Pakistani Embassy in China, attended the launch ceremony on Sunday morning at the Shougang Park.

A total of 24 international organizations and institutions from 22 countries and regions, with 27 representatives from various tech sectors and the science education industry, are attending the conference. They will jointly explore the issue of improving public scientific literacy and plan a win-win development path, according to the Beijing Association for Science and Technology (BAST), the main organizer of the event.

Vishal Kumar Agarwalla, a vice chairman of the Young Indians, a group of young businessmen who are part of the Confederation of Indian Industry, and Nur Karnina Karim, head of Seria Energy Lab of Brunei, also participated in the Sunday event.

Shen Jie, executive vice president of BAST, told the Global Times that the Beijing International Week for Science Literacy is a "name card" for the association to conduct international scientific and technological exchanges, which greatly benefit the association's participation in the Chinese capital's rise as an international science and technology innovation center as well as an international exchange center.

In an exclusive interview with the Global Times on Sunday, Wazir congratulated and expressed his appreciation of the leadership of BAST, for hosting the event.

"This event has brought together leaders from different parts of the world to share their experiences and achievements in promoting science literacy in their respective countries and to learn from the Chinese experience," he said.

When asked in what specific areas China and Pakistan could work together to improve the general public's science literacy and how that will help enhance the iron-clad friendship between the two countries, Wazir noted that China and Pakistan are cooperating closely on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and recently a MoU between the China Association for Science and Technology and the Pakistan Science Foundation was signed. The cooperation includes training of STEM teachers, the exchange of STEM students and sharing of experiences and resources.

Set to end on September 24, this year's Beijing week is themed "Working Together for Common Development - Digital Literacy and Future Education."

This theme reveals the Chinese openness, mutual learning for common benefits and China's willingness to share with the rest of the world its achievements in making science a culture and new normal, the Pakistani councilor said. He also noted that China has used science, technology and innovation for its socio-economic development and to transform its economy and society into digital and connected systems. The theme further explains the increasing and essential link of education with digital technology.

And according to Shen, during this week, Beijing will hold the first-ever international science and technology teachers conference, an exhibition to showcase international science popularization works created by innovation groups, through which BAST hopes to achieve international exchange of scientific communication experiences and resource sharing, enhance quality and literacy, promote academic and experiential exchanges and promote the dissemination and promotion of quality science popularization resources.

Cheng Donghong, the chairperson of the Chinese Society of Natural Science Museums, highlighted in her remarks at the Sunday ceremony the Tiangong Classroom sessions beamed down from the Tiangong space station by Shenzhou crew members in December 2021 and March 2022. During these sessions, more than 200 science and technology museums, more than 700 mobile science and technology museum stands, and more than 500 science popularization vans, along with 800 rural middle school science and technology venues across the country, under the coordination and guidance of the museum, organized local youths to watch live broadcasts and conduct space-Earth comparative scientific experiments.

"Featuring the largest coverage and the highest public participation for such an event in a single day, this was a successful case for China's science popularization venues and educational activities," Cheng said.

Aiming to strengthen international communication coordination and collaboration, and enhance the effectiveness of international communication, BAST also signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Global Times at the Sunday ceremony, witnessed by Shen and Global Times General Manager Wu Tianhong.

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Global Times

China, Pakistan successfully wrap up joint air exercise

By Liu Xuanzun

With the return of participating Pakistani forces to their home country on Tuesday, China and Pakistan successfully wrapped up the Shaheen-X joint air exercise in Northwest China, with observers on Wednesday predicting more military interactions and exchanges that will further deepen pragmatic cooperation between the "Iron Brothers."

The J-10C and JF-17 fighter aircraft of the Pakistan Air Force contingent on Tuesday landed back at an operational air base in Pakistan after successful participation in the joint air exercise in China, the Pakistan Air Force said in a press release on Tuesday.

