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Daily Times

US-China: Pillars of Global Prosperity

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In December 2024, the United States and China renewed their government-to-government Science and Technology Agreement (STA) with a five-year protocol, continuing a collaboration first established in 1979. Over the decades, the STA has yielded significant mutual benefits, with the US leveraging China's biodiversity to advance agriculture, medicine, and environmental science, besides joining hands in climate science, renewable energy, AI, and quantum computing. For China, the STA facilitated modernization in biotechnology, aerospace, and telecommunications while enabling its researchers to gain expertise at US institutions, fueling domestic advancements in agriculture, environmental policy, and clean energy.

The deep-rooted cooperation between the United States and China defies the prevalent perception of adversarial bilateral relations. In reality, their economies are so deeply intertwined and interdependent that further strengthening their economic, financial, trade, and investment ties seems inevitable.

Bilateral trade surpasses \$700 billion annually, making it one of the most significant economic relationships in the world – larger than the entire GDP of over 150 countries. As of 2023, US investment in China totaled approximately \$126.9 billion, focused on sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, and consumer goods, while China's investment in the US stood at about \$28 billion, concentrated in real estate, technology, and infrastructure.

If all economic, political, and legal irritants between the United States and China were resolved, their trade and investment relationship could grow exponentially, potentially doubling trade volumes to over \$1.5 trillion annually and increasing bilateral foreign direct investment (FDI) to \$500 billion or more, transforming them into a global trade powerhouse.

However, significant roadblocks hinder this potential, including a persistent trade imbalance, tariffs, and mutual accusations of unfair practices. Intellectual property concerns, forced technology transfers, and restrictive regulations challenge US businesses in China, while national security fears limit Chinese investments in sensitive US sectors. Geopolitical tensions over Taiwan, the South China Sea, and human rights issues in Xinjiang and Hong Kong exacerbate mistrust.

In an ideal scenario, where the United States and China have resolved their longstanding differences, established a partnership that have prioritize global development, technological innovation, and peace, diplomatic resolutions have address security issues in Taiwan and human rights concerns, while fair trade policies and the removal of investment barriers have created open markets and foster mutual trust, in such a scenario, the two nations could lead efforts to upgrade road, air, and port infrastructure worldwide, adding an estimated \$2 trillion in global trade capacity annually and boosting GDP growth by \$500 billion across developing regions.

This mutually beneficial collaboration could extend to defense and space research, yielding advancements in security, space exploration, and renewable energy technologies, with an estimated combined annual investment of \$300 billion generating global benefits.

This partnership will ensure peaceful and secure sea, air, and land routes, paving the way for sustained economic growth and global stability, estimated to contribute \$1 trillion annually to global economic activity.

For the citizens of both nations, this cooperation will bring significant dividends. Open markets and seamless trade, estimated to exceed \$2 trillion annually, will boost GDP growth by \$1 trillion combined and create millions of new jobs in sectors like manufacturing, agriculture, and technology.

Joint investments in clean energy, valued at \$500 billion over a decade, will make renewable technologies affordable and accessible, reducing energy costs for households and businesses by as much as 20 percent-30 percent.

Defense collaboration will reduce tensions, reallocating an estimated \$100 billion annually to critical sectors like healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

Increased cultural exchanges and educational opportunities, valued at \$30 billion annually through student and tourism contributions, will further strengthen mutual understanding and nurture global talent.

Globally, this partnership will drive transformative changes. Modernized infrastructure projects across Asia, Africa, and Latin America, worth an estimated \$1.5 trillion in investment, will unlock economic potential, reduce poverty, and foster regional development, adding \$500 billion annually to regional GDP. Affordable renewable energy initiatives and global climate efforts will mitigate environmental risks, contributing \$200 billion annually in savings from reduced emissions and energy efficiency gains.

Collaborative trade and economic policies will stabilize markets, reduce volatility, and enhance global supply chains, contributing an estimated \$1 trillion annually to global economic efficiency.

Joint advancements in AI, quantum computing will add \$300 billion annually in global technological value, addressing challenges like climate change and resource optimization.

A US-China partnership in space exploration would revolutionize scientific discovery, technological innovation, and global economic growth, benefiting both nations and the world. By pooling resources, expertise, and infrastructure, they could achieve ambitious goals like establishing lunar and Martian bases, advancing satellite technology, and pioneering space-based industries such as asteroid mining and solar power.

This collaboration would lower costs, accelerate breakthroughs in medicine, energy, and materials science, and create millions of high-tech jobs. Beyond the economic and scientific dividends, a united front in space exploration would inspire humanity, reduce geopolitical tensions, and foster global cooperation, marking a transformative era for civilization.

By reallocating resources currently spent on military competition, trade restrictions, and geopolitical conflicts, both nations could instead foster global peace and channel investments into projects that uplift not just their citizens but also billions of people around the world.

The logic for such cooperation is compelling. Continued rivalry drains resources, creates uncertainty, and destabilizes global markets, harming not only the two nations but also the international community.

In contrast, collaboration would unleash the peace dividend, reducing global tensions and ensuring stability. Investments in infrastructure, clean energy, and technology could catalyze growth across developing regions, lifting millions out of poverty and fostering resilience against global challenges like climate change.

Ultimately, the realization of this vision depends on the leadership of both nations understanding that mutual upliftment is not just desirable-it is essential for the well-being of their own citizens and for global progress. The path to cooperation may require hard compromises, but the rewards – a peaceful, prosperous, and unified world – are undeniably worth the effort.

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Punjab CM's China visit leads to 13bn investment commitment

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's recent visit to China has been hailed as a major success, with Chinese companies pledging over 13 billion rupees (around \$50 million) in investments for the province.

The visit marked a significant milestone in Punjab's economic development and international partnerships. During an investment conference in China, several agreements were made between Chinese companies and the Punjab government in key sectors such as IT, environment, and green energy.

One of the major highlights of the visit was the announcement by Gobi Partners, a Chinese investment firm, which revealed plans to establish a \$50 million investment fund in Punjab. The fund, valued at approximately 13.88 billion rupees, aims to promote startups and SMEs in the region.

An important memorandum of understanding (MoU) was also signed between Solar N Plus and the Punjab government to advance solar technology. Meanwhile, Gobi Partners and the Bank of Punjab agreed to a partnership focused on boosting financial systems for startups and small businesses.

The agreements are intended to provide financial assistance to businesses through loans, equity investments, financial solutions, and mentoring programmes.

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Pakistan Observer

New SEZs for Karachi

Sindh government's initiative to develop two SEZs in Karachi to attract Chinese investment is a welcome development for country's industrial and trade growth. Karachi has long been nation's gateway to the world and establishment of SEZs tailored to Chinese industries will undoubtedly further solidify its position as a key player in regional trade. The move promises a win-win scenario for both Chinese investors and Pakistani businessmen, fostering collaboration and investment in diverse sectors. The economic zones will create not just industrial growth, but a multiplier effect in terms of job creation, technology transfer and skills development. Local businesses will benefit from partnering with Chinese investors, gaining access to global supply chains and advanced production techniques. As a result, this collaboration will enhance Pakistan's export potential, providing a boost to economy by increasing range and quality of products made in the country. However, for these special economic zones to reach their full potential, it is crucial that Sindh government offers maximum support to Chinese investors. This includes providing a streamlined regulatory framework, ensuring ease of doing business and offering incentives that will attract investments without delay. In addition to the SEZs, another area where Sindh government should focus its attention is establishment of software technology zones and software technology parks in Karachi. While the city serves as country's economic powerhouse, it lags behind Lahore and Islamabad in terms of infrastructure for IT and technology sector. The development of these zones and parks would position Karachi as a leading hub for IT and IT-enabled services, providing a foundation for innovation and digital transformation in the country. By focusing on these initiatives, Sindh government could catalyse a tech boom that would create high-paying jobs, reduce brain drain and position Pakistan as a leading figure in global digital economy.

<https://pakobserver.net/new-sezs-for-karachi/>

Iftikhar urges adoption of China's economic model

SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former president Iftikhar Ali Malik has called for adopting China's economic model to transform Pakistan's industrial sector into a digitalized economy. In a press statement issued here on Sunday, he emphasised the need for bold reforms and strategic partnerships to modernize Pakistan's outdated industrial framework, enhance productivity, and foster economic resilience. He said China's rapid ascent as a global economic powerhouse, attributing its success to policies focusing on technological innovation, robust infrastructure development, and incentives for industrial automation. He pointed out that Pakistan could replicate key elements of China's model, particularly its digital transformation initiatives, to harness its industrial potential and compete in the global market. Malik stressed the importance of creating Special Economic Zones (SEZs) with cutting-edge technology and facilities, similar to those established under China's economic reforms.

<https://pakobserver.net/iftikhar-urges-adoption-of-chinas-economic-model/>

Maryam secures billions in Chinese investment for Punjab

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's visit to China was highly successful, during which Chinese companies committed to investing over 13 billion rupees in Punjab. According to media, significant progress was made towards economic development and global partnerships in Punjab.

Following the investment conference hosted by Maryam Nawaz in China, Chinese companies announced their investments in the province. During the Punjab Investment Conference, important agreements were signed with Chinese companies in sectors such as IT, environment, and green energy. Through the efforts of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, Gobi Partners announced the establishment of a 50 million-dollar (13.88 billion rupees) investment fund in Punjab.

An MOU was signed between Chinese company Solar N Plus and the Punjab government to promote solar technology, while an agreement was also made between Gobi Partners and the Bank of Punjab. The Gobi Fund will be dedicated to promoting technology startups.

The agreement aims to enhance the financial system for startups and SMEs in Punjab. The Gobi Fund will support businesses through loan provision, equity investment, financial solutions, and mentorship programs.

According to the announcement, the Gobi Fund will strengthen businesses in Punjab and ensure sustainable development in the region, leading Punjab towards a sustainable and digital economy. The fund is committed to making Punjab a regional leader in technology and entrepreneurship.

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The News

Maryam leaves for home after hectic China visit

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz left for Pakistan after completing her hectic China visit here on Sunday.

She was seen off at the airport by Director Foreign Affairs Miss Helen and other senior officials. The chief minister had paid an eight-day visit to China at the invitation of Communist Party of China.

Senator Pervaiz Rashid, Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Information & Culture Minister Azma Zahid Bukhari, Minister for Transport Bilal Akbar Khan and Minister for Agriculture Ashiq Kirmani accompanied her on the visit.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz visited AI Force Tech, a robotic agricultural equipment manufacturer in Beijing. She also visited Blue Tech Air Alliance, Hygea Medical, Shijitan Hospital and Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport.

The chief minister called on the Minister of Communist Party of China and attended a luncheon hosted in her honour. She also called on the Minister of Environment and visited the Museum of Communist Party of China, Jinko Solar Company and Xinzhuang District Industrial Zone in Shanghai.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz delivered a keynote speech at a conference on environmental pollution. She visited Shanghai Experimental School, Huawei Technologies and BGI Genomics. She also addressed the Punjab-China Investment Conference and met with a high-level delegation of the ruling party of China.

The chief minister witnessed signing of MoUs with Chinese companies in sectors including eco-friendly transport, agriculture and healthcare.

Maryam Nawaz's hectic efforts bore fruit as important agreements were signed, at Punjab Investment Conference, with Chinese companies working in the fields of IT, environment and green energy. She said, "It is an important step towards global partnership for economic development in Punjab."

The chief minister noted, "Under an agreement with the Bank of Punjab, Gobi Partners has announced to establish a \$50 million investment fund to support technology startups in Punjab." She said, "The aim of the agreement is to promote financial system for startups and SMEs in Punjab." She added, "Gobi Fund will support businesses through loan provision, equity investment, financial solutions, and mentorship programs. The Gobi Fund will strengthen businesses in Punjab and will ensure sustainable development in the region through digital economy. The Fund will help Punjab develop technology and create regional leaders in entrepreneurship."