Aimed at validating interoperability between China and Pakistan in the face of realistic contemporary air combat scenarios, the exercise was a collaborative endeavor that facilitated the exchange of valuable insights and lessons learned, according to the Pakistani press release.

A video attached to the press release highlighted that the Shaheen-X was an operational exercise that deepened brotherhood, created synergy, enhanced professional skills and operational preparedness and shared cultural values.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force dispatched warplanes including the J-16 fighter jet to the joint exercise, the video showed.

The drill, the 10th edition in the Shaheen exercise series, started on August 28 in Jiuquan, Northwest China's Gansu Province and Yinchuan, Northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

In addition to fighters, other types of aircraft such as early warning aircraft and ground equipment, including ground-to-air missile systems, radar installations and communications units, also participated in the drill that practiced typical combat scenarios such as joint air defense and joint countermeasures, according to Xinhua.

The exercise featured advanced warplanes from both sides and formed complete combat systems that stress interoperability, a Chinese military expert who requested anonymity told the Global Times on Wednesday.

The J-16 from the Chinese side is the PLA Air Force's most powerful and all-rounded fighter jet, only second to the stealth-capable J-20, while the J-10C from the Pakistani side is the Pakistan Air Force's most advanced aircraft, the expert said.

Pakistan commissioned the first batch of Chinese-developed J-10Cs in March 2022. They can be interconnected with their Chinese counterparts through the PLA Air Force's KJ-500 early warning aircraft, the expert said.

Fu Qianshao, a Chinese military aviation expert, told the Global Times that the exercise is beneficial to both sides in terms of skills, tactics and interoperability.

The two countries use different training approaches, but at the same time fly the same aircraft, the J-10C, so both sides can learn from each other, Fu said.

Experts anticipate there will be more high-level exchanges, joint exercises among the armies, navies and air forces of the two countries, personnel training, as well as technology cooperation, including arms sales and joint development, in the future.

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Forum discusses global public security cooperation, eyes promoting international social fairness

By Deng Xiaoci in Lianyungang

In the face of a complex public security situation around the world, China's stance is consistent and clear that it will actively implement the Global Security Initiative (GSI), adhere to common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security concepts and strive to take a new path of cooperation based on joint consultation, shared responsibilities and shared outcomes, Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Wang Xiaohong expounded while addressing the opening ceremony of the 2023 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in Lianyungang, East China's Jiangsu Province, on Wednesday.

During his keynote speech, Wang stressed that major powers with more resources and advantages should take the lead in guiding global governance of public security in terms of ideas, direction, and practice. They should also take the lead in promoting international social fairness and justice, and opposing hegemony, dominance, and bullying.

"We all are stakeholders of public security and we should all adhere to the basic principles of international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, oppose double standards, unilateral sanctions, and long-arm jurisdiction, and ensure that the benefits of security and development are more extensive and equitable for people of all countries," Wang urged.

Themed "One World, Common Security," the forum gathered more than 500 senior law-enforcement officials, experts and scholars from some 50 countries and regions, and international organizations.

Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare of the Solomon Islands, during his speech via video link at the opening session, hailed China-proposed GSI to adapt to the profoundly changing international landscape and address complex and intertwined security challenges with a win-win mindset, as opposed to an "unfortunate" global system that provides security priorities based on dominant views and feedback.

Extending the deepest gratitude of the people and government of the Solomon Islands to the people and government of China, Sogavare revealed that the capacity and capability of the Solomon Islands Police Force have greatly improved in the last two years, as compared to the last 20 years, thanks to the effective public security cooperation arrangement between the two nations' police forces.

"One of the key features of our cooperation is the ability to listen to the needs of security agencies and devise strategic workable plans. There has been no intention of control or dominance, but simply to identify, improve and empower. That is basically what is needed for a good public security cooperation approach," Sogavare said, applauding the cooperation.

Distinguished guests including the Prime Minister of Cambodia Hun Munet, Egyptian Interior Minister Mohammed Mahmoud Tawfiq and UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix also delivered speeches at Wednesday's opening session through video links, commending the significant achievements of the forum.

As one of the world's safest countries, China is committed to supporting the establishment of a global law enforcement training system. In addition, we will organize a security equipment expo to offer assistance to other nations in terms of police equipment. In the coming year, we plan to provide training for 3,000 law enforcement personnel from participating countries of the forum. Furthermore, we will also offer opportunities for 50 individuals from those countries to study in China, Wang announced on Wednesday.

Forums like the Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in Lianyungang are trying to identify avenues through which the entire world can come together and agree on a cooperative framework, Moeed Yusuf, former national security advisor of Pakistan, told the Global Times on the sidelines of the forum on Wednesday.

"Pakistan and China have been strategic partners and what we call 'Iron Brothers' through difficult and good times. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor has been called the litmus test of the BRI for a reason. And the reason is that if the China Pakistan Economic Corridor succeeds, it proves a model of partnership when it comes to development," Yusuf said.

"I think countries like China and many others can come together to help countries in the developing world improve their governance. Without governance, there is no development. Without development, you still have poverty. And with poverty, you have all sorts of security problems that many countries face," he said.

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Xinhuanet News

Pakistan to enhance cooperation with China, GDI members for sustainable development: PM

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 20 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar said on Tuesday that Pakistan looks forward to enhancing its cooperation with China and other members of the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative (GDI) on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

According to a statement issued by the prime minister's office, Kakar participated in a high-level meeting on the GDI cooperation outcomes on the sidelines of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

In his remarks at the meeting, the prime minister highlighted that progress towards achieving the SDGs has suffered a severe setback due to the crises of COVID-19, conflict and climate change.

Kakar also highlighted the need for action in five key areas, including food production, infrastructure investment, industrialization, resilient healthcare systems and the bridging of the digital divide, said the statement.

The prime minister said Pakistan supports the GDI and commended the milestones achieved in its implementation, stressing that the Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are vital vehicles for achieving the SDGs.

The prime minister also highlighted the necessity of adequate and appropriate finance at all levels of the development process while welcoming China's announcement of the setting up of another fund of 10 billion U.S. dollars dedicated to implementing the GDI.

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Global Times

Will India achieve its geopolitical interests through IMEC?

By Yasir Habib Khan

On the sidelines of the G20, announcement of US-led India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) become clear manifestation how India desires to play its cards globally. It shows that, despite knowing the potential and proven dividends of joining the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), India has firmly decoupled itself from the global framework, believing that its interests will only be protected in the US-led circle.

India, mistakenly, overlooked the fact that US has a habit of casting aside its international commitments and even ditching close friends. The US' lack of consistency in implementing global economic policies has already drawn the ire of international community, especially when it comes to the growing list of meaningless US-led frameworks.

For example, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, an ambitious trade pact involving the Indo-Pacific countries, was part of former president Barack Obama's strategic pivot to Asia. Obama successor, former US president Donald Trump, pulled the US out of the trade pact in 2017. The US also withdrew from Paris Agreement in 2017. It also called an end unilaterally to the Iran Nuclear Program agreement, a landmark agreement reached between Iran and several countries, in 2018. Washington also played a role in cancelling Australia-France Submarine Deal.

India needs to understand the malevolence of US-driven geopolitical and geo-economic tactics as well as realizing the tangibility of win-win benefits of the BRI rationally and logically.

China and India are both founding members of BRICS, a global pact that unites the Global South, and if India steps back from its hostility against China, the two countries could share significant opportunity for cooperation.

The BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) recently agreed to expand the grouping by adding six new members: Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Ethiopia, Argentina and Iran.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of BRI. The BRI's 10-year performance, numbers, scale, size and scope are enough to convince India if Modi government takes a pragmatic approach.