She said, "Chinese company Solar N Plus and the Punjab government have signed an MoU for the promotion of solar technology in the province. The Chinese company will work to establish a center in Punjab and will introduce innovative solar technology projects to promote green energy in Punjab."

The chief minister said, "The conference has provided prospective investors with all the needed information on Punjab's unique economic incentives." Participants of the Punjab investment conference acknowledged that Punjab has surpassed regional and global standards in promoting investment.

They added, "Punjab is ideal for investment due to tax exemptions, special industrial zones, and other facilities." The conference discussed promoting sustainable and long-term partnership between the government of Punjab and Chinese businesses.

Meanwhile, Maryam Nawaz expressed her deep sense of grief over the sad demise of PMLN leader Siddiqui Farooq, and paid rich tribute to his valuable political services for the party. The chief minister offered sincere condolences and expressed her heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family.

Meanwhile, the Punjab investment conference was held in Shanghai in which significant milestones were achieved to propel Punjab towards greater economic prosperity.

This landmark event was hosted by Gobi Partners, a leading venture capital firm. The conference showcased Punjab's commitment to fostering innovation, sustainable development, and global collaboration.

A major announcement was made with the unveiling of a dedicated \$50 million investment fund by Gobi Partners. This fund, the first of its kind for Punjab, is aimed at supporting the entrepreneurial ecosystem, with a particular focus on tech-enabled startups in Punjab.

By driving a transition towards a sustainable and digital economy, this initiative sets the stage for innovation-led growth and positions Punjab as a regional leader in technology and entrepreneurship.

Punjab's competitive edge was also prominently highlighted during the conference, with a focus on its tailored incentives that surpass regional and global benchmarks.

Strategic advantages such as tax benefits, dedicated industrial zones, and seamless government facilitation were emphasized as key factors making Punjab a premier investment destination.

MOU signing between Gobi Partners and The Bank of Punjab: Further emphasizing their commitment to innovation and economic growth, Gobi Partners and The Bank of Punjab signed an agreement aimed at fostering a vibrant ecosystem for startups and SMEs.

The MoU establishes a strategic collaboration to support startups and SMEs through debt financing, equity investments, tailored financial solutions, and mentorship programs. This collaboration underscores the shared vision of empowering emerging businesses and driving sustainable development in the region.

The conference further facilitated discussions aimed at fostering sustainable, long-term partnerships between Chinese enterprises and the Punjab government.

Key collaborations formalized during the event included: MOU signing between the Chinese Solar N Plus and the Government of Punjab: A pivotal partnership to advance Punjab's green energy transition through innovative solar energy projects.

Where Solar N Plus will explore setting up a facility in Punjab, conduct feasibility studies, support local capacity-building, and introduce advanced solar technologies for sustainability and modernisation.

MOU signing between Tianjin Capital Environmental Protection Group (TJCEP) and the Government of Punjab:

A transformative collaboration focusing on urban development and environmental management projects, reflecting Punjab's dedication to sustainable growth and infrastructure.

The MOU outlines collaboration on waste management, water treatment, localization of environmental machinery, and pollution reduction in urban areas like Lahore.

The conference set the stage for a new era of global economic collaboration, reaffirming Punjab's role as a key international investment hub.

Leadership invited global enterprises to explore the province's opportunities and pledged to strengthen partnerships and foster future growth.

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‘China achieved its economic goals in 2024’

Shakeel Ahmad Ramay

The Central Economic Work Conference (CEWC) 2024 was held at a critical time. World economy is grappling with skyrocketing debt, growth rate, protectionism, anti-globalisation and decoupling. Climate change’s impact on economy and global leadership’s unwillingness to tackle it further complicate the economic and development landscape.

The situation asked for cooperation, but Western world is moving in another direction. They are targeting China and unleashing a new wave of sanctions.

However, global expert community recognises that despite all odds, China is still the centre of global economic growth. Statistics show China accounts for 30pc of global economic growth. In addition, China is entering 2025, which is the last year of 14th Development Plan. It is expected China will steer all horses to achieve targets/goals of 14th Plan and create ground for 15th Development Plan.

Against this backdrop, the CEWC became very important and was closely watched by the domestic and international community.

The CEWC started by analysing performance of 2024, including how economy behaved, what was good, what needed correction and how it contributed to 14th Plan. The leadership expressed satisfaction with the economic performance. It was noted Chinese economy exhibited positive trends and made good progress in implementation of high-quality development. The GDP grew at 4.8pc during first three quarters and is expected to be 5pc by the end of year.

Nevertheless, most important part of the meeting was deliberations on economic plan for 2025. However, the leadership is cognizant the economy will have to face challenges on external and internal fronts in 2025.

On the external front, China will have to deal with harsh attitude of West, sanctions, protectionism, decoupling, deglobalisation, etc., especially technology sector will have to prepare for more difficult times. On the internal front, country will have to sort out demand issues, ease pressure of supply shocks, manage real estate, rationalise savings (Chinese household savings are the highest among countries; in 2022, household savings increased by \$2.6 trillion), ease out local governments from the debt and accelerate high-quality development. Thus, after in-depth discussions and scenario building, CEWC developed a list of policy options and actions to boost the economy in 2025.

Efforts will be made to boost consumption and demand at domestic level. It is required to lower impact of external and internal pressure, sustain economic growth, and ensure sustainability of economy in the long run. China is already working on it; in March, China 2024 launched a national programme to promote consumer trade-in. The government issued long-term bonds of 300 billion yuan to support the programme. It has been observed over 300 million consumers benefited from the programme, and 400 billion yuan of business was made through it. Moreover, September stimulus package further boosted consumption.

The Chinese government will also issue long-term bonds to expedite consumption. The leadership has also decided to improve further and strengthen social security system so that people can feel free to consume more.

The leadership emphasised role of technology in sustainable growth, development and achieving goal of high-quality development. Thus, China will be striving to modernise its production system, supply chain and service sectors.

China will work to facilitate and strengthen industries of the future to consolidate its position in emerging technologies. It will introduce a new programme for artificial intelligence promotion and development. Innovation has been identified as a key area for achieving the objective and leading world in Fourth Industrial Revolution. The innovation will also help China protect its economy from negative implications of sanctions imposed by the US.

The leadership indicated China would pursue a proactive fiscal policy and rationally lose monetary policy. This is a big step because, after financial crisis of 2008, China has been pursuing a prudent monetary policy. Experts believe China can afford to lose its monetary policy, as it has a huge cushion to increase spending and borrowing, and central government's debt is only 24pc of GDP. The fiscal and monetary policies will assist China in pursuing excellence in innovation and technological development. They will also promote and strengthen consumption, high-quality development and economic modernisation.

The leadership has identified government should formulate new pro-childbirth policies. This is a huge announcement, meaning it is an official departure from previous policy of controlled childbirth. China will develop mechanisms to defuse risk in real estate and local government debt and protect them from such risks in future. The banks will lend 4 trillion yuan in 2024 to help real estate companies.

Data shows 2.3 trillion has already been lent to companies. People's Bank of China will cut the interest rate by 0.5 percentage points, on average, on the outstanding mortgages. The downpayment limit will be lowered from 25pc to 15pc for purchase of a second home. The leadership decided to continue to ease pressure on the real estate sector in 2025.

China has decided to promote green development and lower its carbon footprint, fostering high-quality development. The government will focus on rural revitalisation. It will work to modernise agriculture, enhance its competitiveness and modernise food supply chains. This will help ensure food security and strengthen rural economy.

China will foster a comprehensive economic opening. Building on the pilot programme to open up in the fields of telecom, healthcare and education, it will further expand the sectors for opening up. The investment efficiency will be ensured, enhanced and made more investment-friendly.

To make the opening vibrant and fruitful, coordination among fiscal, monetary, employment, industrial, regional, trade, environmental and regulatory policies, the country's reform and opening-up measures will be improved. Moreover, China will make efforts to stabilise its global trade. Simultaneously, special efforts will be made to create trade opportunities for other countries and erect mechanisms for sharing dividend of technological development.

Lastly, the leadership and China will remain firmly committed to welfare of people. The meeting urged implementation of employment support plans for key sectors and industries as soon as possible. Efforts will be intensified to improve welfare of rural and urban communities, develop community-supported at-home elderly care and expand universally beneficial elderly care services.

The above discussion leads to three conclusions. First, China achieved its economic goals in 2024. Building on this success, Beijing will strive to foster economic growth and better prepare itself to achieve goals of 14th Development Plan in 2025. Second, policies and actions outlined for 2025 have long-term implications. Thus, it is assumed outcome of CEWC provides a blueprint for 15th Development Plan. Third, the focus of all policies would be welfare of people and building a community with a shared future.

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Express News

چینی تعاون سے بننے والا گوادریز پورٹ ترقی میں کردار کیلئے تیار

چین کے مالی تعاون سے مکمل ہونے والا جدید ٹیکنالوجی سے لیس گوادریز پورٹ ملک و صوبے کی معاشی ترقی میں کردار کے لیے تیار اور فعال ہو گیا۔

چینی نیوز ایجنسی سے گفتگو میں مینجر گوادریز پورٹ خالد کا کڑ نے کہا کہ یہ پاکستان کا ایک بڑا ایئر پورٹ اور اس کا تعمیراتی ڈیزائن حیرت انگیز ہے، اس کی تکمیل میں چینی انجینئرز اور آرکیٹیکٹ کی محنت، لگن اور جذبہ قابل ستائش ہے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ ایئر پورٹ مسافر پروازوں کے علاوہ مال برداری میں بھی نمایاں کردار ادا کرے گا، جس کیلئے ایک گودام زیر تعمیر ہے، مستقبل میں مزید پانچ گودام تعمیر ہوں گے، جس سے گوادریز بندرگاہ مال کی ترسیل کا بڑا مرکز بن جائے گی۔

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مریم نواز کا دورہ چین مکمل، وطن واپسی: ٹرانسپورٹ، زراعت، ہیلتھ سمیت کئی شعبوں میں ایم او یو پر دستخط