The BRI has a massive head start over all the newly formulated West-led corridors. Ever since its launch in 2013, China has mobilized close to \$1 trillion in investments across over

3,000 BRI-linked infrastructure projects ranging from ports, pipelines, highways, railways, power plants, and other connectivity links. Over 150 countries have signed up for BRI projects and funding, attracted by the promise of upgraded trade and transit networks.

From the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to railways in Laos and highways in Montenegro, the BRI's positive impact stretches across vast swathes of Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

The Indian economy grew at an impressive 7.8 percent annual rate in the second quarter of 2023. By joining the China-proposed BRI, India can easily boost its economic gains.

The opinion is based on an interview with Yasir Habib Khan, president of Institute of International Relations and Media Research in Pakistan. The opinions expressed are those of the writer(s) alone and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Global Times.

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Xinhuanet News

China's police chief meets guests from South Africa, Suriname, Nigeria, Pakistan

NANJING, Sept. 21 (Xinhua) -- Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Wang Xiaohong met with guests from South Africa, Suriname, Nigeria and Pakistan, who are here to attend the 2023 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in Lianyungang, East China's Jiangsu Province, on Thursday.

When meeting with South African police minister Bheki Cele, Wang said that China is ready to work with South Africa to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, maintain the momentum of friendly exchanges, promote cooperation mechanism at all levels, strengthen cooperation in law enforcement capacity building, and make greater contributions to the development of China-South Africa comprehensive strategic partnership in the new era.

Cele said he is willing to actively promote the implementation of the consensus reached by the two sides and strengthen law enforcement and security cooperation between South Africa and China.

When meeting with Surinamese justice and police minister Kenneth Amoksi, Wang highly appreciated Suriname's adherence to the one-China principle and hopes to strengthen personnel exchanges, deepen collaboration in security for the Belt and Road, combating transnational crimes and law enforcement capacity building, and push for new achievements in China-Suriname strategic cooperative partnership.

Amoksi expressed willingness to continue to strengthen law enforcement and security cooperation with China, and to jointly cope with risks and challenges.

When meeting with Kayode Egbetokun, inspector-general of the national police force of Nigeria, Wang said that China is willing to work with the Nigerian side to implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, strengthen personnel exchanges and mechanism building, severely crack down on crimes against Chinese citizens in Nigeria, raise

the level of cooperation in investigation, fugitive tracking and law enforcement capacity building, and advance the development of China-Nigeria strategic partnership to a deeper and higher level.

Egbetokun expressed willingness to actively and effectively implement the consensus reached between the two countries and deepen cooperation in law enforcement and security.

When meeting with Nawabzada Shazain Bugti, Pakistan's former minister for narcotics control, Wang expressed the hope that the two sides will coordinate development and security, deepen law enforcement and security cooperation, and jointly contribute to promoting the development of the China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and speeding up the building of an even closer China-Pakistan community of shared future in the new era.

Bugti said that Pakistan is willing to strengthen communication and cooperation with China and actively promote the steady and healthy development of Pakistan-China relations.

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China an active advocate, strong promoter and continuous contributor to global poverty reduction agenda: official

China has been an active advocate, strong promoter and continuous contributor to the global poverty reduction agenda, and has always closely linked its own development to the global common development, Zhao Fengtao, vice chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, told a press briefing on Tuesday, when asked about how China is helping to alleviate poverty in third world countries.

"China has always paid attention to the development of global poverty reduction, and the [China-proposed] Global Development Initiative (GDI) also prioritizes poverty reduction among the eight areas of work," Zhao said at a press briefing of the State Council Information Office on Tuesday.

At the press briefing, China released a white paper entitled "A Global Community of Shared Future: China's Proposals and Actions." The white paper, which summarizes the meaning of building a global community of shared future, its practices and development, was released on the 10th anniversary of China's proposal of the idea.

According to Zhao, China has actively implemented demonstration projects on people's livelihoods and promoted China's experience in poverty reduction. China has helped a number of developing nations carry out 6,000 projects linked to livelihood, which have effectively elevated local sustainable development capacity, Zhao said, exemplified by the plantation of homegrown hybrid rice in 70 countries as well as the introduction of China's Juncao cultivation technology in over 100 nations.

As China's old saying goes, "If you want to be rich, first build a road," and China is playing a role in building transportation to facilitate poverty reduction in areas along the transportation link. Driving up social and economic development via boosting connectivity is a focal point of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Zhao noted.

Over the past decade, the BRI has fueled nearly \$1 trillion in investment and lifted 40 million people out of poverty. There are multiple highlights of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, while BRI project in Ethiopia also makes the country have the first expressway in East Africa.

Zhao said that China also mobilizes development resources to facilitate the global poverty reduction agenda. China has announced the upgrading of the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund to a Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund and the increase of its total funding to \$4 billion.

Under the framework, Chinese financial institutions have set up a special fund of \$10 billion for implementing the GDI, and over 200 cooperation projects have been included in the GDI project pool, according to Zhao.

China has also shared its experience of poverty reduction in the context of Chinese modernization to other developing countries through education, training and think tank communication, as teaching a man how to fish matters more. For example, the Luban Workshop has helped train new types of skilled workers in over 20 countries, according to Zhao.

Wirun Phichaiwongphakdee, director of the Thailand-China Research Center of the Belt and Road Initiative, told the Global Times on Tuesday that the implementation of the concept of building a global community of shared future has given each individual country equal rights to development, and made the developing world able to lift itself out of poverty and genuinely participate in global governance.

The white paper released on Tuesday has been published in eight languages, including Chinese, English, French, Russia, German, Spanish, Arabic and Japanese. It has three parts - a preface, main body and conclusion. The main body has five sections, including "humanity at crossroads," "an answer to the calls of the time and a blueprint for the future," "deep roots in history and cultural tradition," "direction and path," "China's action and contribution."

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People's Daily

CPEC improves education, living conditions in Pakistan: senate chairman

(Xinhua)

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 27 (Xinhua) -- The projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (ECO) have significantly improved employment, education, medical care, and

drinking water conditions in Pakistan during the last 10 years, said Chairman of Pakistani Senate Sadiq Sanjrani.

Sanjrani held a meeting with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong here on Tuesday and acknowledged the transformative impact of the CPEC projects for development and prosperity, according to a statement from the chairman's office.

The chairman said the progress achieved under the CPEC benefited from China's concept of building a community with a shared future for humankind.

Sanjrani said Pakistan has always regarded China as its closest friend and most reliable partner, and is willing to further strengthen friendly exchanges and pragmatic cooperation with China in various fields.

During the meeting, Jiang said China is ready to work with Pakistan to fully implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, and accelerate the building of an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future.

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China-Pakistan cricket friendly marks China's National Day

(Xinhua)

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 28 (Xinhua) -- A cricket friendly was played on Wednesday in Pakistan between local people and Chinese to mark the 74th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, which falls on September 1.

The 10-over match in the eastern city of Lahore, was organized by the local Chinese Consulate in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR), and was aimed at deepening the friendship and promoting people-to-people exchange between the two countries.

Talking to Xinhua, IIRMR president Yasir Habib Khan called it an exciting event, as the two countries rarely get the chance to play each other at cricket.

"It's kind of a jump-start for such activities as it has given a new dimension to Pak-China friendship," he said, adding that "it's Pak-China friendship from sports perspective."

"A Chinese business lady played so well that it shocked everyone," said Azhar Masood, sports editor of local newspaper The Nation, in reference to the fact that cricket is not widely played in China.

Luo Jianxue, president of the Overseas Chinese Association in Lahore and captain of one team, told Xinhua that the Chinese in Pakistan had learned from Pakistani friends about their love of cricket.

"During the match, our Chinese players learned from the experience and skills of the Pakistani players to improve our cricket level," Luo said, stressing that it is also an expression of the friendship between two countries to make progress together by learning from and communicating with each other.

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