اہو (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے دورہ چین مکمل کر لیا اور وطن واپسی کے لئے روانہ ہو گئی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف کو ایئر پورٹ پر ڈائریکٹر فارن ایئرز مس ہیٹن اور دیگر اعلیٰ حکام نے رخصت کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کی دعوت پر چین کا آٹھ روزہ دورہ کیا۔ سینئر پرویز رشید، سینئر صوبائی وزیر مریم اورنگزیب، صوبائی وزیر اطلاعات و ثقافت عظمیٰ بخاری، وزیر ٹرانسپورٹ بلال اکبر خان، وزیر زراعت عاشق کرمانی بھی ہمراہ تھے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے بیجنگ میں روبو ٹک زرعی آلات بنانے والے ادارے اے آئی فورس ٹیک کا دورہ کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے بیو ٹیک ایئر الائنس، ہائی جی ایم ایڈیکل، شی جی تان ہسپتال اور بیجنگ میونسپل کمیشن آف ٹرانسپورٹ کے دورے کئے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کے منسٹر سے ملاقات اور ظہرانے میں شرکت کی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے منسٹر ماحولیات سے بھی ملاقات کی۔ شنگھائی میں کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کی میوزیم جنکو سولر کمپنی اور منہانگ ڈسٹرکٹ انڈسٹریل زون کے دورے کئے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز نے ماحولیاتی آلودگی پر کانفرنس سے کلیدی خطاب کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز نے شنگھائی ایکسپو بینٹنل سکول، ہواوے ٹیکنالوجی اور بی جی آئی جینو کس کے دورے بھی کئے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے پنجاب چین انویسٹمنٹ کانفرنس سے بھی خطاب کیا۔ چائینہ کی حکمران جماعت کے اعلیٰ سطح وفد سے ملاقاتیں کیں۔ ماحول دوست ٹرانسپورٹ، زراعت، ہیلتھ سمیت دیگر شعبوں میں چینی کمپنیوں سے ایم او یو پر دستخط ہوئے۔ پنجاب میں معاشی ترقی اور عالمی شراکت داری کے فروغ کی جانب اہم پیشرفت، پنجاب سرمایہ کاری کانفرنس میں چینی کمپنیوں کے ساتھ آئی ٹی، ماحولیات، گرین انرجی اور دیگر ابتدائی معاہدے طے پا گئے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف کی کاوشوں سے چین کی لیڈنگ کیپٹل فرم گو بی پارٹنرز کی طرف سے پنجاب میں 50 ملین ڈالر کے سرمایہ کاری فنڈ کے قیام کا اعلان کیا گیا۔ تیانجن کیپٹل انوائزمنٹ پروڈیکشن گروپ اور گورنمنٹ آف پنجاب کے درمیان بھی ایم او یو پر دستخط کیے گئے۔ ایم او یو کا مقصد اربن ڈویلپمنٹ اور انوائزمنٹ مینجمنٹ کے پراجیکٹس کے لئے اشتراک کار کا فروغ ہے۔ ایم او یو کے مطابق ویسٹ مینجمنٹ، واٹر ٹریٹمنٹ، انوائزمنٹل مشینری اور لاہور جیسے اربن ایریا میں آلودگی کے خاتمے جیسے پراجیکٹس کیلئے اشتراک کار کیا جائیگا۔ چینی کمپنی سولر این پلس اور حکومت پنجاب کے درمیان سولر ٹیکنالوجی کے تبادلے اور فروغ کیلئے ایم او یو پر دستخط بھی ہو گئے۔ گو بی پارٹنرز اور بینک آف پنجاب کے درمیان 50 ملین ڈالر کے سرمایہ کاری کے فنڈ کا معاہدہ طے پا گیا۔ گو بی فنڈ ٹیکنالوجی اسٹارٹ اپس کے فروغ کے لیے وقف ہو گا۔ اعلامیہ کے مطابق معاہدے کا مقصد پنجاب میں اسٹارٹ اپس اور ایس ایم ایز کے لیے مالیاتی نظام کو فروغ دینا ہے۔ گو بی فنڈ سے قرض کی فراہمی، ایکویٹی سرمایہ کاری، مالیاتی حل، اور رہنمائی پروگراموں کے ذریعے کاروبار کی مدد کی جائے گی۔ گو بی فنڈ سے پنجاب میں کاروبار کو مضبوط کیا جائے گا اور خطے میں پائیدار ترقی کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔ گو بی فنڈ کا مقصد پنجاب کو ایک پائیدار اور ڈیجیٹل معیشت کی جانب لے جانا ہے۔ گو بی فنڈ پنجاب کو ٹیکنالوجی اور انٹر پرائیور شپ میں علاقائی لیڈر بنانے کیلئے وقف ہو گا۔ کانفرنس میں پنجاب کی سرمایہ کاروں کیلئے منفرد اقتصادی مراعات پر آگاہی دی گئی۔ پنجاب سرمایہ کاری کانفرنس اعلامیہ کے مطابق سرمایہ کاری کے فروغ کیلئے پنجاب نے علاقائی اور عالمی سطح پر سبقت لی اور باقی کو پیچھے چھوڑ دیا ہے۔ ٹیکس چھوٹ، سپیشل انڈسٹریل زونز، اور دیگر سہولتوں کی وجہ سے پنجاب سرمایہ کاری کیلئے مثالی ہے۔ کانفرنس میں پنجاب حکومت اور چینی کاروباری اداروں کے درمیان پائیدار اور طویل المدتی شراکت داری کو فروغ دینے کیلئے تبادلہ خیال ہوا۔ چینی کمپنی پنجاب میں گرین انرجی کو فروغ دینے کے لیے شمسی توانائی کے جدید منصوبوں پر کام کرے گی۔ سولر این پلس پنجاب میں سنٹر کے قیام، سٹیڈی، کیسپیٹی بلڈنگ، جدید سولر ٹیکنالوجی متعارف کرانے کے لئے کام کرے گی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف نے مسلم لیگ (ن) کے رہنما صدیق الفاروق کے انتقال پر گہرے دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے صدیق الفاروق مرحوم کی سیاسی خدمات کو خراج تحسین پیش کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے سوگوار خاندان سے دلی ہمدردی و تعزیت کا اظہار کیا ہے

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پاکستان کے محمد رمضان چینی کرکٹ ٹیم کے ہیڈ کوچ مقرر

لاہور (سپورٹس رپورٹر) پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان گہرے اور دیرینہ تعلقات میں کھیل بھی نمایاں کردار ادا کرنے لگا ہے اور قومی کرکٹ ٹیم کے سابق ٹیسٹ کرکٹر محمد رمضان کو ایک مرتبہ پھر چین کی کرکٹ ٹیم کا ہیڈ کوچ مقرر کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق چین کی حکومت کی جانب سے محمد رمضان کو دوسری مرتبہ اپنی قومی کرکٹ ٹیم کی تربیت کیلئے ذمہ داری ادا کرنے کی پیشکش کی گئی ہے، سابق ٹیسٹ کرکٹر نے قومی جذبہ کے تحت دوست ملک کی پیش کش کو بصد احترام قبول کر لیا ہے۔ چینی حکومت اور محمد رمضان کے درمیان ایک سالہ مدت کیلئے بطور ہیڈ کوچ ذمہ داری ادا کرنے کا معاہدہ ہو گیا، اس حوالے سے تقریب میں معاہدے پر دستخط ہوئے۔ واضح رہے کہ محمد رمضان 2023 میں چین کی قومی کرکٹ ٹیم کی کوچنگ کے فرائض انجام دے چکے ہیں۔ فیصل آباد سے تعلق رکھنے والے محمد رمضان نے 1997 میں راولپنڈی میں جنوبی افریقہ بکنگھم واحد ٹیسٹ میچ میں مجموعی طور پر 36 رنز بنائے تھے، فرسٹ کلاس کرکٹ میں 10 ہزار 478 رنز بنانے والے محمد رمضان نے ڈومیسٹک کرکٹ میں مختلف اداروں کی نمائندگی کی۔ محمد رمضان نے ڈومیسٹک کرکٹ میں پی این ایس سی، کے آر ایل، ریلویز، کسٹمز اور یو بی ایل کی نمائندگی کر رکھی ہے۔

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مریم نواز کا دورہ چین، اقتصادی، تجارتی تعلقات مزید مستحکم ہونگے: میاں ابوزر شاد

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) لاہور چیئرمین آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری کے صدر میاں ابوزر شاد نے وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز کے چین کے دورے کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہوئے اس دورے کو پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان اقتصادی اور تجارتی تعلقات مزید مستحکم کرنے کیلئے اہم قرار دیا۔ میاں ابوزر شاد نے اپنے بیان میں امید ظاہر کی کہ یہ دورہ تجارت، سرمایہ کاری اور انفراسٹرکچر کے شعبوں میں نئے مواقع پیدا کرے گا۔ چین پاکستان کا دیرینہ تجارتی شراکت دار ہے اور اس دورے سے دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان تعلقات میں مزید بہتری آئے گی۔ ہمیں امید ہے کہ اس سے خاص طور پر مینوفیکچرنگ، ٹیکنالوجی اور برآمدات کے شعبوں میں نئے کاروباری مواقع پیدا ہوں گے۔ دونوں حکومتوں پر زور دیا کہ وہ تجارتی تبادلوں اور مشترکہ منصوبوں کی سہولت فراہم کریں۔ انہوں نے اس بات پر بھی یقین ظاہر کیا کہ یہ دورہ نہ صرف مقامی معیشت کیلئے فائدہ مند ہو گا بلکہ دونوں ممالک کے کاروباری اداروں کے درمیان دیرپا شراکت داریوں کی بنیاد بھی رکھے گا۔ میاں ابوزر شاد نے وزیر اعلیٰ کی ان کوششوں کی بھرپور حمایت کی اور امید ظاہر کی کہ ان کا یہ دورہ پنجاب اور پاکستان کے عوام کیلئے مثبت نتائج کا حامل ہو گا۔

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China's fast-growing industry worthy of being imitated: CM

LAHORE: Terming her visit to China as a true reflection of strong bilateral relations and shared commitment to development, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif while addressing the Punjab Investment Conference in China, said the visit has highlighted Punjab's status as an international investment hub.

“It has shown that there is a strong desire to strengthen strategic cooperation on both sides and Punjab Investment Conference will prove to be a great success,” she said, adding: “Punjab's strategic location, skilled workforce and business-friendly policies make it an ideal destination for the global business. We are also taking steps in collaboration with our Chinese friends to make clean energy more affordable and accessible.”

She added, “The interest of Chinese investors is a reflection of their confidence in Punjab’s development and our shared vision of a bright future. Pak-China cooperation will help in adopting a strategy to reduce and better manage environmental pollution. Our focus is on sustainable development.” She noted, “China’s growing industry is worthy of imitation. My visit to China is a historic turning point for Punjab. China Visit is my first official foreign trip that shows the importance of further strengthening relations with China. I had the opportunity to meet business executives from agriculture, health, finance, automobile, IT, semiconductors, and robotics companies. Punjab institutions can benefit immensely by partnering with the Chinese companies.” She flagged, “I have come with a special package for the Chinese investors, which includes special incentives for the Chinese businesses.” The chief minister said, “Chinese companies have responded very positively. We are taking discussions forward with some of them. The visit to China will lay foundation for the investment in Punjab and possible joint ventures with Chinese businesses. The partnership between Pakistan and China has been strong through thick and thin.” Maryam Nawaz Sharif acknowledged, “During my first official visit to China, the Chinese leadership showed warmth and wonderful hospitality. The visit to China shows the determination of Punjab government to strengthen relations with China. It is an honor and joy for me to observe first hand China’s brilliant achievements and rapid development.” The CM added, “China has presented unique and worth studying models of development to the world. The political vision and development of Chinese government are role model. Chinese economic policy is in line with its governance structure.” She added Chinese President Xi Jinping’s philosophy of “shared destiny and shared prosperity” is based on human values beyond borders. The Chinese people are winning hearts of the world not through military power but through their good behaviour and care for humanity. I salute the wise leadership of President Xi Jinping. She said, “China’s success in controlling air pollution in Beijing is an example for the whole world. By emulating China, significant steps will be taken in Punjab for clean air and a healthy future.” She underscored, “China should cooperate in the development of Punjab’s modern environmental management system, which includes monitoring networks and real-time data analytics. China has been requested to provide training programs for government officials in environmental legislation, policymaking, and implementation mechanisms.” The chief minister said, “China’s advocacy for developing countries at COP29 is commendable. It is hoped that developed countries will fulfill their promises to meet the financial needs of developing countries. The CPEC has had a very positive impact on Pakistan’s socio-economic conditions. Under CPEC 2.0, we are committed to promoting high-quality development. More attention will be paid to renewable energy projects.” She said, “The Punjab government is committed to partnering with China in environmental policymaking, implementation of clean technologies and green projects. I have met the Chinese companies which are keen to invest in modernizing the agriculture sector. Technology and investment can improve traditional industries and promote economic growth. The visit opened new doors to potential partnerships in the health sector as well.”

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Daily Times

‘Pakistan committed to working closely with Xinjiang for shared development’

Pakistan is fully committed to working closely with China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region to realize a shared vision of prosperity and development for the region, Pakistan Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi said on Sunday night.

For Pakistan, Xinjiang of course holds a special significance as the artery that connects our two countries, he said in his remarks while speaking at a meeting with Ma Xingrui, Secretary of CPC, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region prior to a state banquet hosted by Erkin Tuniyaz, Governor of the People’s Government of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

Senior diplomats, representatives of SCO, OIC, Senior Chinese Government officials, NGOs, think tanks, scholars and educationists were present.

Ambassador Hashmi said that Xinjiang plays a critical role in Pakistan-China relations, serving as a vital gateway for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

He commended the remarkable progress made by Xinjiang in areas like employment generation, poverty alleviation, and infrastructure development. The recent milestone of converting the Khunjerab Pass into an all-weather route has opened new opportunities for trade, tourism, and connectivity between our nations, he added. He said that Pakistan looks forward to strengthening collaboration with Xinjiang in key areas, including skill development, agriculture, renewable energy, and logistics.

The ambassador said that Xinjiang’s advancements in agricultural technology can be combined with Pakistan’s agricultural potential to ensure food security and create rural employment.

There is immense potential for joint ventures in textile, light industries, and the establishment of trade hubs to facilitate cross-border commerce, he added.

On shared cultural and historical ties between Pakistan and Xinjiang, he said that these relations provide a strong foundation for people-to-people exchanges and deeper cooperation.

While highlighting Xinjiang’s pivotal role as a nodal point in CPEC, it positions the region as a key driver of regional connectivity and economic growth. The ambassador said that Xinjiang with its “five gateways connecting eight nations” serves as the hub of Silk Road culture.

The region’s rapid transformation in the matter of a few years is a testament to the visionary leadership of China, he said and added, the fruits of development are now evident, and this region is now writing a new chapter of connectivity, inclusivity and win-win development.

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CPEC transforms Pakistan into attractive investment destination: Chinese diplomat

* SIFC secretary says the key to unlocking the full potential of CPEC lies in creating a thriving industrial ecosystem and special economic zones

Shi Yuanqiang, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy, said on Monday that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had transformed Pakistan, making it an attractive destination for direct investment.

He was speaking at a seminar titled '10 Years of CPEC: Success, Opportunities and Challenges' organised by the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development (AIERD).

Shi Yuanqiang said over the last 11 years, CPEC had brought \$25 billion in direct investment, and now it had entered a new phase of development.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has gone through an extraordinary process since its launching. The "1+4" layout of CPEC construction set by President Xi Jinping and the Pakistani leaders has turned into a reality from a blueprint with a wide range of achievements. Energy cooperation has yielded remarkable results. The total installed capacity of the 14 energy projects that have been commercialized in operation accounts for about 1/5 of the total installed power capacity of Pakistan. The units of the SK Hydropower Station have been connected to the grid to generate electricity.

The Orange Line has helped the people of Lahore realize their dream of having a subway. The year-round opening of the Khunjerab Pass will ensure the all-weather economic and trade exchanges between our two countries. Construction and operation of Gwadar Port and its industrial free zone are progressing steadily, and completion of the Gwadar New International Airport will fully release the development potential of Gwadar Port. Industrial cooperation is another promising area: the first phase of the Rashakai Special Economic Zone has been in operation, generating strong momentum in Pakistan's industrial development.

Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) Secretary Jamil Qureshi said 10 years ago, the monumental CPEC project began as a vision. Today, it had become a reality and had already started to reshape the economic landscape of Pakistan and the broader region. He said CPEC is not a collection of infrastructure projects; it is a vision for Pakistan's future – a future where industries thrive, where employment opportunities are abundant, where technology is at the forefront of growth, and where economic relations reach new heights.

He said the key to unlocking the full potential of CPEC lies in creating a thriving industrial ecosystem and special economic zones.

"We are pleased to witness the progress and the development of Rashakai SEZ in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dhabeji SEZ in Sindh, M3 Allama Iqbal in Punjab and Bostan SEZ in Balochistan as they are all in the advance stages of development," he added.

Mr Qureshi said the government's role had now evolved to that of a facilitator, to create the necessary policy frameworks, provide security infrastructure and incentive for supporting industrial growth and a conducive business environment.

He said the government established the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to foster horizontal and vertical collaboration for investment and business facilitation. AIERD Chairman Zahid Latif Khan said that in 2016, the three stock exchanges of China had taken 40pc stake in the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

“Recently, our chief minister of Punjab visited China, but a day before yesterday, a very high-powered delegation under the leadership of the chairman of the Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan and the managing director of the Pakistan Stock Exchange also went to China to collaborate more on capital market development, which is very dynamic in China,” Mr Khan said.

He said CPEC presented a unique opportunity to deepen Pakistan’s financial market by introducing innovative financial instruments such as CPEC bonds and Islamic Sukuk, providing avenues for both local and international investors to participate in these projects.

Yu Chao from PowerChina said today we celebrate not only the success of the last decade but also the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

He said CPEC is not just an infrastructure initiative, it is also a symbol of deepening ties between the two countries one that aims to bring long-lasting prosperity of the whole region.

RCCI President Usman Shaukat said we need to enhance the potential of the projects.

He said Gwadar International Airport would bring more connectivity to people of different regions with Gwadar. “But, we also need to work on more linkages between the industries of Pakistan and China,” he added.

He said the API industry (active pharmaceutical ingredients) still has a lot of potential.

“Pakistan does not manufacture any of those and we are completely reliant on the imported sources for the raw material,” he said, adding that the APIs are something that the pharmaceutical industry absolutely needs to move forward.

He said since China is the leader in the API industry, we can have a lot of projects under CPEC to bring the technology transferred to Pakistan.

Retired Maj Gen Samrez Salik said CPEC is an essential segment of the BRI. He said that Pakistan was a frontline state in 20th-century geopolitics, which played havoc.

Pakistan needs to realize that to unlock CPEC’s potential, it will have to ensure security for Chinese personnel and Chinese projects.

Speaking on the topic of CPEC and Gender, Nabila Jaffar said that CPEC cannot be considered a game-changer without the active and effective participation of women in these initiatives.

She said CPEC projects are empowering women in remote areas.

For example in Thar area, women are not skilled and cannot find any employment opportunities, she said, adding that when Thar coalmine power project was started, women were integrated in this project where they benefited economically.

Similarly, there is the technical and vocational institute in Gwadar, where women have been engaged in different kinds of projects.

These projects showcase women's talent, and Ms Jaffar said they can turn that opportunity into a source of livelihood.

Replying to Nabila Jaffar, scholar Hassan Daud Butt said CPEC is one of the only projects to happen in Pakistan where we have worked on in a Hindu majority region in Thar and where women's participation is happening perhaps more than in any other region.

He said it is necessary to understand the larger economic aspect of how CPEC can help industrial development or industrial policy.

“What we need to understand is that every developing country can grow dynamically and become a middle-income country or high-income country in one or three decades, and China is an example,” he said.

Hamza Orakzai, CMDO STZA, said special economic zones were one of the five economic pillars.

He said that in the past eight years, Pakistan's GDP has grown at merely 3.9 percent, but IT is growing at 25 percent.

“We have grown from \$900 million export in IT in 2018 to \$3.2 billion last year, and we are expecting \$3.8 billion.

Unfortunately, 50 percent of this goes to the US, around 30 percent to Europe and the Middle East, and hardly 5 percent goes to China,” he said.

Mr Orakzai said China is a leader in global technological innovations, and we can use Pakistani talent in this area.

Journalist Aun Sahi said in Pakistan, the media followed the philosophy of the West, but when it comes to China, they have a totally different kind of philosophy about media.

He said in the initial stages of CPEC, there was no planning on how to tackle media.

“Media was unable to find the focal person, whether in the Planning Commission or the Chinese embassy, who could educate them about CPEC and its projects,” he added.

Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, CEO of AIERD, concluded the seminar by quoting a study by AIERD; if there were no CPEC energy projects, Pakistan would be losing US\$15-20 billion annually.

The CPEC has turned Pakistan into a hub of connectivity and is helping Pakistan to achieve its dream of sustainable development and prosperity.

Lastly, Pakistan and China should build joint mechanisms for security.

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The News

Ties with China touching greater heights: Maryam

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“Visit to China is a true reflection of strong bilateral relations and shared commitment to development,” said Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif while addressing Punjab Investment Conference in China. She added, “The visit highlighted Punjab’s status as an international investment hub. It has shown that there is a strong desire to strengthen strategic cooperation on both sides.” She hoped, “Punjab Investment Conference will prove to be a great success.”

The CM said, “Punjab’s strategic location, skilled workforce and business-friendly policies make it an ideal destination for the global business. We are also taking steps in collaboration with our Chinese friends to make clean energy more affordable and accessible.” She added, “The interest of Chinese investors is a reflection of their confidence in Punjab’s development and our shared vision of a bright future.”

She highlighted, “Pak-China cooperation will help in adopting a strategy to reduce and better manage environmental pollution. Our focus is on sustainable development.” She noted, “China’s growing industry is worthy of imitation.” Maryam said, “My visit to China is a historic turning point for Punjab.” She added, “China Visit is my first official foreign trip that shows the importance of further strengthening relations with China. I had the opportunity to meet business executives from agriculture, health, finance, automobile, IT, semiconductors, and robotics companies. Punjab institutions can benefit immensely by partnering with the Chinese companies.” She flagged, “I have come with a special package for the Chinese investors, which includes special incentives for the Chinese businesses.”

The CM said, “Chinese companies have responded very positively. We are taking discussions forward with some of them. The visit to China will lay foundation for investment in Punjab and possible joint ventures with Chinese businesses.” She added, “The partnership between Pakistan and China has been strong through thick and thin.”

Maryam acknowledged, “During my first official visit to China, the Chinese leadership showed warmth and wonderful hospitality.” She said, “The visit to China shows the determination of Punjab government to strengthen relations with China. It is an honour and joy for me to observe first-hand China’s brilliant achievements and rapid development.” She added, “China has presented unique and worth studying models of development to the world.”

She said, “The political vision and development of Chinese government are role model. Chinese economic policy is in line with its governance structure.” She added, “Chinese President Xi Jinping’s philosophy of “shared destiny and shared prosperity” is based on human values, beyond borders. The Chinese people are winning hearts of the world not through military power but through their good behaviour and care for humanity.” She underscored, “I salute the wise leadership of President Xi Jinping.”

Maryam said, “China’s success in controlling air pollution in Beijing is an example for the whole world.” She added, “By emulating China, significant steps will be taken in Punjab for clean air and a healthy future.” She underscored, “China should cooperate in the development of Punjab’s modern environmental management system, which includes monitoring networks and real-time data analytics. China has been requested to provide training programs for government officials in environmental legislation, policymaking, and implementation mechanisms.”

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Maryam said, “The Punjab government is committed to partnering with China in environmental policymaking, implementation of clean technologies and green projects.” She added, “I have met the Chinese companies which are keen to invest in modernising the agriculture sector. Technology and investment can improve traditional industries and promote economic growth. The visit opened new doors to potential partnerships in the health sector as well.”

Separately, CM Maryam Nawaz, while paying tribute to the martyrs of the Army Public School (APS) Peshawar, said: “10 years have passed since the Army Public School Peshawar tragedy, but the pain is still alive.”

She added, “The dark morning of December 16, 2014 is etched in the hearts of every Pakistani.” She said, “Terrorists brutally targeted 147 innocent children and their teachers.” She highlighted, “The tragedy of December 16 was not only an attack on the school but also on humanity, education and the bright future of Pakistan.”

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3rd China-Indian Ocean Forum: Pakistan underlines Gwadar development under CPEC

Asim Yasin

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has reaffirmed Pakistan’s commitment to promoting regional marine cooperation and ensuring peace, progress, and sustainability in the Indian Ocean region. Addressing the 3rd China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Blue Economy Cooperation held from December 14 to 16 in Kunming, China, via a video message, the President underscored the development of Gwadar Port under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which is being transformed into a regional connectivity hub to drive trade and maritime economic growth. The Forum in Kunming, China, was organised by the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) which focused on promoting collaboration among countries in the maritime sector. The President praised Pakistan’s partnership with China under the Belt and Road Initiative, emphasising its role in knowledge exchange, technological advancement, and marine conservation. The President stressed the need for collective action to harness the ocean’s potential while addressing the challenges of climate change, pollution, and ecosystem degradation. “Pakistan stands ready to partner with all stakeholders to promote marine cooperation and ensure that our region remains a bastion of peace, progress, and sustainability,” the President said. The President said that the future economic growth was going to be driven by the East due to its large population resources. Highlighting the importance of the ocean as a shared lifeline and a source of immense economic opportunities, President Asif Zardari pointed out Pakistan’s efforts to enhance its blue economy, including the National Maritime Policy, initiatives on sustainable fisheries and marine conservation, and the Living Indus Project, to protect ecosystems and combat pollution. The President commended China’s Global Development Initiative and CIDCA’s efforts to embed sustainability in the Forum’s goals. He expressed appreciation for capacity building and island nations in the Forum’s agenda, saying that it is aligned with Pakistan’s vision of transnational collaboration and environmental stewardship. About the Forum’s outcomes, the President said, “I am sure that this Forum will pave the way for greater economic cooperation among member countries.” He called for collective efforts to protect marine resources and promote the blue economy for future generations. The 3rd China-Indian Ocean Region Forum seeks to unite leaders, policymakers, and experts to explore maritime collaboration and sustainable development.

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مریم نواز چین سے کینسر کے علاج کی جدید ٹیکنالوجی لیکر آرہی ہیں: عظمیٰ بخاری

وزیر اطلاعات پنجاب عظمیٰ بخاری کا کہنا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز چین سے کینسر علاج کی جدید ٹیکنالوجی پاکستان لے کر آرہی ہیں۔

لاہور میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ مریم نواز پہلی وزیر اعلیٰ ہیں جنہیں چین کے سرکاری دورے کی دعوت ملی، ان کو چین کے ہیڈ آف اسٹیٹ کا مرتبہ ملا اور سرکاری پروٹوکول دیا گیا۔

عظمیٰ بخاری کا کہنا ہے کہ چین کا نظام حکومتی پارٹی کے ذریعے چلتا ہے، چین کے وائس چیئرمین نے مریم نواز سے ایک گھنٹہ ملاقات کی، چین کے وائس چیئرمین آدھا گھنٹہ بھی کسی سے ملاقات نہیں کرتے ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ ہمارے کسانوں کے پاس بھی وہ آلات ہوں گے جو پوری دنیا میں استعمال ہوتے ہیں، مریم نواز نے چینی حکومت سے کہا ہے اپنے پلانٹ پاکستان میں لگائیں۔

صوبائی وزیر کا کہنا ہے کہ چین سے 700 کے قریب الیکٹرک بسیں خریدنی ہیں جو دسمبر کے آخر میں آجائیں گی، ساری ٹرانسپورٹ کو 5 سال کے اندر اندر الیکٹرک کرنا ہے، صحت اور تعلیم کے حوالے سے مریم نواز نے میٹنگز کی ہیں۔

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دورہ چین نے نئے دروازے کھولے، پنجاب سرکاری کیلئے اوپن ملکر، مواقع سے فائدہ اٹھائیں گے: مریم نواز

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ دورہ چین مضبوط باہمی تعلقات اور ترقی کیلئے مشترکہ عزم کا حقیقی عکاس ہے۔ چینی لیڈر شپ اور

کمپنیوں سے تبادلہ خیال ثمر آور ہو گا۔ پہلا سرکاری دورہ چین کا کیا ہے۔ چینی قیادت کی طرف سے گرمجوشی اور شاندار مہمان نوازی کا مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔ چین میں پنجاب

انویسٹمنٹ کانفرنس سے خطاب میں وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ دورہ چین سے معلوم ہوا کہ دونوں اطراف میں سٹریٹجک تعاون کو مضبوط کرنے کی شدید خواہش موجود ہے۔ چین

کی ترقی کرتی ہوئی صنعت قابل تقلید ہے۔ صدر شی جن پنگ کی مدبرانہ اور باصلاحیت قیادت کو سلام پیش کرتی ہوں۔ چین کی حکومت کی سیاسی بصیرت اور ترقی مشعل راہ ہے۔ پاکستان اور چین کے دہائیوں پرانے مضبوط اور برادرانہ تعلقات بلندی کی طرف گامزن ہیں۔ دورہ چین حکومت پنجاب کا چین کے ساتھ تعلقات کو مضبوط بنانے کے عزم کو ظاہر کرتا ہے۔ چین کی شاندار کامیابیوں، تیز ترقی کا قریبی مشاہدہ اعزاز اور خوشی کا باعث ہے۔ چین کا سیاسی فلسفہ اور پولیٹیکل سٹریٹجی سٹریٹجک سمت کے تعین کی منفرد مثال ہے۔ چینی اقتصادی پالیسی گورننس سٹرکچر کو عملی جامہ پہناتی ہے۔ چینی صدر شی جن پنگ کا ”مشترکہ تقدیر، مشترکہ خوشحالی“ کا فلسفہ سرحدوں سے ماوراء انسانی اقدار پر مبنی ہے۔ چینی عوام عسکری طاقت کے ذریعے نہیں بلکہ انسانیت کی جھلائی اور مدد سے دنیا کے دل جیت رہے ہیں۔ پاکستان اور چین کی شراکت داری ہر سر دو گرم موسم میں مضبوط رہی۔ زراعت، صحت، مالیات، آٹو موٹو، آئی ٹی، سی سی کنڈکٹرز، اور روبوٹکس کمپنیوں کے بزنس ایگزیکٹوز سے ملاقات کا موقع ملا ہے۔ پنجاب کے ادارے چینی کمپنیوں کے ساتھ شراکت داری کر کے بے حد فائدہ اٹھا سکتے ہیں۔ چین میں سرمایہ کاروں کے لئے خصوصی پیکیج کے ساتھ آئی ہوں جس میں چینی کاروباری اداروں کے لیے خصوصی مراعات شامل ہیں۔ چینی کمپنیوں نے نہایت مثبت رد عمل دیا، کچھ کمپنیوں کے ساتھ بات چیت کو آگے بڑھا رہے ہیں۔ دورہ چین پنجاب میں سرمایہ کاری اور چینی کاروباری اداروں کے ساتھ ممکنہ مشترکہ منصوبوں کی بنیاد رکھے گا۔ پنجاب انویسٹمنٹ کانفرنس صوبے کی صلاحیتوں کو اجاگر کرے گی اور مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون کو فروغ دے گی۔ پنجاب کی سٹریٹجک لوکیشن، ہنرمند افرادی قوت اور کاروبار دوست پالیسی اسے عالمی کاروبار کے لیے ایک مثالی مقام بناتی ہیں۔ چینی سرمایہ کاروں کی دلچسپی پنجاب کی ترقی اور ہمارے مشترکہ روشن مستقبل کے وژن پر ان کے اعتماد کا مظہر ہے۔ ہمارا فوکس پائیدار ترقی پر ہے، جسے چین کے ساتھ شراکت داری کے ذریعے مزید مضبوط کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ چین پنجاب کے جدید انوائرنمنٹل مینجمنٹ سسٹم کی تیاری میں تعاون کرے، جس میں مانیٹرنگ نیٹ ورکس اور ریئل ٹائم ڈیٹا اینالیٹکس شامل ہوں۔ چین سے حکومتی افسروں کے لیے ماحولیاتی قانون سازی، پالیسی سازی، اور عملدرآمد کے میکانزم میں ترقی پر وگرامز کی درخواست میں ترقی پذیر ممالک کے لیے کی جانے والی وکالت قابل تعریف ہے۔ سی بی کے تحت اعلیٰ معیار کی ترقی کو فروغ دینے کے لیے COP29 کی ہے۔ چین کی جانب سے پر عزم ہیں۔ پنجاب حکومت چین کے ساتھ ماحولیاتی پالیسی سازی، کلین ٹیکنالوجی اور گرین منصوبوں کے نفاذ میں شراکت داری کے لیے پر عزم ہے۔ چینی کمپنیوں سے ملاقات کی ہے وہ زراعت کے شعبے کو جدید بنانے میں سرمایہ کاری کی خواہاں ہیں۔ دورہ چین میں صحت کے شعبے ممکنہ شراکت داریوں کے نئے دروازے کھولے ہیں، جو پنجاب میں جدید طبی ٹیکنالوجی لائیں گے۔ چینی تعاون سے کینسر کے علاج اور صحت کی دیگر خدمات کو بہتر اور پنجاب کو طبی ترقی میں ایک رہنما بنائیں گے۔ صحت کے شعبے میں چینی ہسپتالوں اور ہیلتھ ماڈل کو اپنایا جائے گا۔ قابل تجدید توانائی ہماری اولین ترجیحات میں شامل ہے۔ چینی شراکت داریوں کے ساتھ کلین انرجی کو مزید سستا اور قابل رسائی بنانے کے لیے اقدامات کو آگے بڑھا رہے ہیں۔ پاک چین تعلقات اقتصادی روابط سے آگے بڑھ کر دیرپا روابط قائم کر رہے ہیں۔ پاک چین کلچرل کنیکٹ کے تحت شگھائی میں ہونے والا ایونٹ اس سمت میں ایک مثبت قدم تھا۔ چین کے ساتھ مل کر مواقع کا فائدہ اٹھائیں گے اور مشترکہ کامیابی کے لیے کام کریں گے۔ چین کے ساتھ شراکت داریاں نئی معاشی مواقع پیدا کریں گی اور صوبے کے لیے پائیدار ترقی کو یقینی بنائیں گی۔ پاک چین اتحاد کو اپنے لوگوں کی زندگی بہتر بنانے اور ایک روشن مستقبل کی تعمیر کے لیے استعمال کرنے کے لیے پر عزم ہیں۔ پنجاب سرمایہ کاری کے لیے اوپن ہے، عوام کی مشترکہ خوشحالی کے لئے شراکت داری کی دعوت دیتے ہیں۔ چینی قیادت کی جانب سے دکھائی جانے والی گرجوشی اور مہمان نوازی ہمارے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان مضبوط تعلقات اور مشترکہ ترقی کے عزم کا مظہر ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں مریم نواز شریف نے سانحہ آرمی پبلک سکول کے شہداء کو حرف عقیدت پیش کیا اور کہا کہ سانحہ آرمی پبلک سکول پشاور کو دس سال گزر چکے لیکن دکھ آج بھی زندہ ہیں۔ 16 دسمبر 2014 کی سیاہ صبح ہر پاکستانی کے دل پر نقش ہے۔ سانحہ 16 دسمبر صرف سکول پر ہی نہیں بلکہ انسانیت، تعلیم اور پاکستان کے روشن مستقبل پر حملہ تھا۔ معصوم طلبہ اور اساتذہ کی قربانی نے ہمیں یہ سبق دیا کہ دہشت گردی کا خاتمہ ہر صورت ناگزیر ہے۔ اے پی ایس شہداء ہماری قوم کے ہیرو ہیں۔ سانحہ اے پی ایس کے 147 شہد اکا خواہ بہتر پاکستان تھا، ہماری ذمہ داری ہے اسے حقیقت میں بدل لیں۔ دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ جیت کر کے ہی دم لیں گے۔

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مریم نواز کا کامیاب دورہ چین

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف اپنا سات روزہ دورہ چین مکمل کر کے گزشتہ روز ملک واپس آگئیں۔ وہ کیونست پارٹی آف چائنا کی دعوت پر چین گئی تھیں۔ سینئر پرویز رشید اور صوبائی وزراء مریم اور گلزیب، عظمیٰ بخاری اور عاشق کرمانی بھی انکے ہمراہ تھے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے بیجنگ میں روبوٹک زرعی آلات بنانے والے ادارے سے آئی فورس ٹیک کا اپنے دورے کے شیڈول کا آخری وزٹ کیا جبکہ انہوں نے بیجنگ میں بلیو ٹیک ایئر لائنس، ہائی جی ایم ڈی ٹیک، شی جی تان ہسپتال اور بیجنگ میونسپل کمیشن آف ٹرانسپورٹ کے بھی دورے کئے۔ انہوں نے کیونست پارٹی آف چائنا کے منسٹر سے بھی ملاقات کی اور وزیر ماحولیات سے بھی انکی ملاقات ہوئی۔ انہوں نے شنگھائی میں کیونست پارٹی آف چائنا کی میوزیم جنکو سولر کمپنی اور منہانگ ڈسٹرکٹ انڈسٹریل زون کے دورے کئے اور ماحولیاتی آلودگی پر کانفرنس سے کلیدی خطاب کیا۔ انہوں نے پنجاب چین انوسٹمنٹ کانفرنس سے بھی خطاب کیا اور چین کی حکمران جماعت کے اعلیٰ سطح کے وفد سے ملاقاتیں کیں۔ انہوں نے اپنے دورہ چین کے دوران ماحول دوست ٹرانسپورٹ، زراعت اور ہیلتھ سمیت مختلف شعبوں میں چینی کمپنیوں کے ساتھ ایم او یو پر دستخط کئے۔ انکے دورے کے موقع پر پنجاب میں معاشی ترقی اور عالمی شراکت داری کے فروغ کی جانب اہم پیش رفت ہوئی۔ اس سلسلہ میں پنجاب سرمایہ کاری کانفرنس میں چینی کمپنیوں کے ساتھ آئی ٹی، ماحولیات، گرین انرجی اور دیگر شعبوں میں ابتدائی معاہدے طے پائے جبکہ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز کی کاوشوں سے چین کی لیڈنگ کیپٹل فرم گوئی پارٹنرز کی طرف سے پنجاب میں 50 ملین ڈالر کے سرمایہ کاری فنڈ کے قیام کا اعلان کیا گیا۔ اسی طرح شیائنجن کیپٹل انوائزمنٹ پروٹیکشن گروپ اور گورنمنٹ آف پنجاب کے مابین بھی ایم او یو پر دستخط کئے گئے۔ ان ایم او یو کا مقصد اربن ڈویلپمنٹ اور انوائزمنٹ مینجمنٹ کے پراجیکٹس کیلئے اشتراک کار کا فروغ ہے۔ گوئی فنڈ سے قرض کی فراہمی، ایکویٹی سرمایہ کاری، مالیاتی حل اور رہنمائی پروگراموں کے ذریعے کاروبار کی مدد کی جائیگی اور پنجاب میں کاروبار کو مضبوط کیا جائیگا جس سے خطے میں پائیدار ترقی کی راہ ہموار ہوگی۔ یہ حقیقت ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز کے دورہ چین سے پاکستان اور چین کے مابین پائیدار دوستی کے رشتے مزید مستحکم ہوئے ہیں اور پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کیلئے چین کے سرمایہ کاروں کا اعتماد مزید پختہ ہوا ہے۔ بالخصوص اس دورے سے پنجاب کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے نئے راستے نکلے ہیں۔ پنجاب اور جیائنگسو کے جڑواں صوبے ہونے کے ناطے دونوں ممالک کے مابین صوبائی سطح پر باہمی تعاون و روابط میں مزید پیش رفت سے اب پنجاب کی زرعی، صنعتی اور اقتصادی ترقی جستیں بھرتی نظر آئیگی جس سے ملکی معیشت پر بھی خوشگوار اثرات مرتب ہوں گے۔ پاک چین دوستی یقیناً اس پورے خطے کے امن و استحکام اور خوشحالی کی ضمانت بن چکی ہے جس کیلئے مریم نواز کے حالیہ دورہ چین سے پنجاب کے علاوہ ملک کے دوسرے حصوں کیلئے بھی ترقی و خوشحالی کے راستے ہموار ہوں گے۔

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سی پیک پاکستان میں 25 ارب ڈالر کی براہ راست سرمایہ کاری لایا، شی یو آن کیا تاک

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار) سی پیک نے پاکستان کو ایک ایسا ملک بنا دیا ہے جو براہ راست سرمایہ کاری کیلئے دنیا بھر کے سرمایہ کاروں کیلئے پرکشش ہے ان خیالات کا اظہار چین کے سفارت خانے کے ڈپٹی چیف آف مشن شی یو آن کیا تاک نے ایشین انسٹیٹیوٹ آف ایکوسولائزیشن ریسرچ اینڈ ڈیولپمنٹ کے زیر اہتمام سی پیک کے دس سال: کامیابیاں، مواقع اور چیلنجز کے موضوع پر منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا انہوں نے کہا گیارہ سال میں سی پیک پاکستان میں 25 ارب ڈالر کی براہ راست سرمایہ کاری لایا اور اب یہ منصوبہ ایک نئے ترقیاتی مرحلے میں داخل ہو چکا ہے۔

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Xinjiang plays pivotal role in Pak-China ties: Ambassador Hashmi

Pakistan Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi said that Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region role in bilateral relationship between Pakistan and China is pivotal.

As a neighboring region, it has always been a gateway for trade, culture, and cooperation between our peoples. Today, Xinjiang stands as a vital node of President Xi Belt and Road Initiative, of which China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is the pioneering project.

He made these remarks while addressing at the International Symposium on Employment and Social Security in Xinjiang.

Ma Xingrui, Secretary of CPC Committee of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, Erkin Tuniyaz, Chairman of People Government of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, representatives of SCO, OIC, NGOs, Think Tanks and scholars were present.

Ambassador Hashmi said that the recent conversion of the Khunjerab Pass into an all-weather route is a testament to the strength of our partnership and a cornerstone of our connectivity endeavors.

This milestone is more than an infrastructure achievement-it is an enabler of opportunities. It will connect markets, create jobs, and foster deeper cultural exchanges, paving the way for a brighter future, he added.

Appreciating Xinjiang success in employment and social security, he said that it is not only a reflection of visionary leadership but also a lesson in the power of focused, inclusive policies.

Pakistan, he said, sees immense potential for collaboration with Xinjiang in areas that can directly impact the lives of our people and proposed four concrete steps to deepen this cooperation:

First, through development of skills development program, we can equip our youth with skills in emerging sectors such as technology, renewable energy, and advanced manufacturing. Xinjiang expertise can complement Pakistan vast human resource potential to create a skilled workforce ready to meet the demands of the modern economy.

Secondly, we can leverage Xinjiang advancements in agricultural technology and Pakistan fertile lands to modernize farming practices, increase productivity, and enhance food security. This collaboration can generate employment in rural areas and address critical challenges like water management and climate resilience.

Thirdly, Joint ventures in textile and light manufacturing industries can harness Xinjiang industrial strengths and Pakistan raw materials, creating jobs and driving economic growth in both regions.

Fourthly, our two countries should now aim to build dedicated trade and logistics hubs to capitalize on the enhanced connectivity brought by the all-weather route. These hubs can

serve as engines of regional commerce, unlocking opportunities for businesses and communities alike.

In Xinjiang, I see an embodiment this philosophy. It has taken control of its destiny through sustained efforts in employment generation, social security, and inclusive development. These efforts not only uplift its people but also contribute to the prosperity of the entire region, making Xinjiang a model for others to emulate, he added.

He said that Pakistan and China share an iron-clad friendship—one that is not merely a partnership but a bond of brotherhood. Over seven decades, this relationship has grown stronger through mutual trust and a shared vision for peace, development, and prosperity. Both countries have also always supported each other. In Pakistan, China can always find a vehement and reliable advocate of China core interests, including Xinjiang.

Ambassador Hashmi said that Pakistan has always believed that development is meaningful only when it uplifts people and empowers them to shape their destinies.

Xinjiang story is one of resilience, determination, and progress-values that Pakistan shares deeply. As Iqbal envisioned, the path to greatness lies in self-discovery and self-reliance, both as individuals and as nations.

Looking ahead, Pakistan sees Xinjiang as a key partner in building a future defined by connectivity, inclusivity, and opportunity.

Let us continue to work together, inspired by our shared values and driven by the vision of a prosperous and harmonious future, he added.

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Chinese firms bring advanced solar tech, expertise to Pakistan: report

As 2024 draws to a close, China and Pakistan continue to enhance a successful partnership aiming to enhance Pakistan's renewable energy capacity.

The two countries have been collaborating on several solar power projects, primarily under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

During the outgoing year, China and Pakistan have fostered collaborations between public and private sectors to fund and develop renewable energy projects.

China has actively invested in solar power projects in Pakistan, contributing to the development of large-scale solar parks like the Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park in Bahawalpur, which now provides electricity to 200,000 households.

Through this project, the Chinese company has brought advanced solar technology and expertise to Pakistan, helping the efficiency and capacity of solar power installations.

Commenting on another successful year for the solar power plant in Pakistan, Xu Hongchang, Deputy Plant Manager at Zonergy Corporation Pakistan, highlighted that 2024 was a transformative year for the Quaid-e-Azam Solar Power Plant as they had the privilege of

witnessing and contributing to significant advancements in Pakistan's renewable energy sector.

In an interview with Gwadar Pro, he said "throughout the year, we collaborated with a team of dedicated professionals to oversee plant operations, optimize performance, and ensure the smooth generation of solar power.

Our 300 MW facility served as a model of efficiency, producing clean electricity to power thousands of households and reducing the country's reliance on fossil fuels."

Xu noted that one of the year's highlights was the successful implementation of advanced monitoring systems, significantly enhancing the plant's energy output.

By integrating cutting-edge predictive maintenance technologies, they minimized downtime and set new benchmarks for operational excellence.

He said their team conducted yearly testing of the solar power station to ensure compliance with performance benchmarks and identify areas needing improvement.

The fault rectification process was streamlined through the implementation of a centralized fault reporting system, which facilitated faster issue resolution by categorizing faults and assigning them to specialized teams.

By fostering a culture of continuous improvement and adopting best practices, they ensured that the plant maintained its status as a benchmark for efficiency in the region.

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Cabinet panel discusses roadmap to boost Gwadar port utilisation

* Commerce Minister Jam Kamal chaired a meeting to explore routing 60% of public sector imports via Gwadar

A federal cabinet committee met on Tuesday to discuss a roadmap aimed at enhancing the utilisation of Gwadar Port through public sector imports, with a focus on wheat, fertiliser, and sugar.

The meeting, chaired by Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan explored strategies to route 60% of public sector imports through Gwadar Port. The initiative, which includes bulk commodities like wheat, sugar, and urea, is part of a broader effort to position Gwadar as a key trade hub for Pakistan.

Key stakeholders in the meeting included the Maritime Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, along with senior officials from the ministries of Commerce, Maritime Affairs, Interior, and Planning.

The committee was tasked with proposing actionable recommendations to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, with the goal of enhancing the strategic role of Gwadar in national and international trade.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, the committee stressed the importance of using Gwadar Port for bulk imports, particularly in the agricultural and fertiliser sectors.

The committee proposed a two-pronged approach to achieve this goal: a holistic vision to integrate Gwadar into the national trade framework, and immediate actions that leverage public sector imports through the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP).

Additionally, the potential for containerised vessel imports and exports via Gwadar was discussed, with a focus on incentivising private sector trade through the port. A proposal to establish a dedicated working group for private sector engagement was also considered.

The meeting also explored Gwadar's potential for transshipment and transit to Afghanistan and Central Asian Republics (CARs) and acknowledged the progress made in transshipment initiatives, alongside China's interest in leveraging Gwadar under the One Belt, One Road (OBOR) framework.

The committee identified the cost differential between Gwadar and Karachi as a critical factor in ensuring competitiveness, particularly in government-to-government deals, such as those with Bangladesh. Financial support mechanisms to address this issue were discussed.

Looking ahead, the committee agreed to convene monthly meetings and report quarterly to the cabinet on the progress of these initiatives as the next meeting will present a working paper that outlines key enabling factors such as road and rail linkages, insurance facilitation, and security arrangements to further support Gwadar's growth as a trade hub.

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‘CM Maryam received head of state protocol in China’

* Says Lahore set to become one of the world's most modern smart cities soon

Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari has said that Maryam Nawaz is the only Chief Minister in Pakistan's history who received Head of State protocol in China. She added that some people spent their entire tenure waiting for a phone call. If the unrest by PTI is paused for a while, Pakistan will progress further. She made these remarks during a press conference at DGPR.

She mentioned that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz was on an official visit to China from December 8 to 15. During her visit, she toured four cities in China and held several meetings. She emphasized that the governance system of China placed significant importance on PML-N as a party.

Azma Bokhari pointed out that after China's President Xi Jinping, the Vice Chairman holds the highest position. The Vice Chairman had scheduled a 30-minute meeting with Maryam Nawaz, but she was given an hour. It was stated that Maryam Nawaz will be recognized as a major leader in the future.

She also mentioned that the Chief Minister visited a company that manufactures agricultural equipment. She stated that China's tractors are robotic, and soon, our farmers will have access to equipment used globally. The Chief Minister has invited China to collaborate on transportation in Punjab. Around 700 electric buses will be purchased from China, and the first fleet of electric buses is expected to arrive in Lahore soon.

The Information Minister shared that a five-year plan has been devised to shift all transportation to electric vehicles. The Chief Minister has also granted permission to the Chinese company, Jinko, to set up a solar plant in Punjab. Over 60 companies responded positively to investment opportunities in Punjab, with some projects valued at \$500 million.

Regarding security concerns, the Information Minister said that the Chief Minister has promised to ensure the safety of Chinese investors. Chinese companies will soon begin operations in Punjab. Maryam Nawaz has also planned to make Lahore a modern smart city, which will soon be one of the most advanced cities globally.

When discussing the salaries of Provincial Assembly members, Azma Bokhari explained that salaries were increased in 2019. Ministers have to pay a tax of 350,000 rupees. If someone is living on 190,000 rupees, she questioned whether it would be feasible. Having a good salary is not a bad thing if there are no other sources of income. She clarified that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz does not take a salary.

Azma Bokhari further stated that soon, charging stations will be available in Lahore for electric bikes for students. Maryam Nawaz is also bringing advanced cancer treatment technology from China, and the Nawaz Sharif Cancer Hospital will have 1,000 beds. The Chief Minister has pledged to make Punjab the most modern province.

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More Chinese investors willing to invest in energy sector: Memon

* Senior minister expresses sorrow over Greece boat tragedy

Senior Minister of Sindh, Sharjeel Inam Memon, has stated that December is the month of the martyrdom of Shaheed Bibi. The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) observes this month with great devotion and respect, organizing various events throughout. The main event will be held at Garhi Khuda Bakhsh, where millions of PPP workers and devotees participate.

He also expressed deep sorrow over the boat tragedy in Greece and demanded that the federal government take strict action against those involved in human trafficking without delay. Addressing a press conference in Karachi, Sindh Senior Minister & Minister for Information, Transport & Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that the Transport Department has implemented new SOPs for motor vehicle inspectors and vehicle fitness, effective from December 1. The purpose of these measures is to ensure environmental protection and prevent the loss of precious human lives in traffic accidents. He emphasized that it is the government's responsibility to formulate policies that prioritize the safety of human lives, ultimately benefiting the public.

He stated that under the new SOPs for Motor Vehicle Inspectors (MVIs) and Motor Vehicle Fitness Certificates, fitness certificates with barcodes will be issued to prevent the issuance of fake certificates. This measure will make it impossible to produce counterfeit certificates. Motor Vehicle Inspectors are being further empowered, and old fitness certificates will now be rejected across Sindh, with new certificates issued in their place. He added that support is being sought from the Sindh Police, Traffic Police, and Motorway and Highway Police to

ensure road safety and vehicle fitness compliance. Additionally, an awareness campaign will be launched to promote road safety.

He said that Chinese investors recently visited Pakistan and held meetings with President Asif Ali Zardari, the Chief Minister of Sindh, and other officials. They signed MoUs with various departments and private business groups. Today, there is good news from them—they intend to bring more buses under the EV taxi initiative and the public-private partnership model.

He noted that such a project would bring foreign investment, boost foreign exchange, and create new employment opportunities. “Our first priority is to provide employment to the people,” he emphasized. Under the vision of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the introduction of e-taxis will not only generate job opportunities but also offer affordable, high-quality, and comfortable travel facilities to the public.

Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that more delegations of Chinese investors have arrived in Karachi, expressing their interest in working across various sectors, including energy, construction, and trading. He emphasized that the Sindh government is the only government in Pakistan actively inviting investors from around the world and providing them with necessary facilities. He further highlighted that Pakistan ranks sixth globally in public-private partnerships due to the efforts of Sindh province. “Today, our successful model is being recognized worldwide,” he added.

He said that the public should not lose hope, as it is the government’s responsibility to take actions that build public confidence. He noted that a significant amount of propaganda is being spread on social media, with campaigns being launched against the country’s institutions and the government.

Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that the reduction of the interest rate by 2 percent is a positive step by the federal government, which will benefit the entire country, including the business community, and encourage the establishment of more industries. He emphasized that Sindh province is the best location in Pakistan for industries, offering special economic zones. He particularly highlighted the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone, which is ideally located near the port. He added that industries set up there will enjoy a ten-year tax exemption and zero duty on machinery, making it the most attractive site in the country for industrial development.

He said that the Pakistan People’s Party has always worked for the development of the country. President Asif Ali Zardari initiated the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and the PPP-led Sindh government continues to create similar opportunities. He added that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will soon launch significant programs for the youth of Sindh, which will greatly benefit them. Providing employment opportunities for the youth remains Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari’s top priority.

Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that the first phase of the Malir Expressway is being launched to benefit the citizens of Karachi. This project will help reduce traffic congestion and address transport issues in the city. He highlighted that the Sindh government

has invested billions of rupees in the Malir Expressway to resolve Karachi's longstanding problems.

He further noted that Karachi faces immense pressure, which continues to exacerbate its challenges. Work is progressing rapidly on the K-4 project, including the water supply initiatives from Hub Dam and Dhabaji. Additionally, billions of rupees are being spent on the construction of two Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects in the transport sector.

He said that significant attention is being given to the polio eradication efforts. First Lady Asifa Bhutto Zardari and Ms. Faryal Talpur inaugurated the polio campaign in Shaheed Benazirabad yesterday, while the Chief Minister of Sindh is personally monitoring the progress of the campaign.

In response to a question, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that the PPP seeks to move forward through understanding and dialogue. He acknowledged that the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are the best, but unfortunately, the government and its leader there are playing a deplorable role. He pointed out that the PTI government was in power in KP at the time of the Army Public School tragedy and during the Bannu jail break.

He emphasized that KP needs to focus on fighting terrorists, not its federal government. The KP government has failed to protect its citizens, he added. "You have been a disgrace to the country, spending just one and a half years in prison, yet trying to create anarchy. Meanwhile, our leadership has always remained focused on Pakistan, even after serving 12 years in prison."

In response to a question, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that the case of Bibi Shaheed is currently pending in the Rawalpindi court in Punjab. He emphasized that this case should be heard on a daily basis, and the accused involved should be punished. In response to a question, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that the Sindh government and the PPP have clarified their stance regarding the canals on the Indus River.

In response to a question, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that contractors have already been provided maps for development work in urban areas. He mentioned that buses have been shifted from rural areas to other locations, and a shuttle service has been started for the convenience of passengers. He also pointed out that there is a problem due to the stay on rickshaws.

In response to a question, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that when the PPP held long marches, not even a stone was thrown. He attributed this to the great mentality of their leadership, emphasizing that the PPP leadership has never taught violence to its workers.

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مریم نواز کو چین میں ہیڈ آف سٹیٹ کا پروٹوکول ملا: عظمیٰ بخاری

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیر اطلاعات پنجاب عظمیٰ بخاری نے کہا ہے کہ مریم نواز پاکستان کی تاریخ کی واحد وزیر اعلیٰ ہیں جن کو چین میں ہیڈ آف سٹیٹ کا پروٹوکول ملا۔ کچھ لوگ اپنے پورے دور حکومت میں فون کال کا انتظار کرتے کرتے گھروں کو چلے گئے۔ اگر فساد کو تھوڑی دیر بریک لگ جائے تو پاکستان مزید ترقی کرے گا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے ڈی جی پی آر میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز سے 15 دسمبر تک چائنہ کے سرکاری دورے پر خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے ڈی جی پی آر میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز سے 15 دسمبر تک چائنہ کے سرکاری دورے پر تھیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے چائنہ کے 4 شہروں کا دورہ کیا جہاں ان کی مختلف میٹنگز تھیں۔ چین کے گورنرس سسٹم کے لحاظ سے مسلم لیگ کو بطور پارٹی زیادہ ہائی لائٹ کیا گیا۔ چائنہ کے صدر شی جن پنگ کے بعد وائس چیئرمین کا عہدہ سب سے بڑا ہے۔ وائس چیئرمین نے وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز سے آدھے گھنٹے کی ملاقات شیڈول کی لیکن انہوں نے ایک گھنٹے کا وقت دیا۔ مریم نواز کے بارے میں کہا گیا وہ آنے والے وقت میں بڑی لیڈر کے طور پر شمار ہوں گی۔ مریم نواز نے زرعی آلات بنانے والی کمپنی کا دورہ بھی کیا۔ چین کے ٹریڈرز بونکس ہیں۔ اب ہمارے کسانوں کے پاس بھی وہ آلات ہوں گے جو یورپی دنیا میں استعمال ہوتے ہیں۔ چائنہ کو پنجاب میں ٹرانسپورٹ پر کام کرنے کی دعوت دی ہے۔ ہم نے 5 سالہ منصوبہ بنایا ہے جس میں ہمیں ساری ٹرانسپورٹ کو الیکٹرک پر شفٹ کرنا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے چینی کمپنی جنکو کو پنجاب میں سولر پلانٹ لگانے کی اجازت دی ہے۔ پنجاب میں سرمایہ کاری کے حوالے سے 60 سے زیادہ کمپنیوں کا ریسپانس بہت اچھا تھا۔ 50 کروڑ ڈالر سے پنجاب میں کچھ منصوبے چلائے جائیں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے چینی سرمایہ کاروں کی سکیورٹی کو یقینی بنانے کا وعدہ کیا ہے، آپ جلد پنجاب میں چینی کمپنیوں کو کام کرنا دیکھیں گے، لاہور جلد جدید ترین سمارٹ سٹی ہوگا۔ ارکان صوبائی اسمبلی کی تنخواہوں پر بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ 2019 میں ارکان صوبائی اسمبلی کی تنخواہیں بڑھی تھیں۔ اور میرے علم کے مطابق وزراء کی تنخواہوں میں ساڑھے 3 لاکھ روپے ٹیکس دینا ہے۔ اب اگر ایک لاکھ 90 ہزار تنخواہ میں گزارا ہوتا ہے تو بتائیں۔ اگر کوئی اور ذرائع آمدن نہیں تو اچھی تنخواہ ملنا بری بات نہیں۔ مریم نواز تنخواہ نہیں لیتیں۔ بچوں کو دی جانے والی الیکٹرک بانکس کیلئے جلد چارجنگ سٹیشنز بنیں گے۔

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سی پیک 2 چین کے ساتھ تعلقات کو نئی بلندیوں پر لے جائے گا: احسن اقبال

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) وفاقی وزیر برائے منصوبہ بندی، ترقی و اصلاحات پروفیسر احسن اقبال نے چین انٹرنیشنل ڈویلپمنٹ کوآپریشن ایجنسی کے ڈائریکٹر لو ژاؤ سے ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات میں سی آئی ڈی سی اے کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ریجنل افسیوز، شوہائی لونگ، انٹرنیشنل کوآپریشن ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل لی منگ، یون نان صوبائی خارجہ امور کے ڈائریکٹر یانگ شاؤ چیینگ و دیگر نے شرکت کی۔ وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسن اقبال نے چین کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ یہ فورم علاقائی ممالک کو تجربات کے تبادلے اور تعاون کا موقع فراہم کرتا ہے۔ انہوں نے بیوکانومی کے فروغ میں چین کی قیادت کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان بی آئی اور جی ڈی آئی کے تحت چین کے ساتھ مختلف شعبوں میں ترقیاتی تعاون کو مضبوط بنانے کے لئے پُر عزم ہے۔ دریں اثناء وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسن اقبال نے چین کے نیشنل کیشن برائے ترقی و اصلاحات کے وائس چیئرمین سے ملاقات کی، ملاقات میں سی پیک منصوبوں پر عملدرآمد کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ احسن اقبال نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کی دوستی منفرد اور غیر متزلزل بیسی پیک 2.0 دونوں ممالک کے درمیان اقتصادی تعلقات کو نئی بلندیوں پہنچائے گا، پاکستان دہشت گرد عناصر کیخلاف فیصلہ کن کارروائی کر رہا ہے۔ سی پیک کے دشمن کبھی اپنے مذموم مقاصد میں کامیاب نہیں ہوں گے۔

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شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل سکول، طالب علموں کیلئے اے آئی ٹیکنالوجی کی تعلیم

عوامی جمہوریہ چین میں عوامی تعلیم کا نظام ہے جو عوامی جمہوریہ چین کی وزارت تعلیم کے زیر انتظام ہے۔ تمام شہریوں کو نو سالہ تعلیم حاصل کرنا لازمی ہے جسے ”نو سالہ لازمی تعلیم“ کے طور پر جانا جاتا ہے۔ اس کے اخراجات حکومت برداشت کرتی ہے۔ لازمی تعلیم میں چھ سال کی ابتدائی تعلیم شامل ہے جو چھ یا سات سال کی عمر سے شروع ہوتی ہے۔ اس کے بعد تین سال کی ابتدائی ثانوی تعلیم (جو نیئر مڈل اسکول) 12 سے 15 سال کی عمر میں ہوتی ہے۔ کچھ صوبوں میں پانچ سال کی ابتدائی تعلیم ہو سکتی ہے لیکن وہاں چار سال کی ابتدائی ثانوی تعلیم (جو نیئر مڈل اسکول) کے لیے مختص ہوتے ہیں۔ جو نیئر مڈل اسکول کے بعد سینئر مڈل اسکول (اعلیٰ ثانوی تعلیم) کے تین سال ہوتے ہیں، جس کے بعد ثانوی تعلیم مکمل ہو جاتی ہے۔

چین اپنے تعلیمی نظام میں ہمیشہ جدت پیدا کرنے کے لیے جدید علوم کو فروغ دیتا ہے یہی وجہ ہے کہ آرٹیفیشل انٹیلیجنس کے بڑھتے رہ جانے کو دیکھتے ہوئے چینی سکول اپنے بچوں کو اے آئی ٹیکنیک سے روشناس کروا رہے ہیں جبکہ پاکستان جو اس کے جنوب میں واقع ہے اور عمر میں اس سے ایک سال بڑا ہے کئی دہائیوں کا سفر طے کرنے کے بعد بھی نصابی خامیوں کو دور نہ کر پایا۔ جبکہ صرف پنجاب کی بات کریں تو تقریباً ایک کروڑ بچے سکول سے باہر ہیں جنہیں تعلیمی دھارے میں لانے کے لیے خطیر فنڈ کی ضرورت ہے۔ ہم کیسے اپنے تعلیمی نظام کو بدل سکتے ہیں اس حوالے سے سیکرٹری انفارمیشن پنجاب سید طاہر رضا ہمدانی اور ڈائریکٹر جنرل پبلک ریلیشنز پنجاب غلام صغیر شاہد نے صحافیوں اور لکھاریوں کے اعزاز میں بلائے گئے ظہرانے میں ہمیں بتایا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز نے اپنے آٹھ روزہ میں جہاں مختلف شعبہ جات کا وزٹ کیا وہیں شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول اور چائینیز اکیڈمی آف سائنسز کا دورہ بھی کیا جہاں انہیں چین کے ایجوکیشن سسٹم سے متعلق خصوصی بریفنگ دی گئی۔ شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول بچوں کو آرٹیفیشل انٹیلی جنس کے علوم سیکھانے کے لیے قائم کیا گیا ہے، 12 سے 15 سال کے بچوں کو شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول میں جدید اے آئی کی جدید ٹیکنیک سے آگاہ کیا جاتا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول کے مختلف شعبوں کا مشاہدہ کیا اور کلاس روم بھی گئیں۔ انہوں نے بچوں کو آرٹیفیشل انٹیلی جنس ایجوکیشن سیکھانے کے جدید طریقہ کار کا مشاہدہ کیا۔

مریم نواز نے آرٹیفیشل انٹیلی جنس کے بارے میں دریافت کیا۔ انہوں نے شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول کے طلبہ کی اے آئی تحقیقات کا معائنہ کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کی ضلع جیڈنگ کی ڈائریکٹر بیورو آف ایجوکیشن گوان وینجی، شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول اور چائینیز اکیڈمی آف سائنسز کے صدر زیبا گانگ می سے ملاقات ہوئی۔ مریم نواز کو چین کے ایجوکیشن سسٹم کے بارے میں خصوصی بریفنگ دی گئی۔

وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے سکول کے بجٹ، نصاب اور طریقہ تعلیم کے بارے میں دریافت کیا۔ انہوں نے شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول کے آرٹیفیشل انٹیلی جنس ایکسپیرٹ ٹیچر کے بارے میں بھی دریافت کیا۔

شنگھائی ایکسپیریمینٹل اسکول میں شنگھائی اور گرونوآح کے بچے زیر تعلیم ہیں جہاں کمسن طلبہ کو آرٹیفیشل انٹیلی جنس پر مفت تعلیم دی جاتی ہے۔ چین کلاس روم میں مصنوعی ذہانت کے فروغ میں پیش پیش ہے اور تعلیم کو ڈیجیٹائز کرنے کی ایک قومی حکمت عملی رکھتا ہے۔ اس حکمت عملی کا مرکزی نقطہ ایک قومی تعلیمی پلیٹ فارم ہے، جو مختلف تعلیمی ٹولز اور آن لائن کورسز پر مشتمل ہے۔

ایجوکیشن ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبے، جسے ایڈٹیک کہا جاتا ہے، نے کرونا وبا کے دوران اس وقت زبردست ترقی کی جب سکول بند کر دیے گئے تاکہ انفیکشن کے پھیلاؤ کو روکا جا سکے اور لاکھوں بچوں کو مجبوراً گھر پر سکریبنوں کے سامنے بیٹھ کر پڑھنا پڑا۔

جب سکول دوبارہ کھلنے کے بعد طلبہ کم ہو گئے تو ایڈٹیک سٹارٹ اپس نے اپنی مصنوعات اور مارکیٹنگ میں مصنوعی ذہانت شامل کر کے سرمایہ کاری لانے کی کوشش کی۔ ٹیکنالوجی کی بڑی کمپنیاں، جیسے مائیکروسافٹ، مینا اور اوپن اے آئی، نے بھی اس میں ایک موقع دیکھا اور سکولوں کو اپنی مصنوعی ذہانت سے متعلق مصنوعات فروخت کرنے یا سٹارٹ اپس کے ساتھ شراکت داری کرنے کی پیشکش کی۔

اگرچہ کئی وزارت تعلیم نے مصنوعی ذہانت کی ایپس کے استعمال کے منصوبوں کا اعلان کیا ہے، لیکن اس کے خلاف آوازیں بھی کم نہیں ہیں۔

یہ واضح ہے کہ چینی سکول اپنے بچوں کو جس انداز میں ٹرینڈ کر رہے ہیں پاکستانی سکول ایسی ٹیکنیکس سے میلوں دور ہے۔ 2019 میں ایک رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا کہ چین میں ایسے بچوں کی تعداد مسلسل بڑھ رہی ہے جو پرائمری سکول میں داخلے سے قبل ہی کوڈنگ سیکھ رہے ہیں خبر رساں ادارے اسے ایف پی کے مطابق چینی والدین میں یہ رجحان تیزی سے فروغ پا رہا ہے کہ وہ اپنے بچوں کو نو عمری میں ہی کوڈنگ کی صلاحیتیں سکھائیں۔ چینی والدین کا ماننا ہے کہ کوڈنگ سیکھنا ان کے بچوں کے لیے بہت ضروری ہے۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-12-18/page-8/detail-1>

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Chinese Consul General visits RUDA, China investment desk setup

Consul General of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan, Mr Zhao Shiren paid a special visit to Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA) headquarters here on Wednesday.

During the visit, he was briefed about the RUDA initiatives. The China Investment Desk at RUDA was also officially inaugurated by Mr. Zhao Shiren, Consul General of China, in the presence of RUDA Chairman, Shahid Ashraf Tarar, RUDA Chief Operating Officer Mansoor Janjua and distinguished members of the Chinese community in Pakistan and senior officials of RUDA.

RUDA Chairman Shahid Ashraf Tarar along with senior officials of RUDA warmly welcomed the Chinese Consul General and highlighted the importance of the Pakistan-China friendship.

In his remarks, Mr. Zhao Shiren commended this timely initiative, emphasizing its significance in the backdrop of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's recent successful visit to China. He appreciated RUDA's delegation for their productive road show in China and acknowledged their consistent efforts, which had now culminated in establishing the China Investment Desk at RUDA. He praised the efforts of RUDA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Imran Amin in actualization of very cordial professional engagement.

Chinese Consul General Mr. Zhao expressed his appreciation for RUDA CEO's dynamic leadership and conveyed optimism about fostering stronger ties between the two institutions.

Mr. Zhao further highlighted the importance of such platforms, drawing parallels to Business Facilitation Centers, and expressed his confidence that this initiative will play a pivotal role in assisting and supporting the Chinese community. He also underscored the value of people-to-people exchanges and enhanced communication, encouraging both sides to pursue opportunities that deliver tangible benefits.

Reiterating his commitment, Mr. Zhao assured that his office would extend full support and facilitation to this initiative.

RUDA COO Mansoor Janjua underscored the Consulate's efforts to promote engagement between Chinese delegation visiting RUDA for boosting investments. He highlighted the

scope of cooperation in the field of sustainability and introduction of innovative initiatives through the same.

The leadership of RUDA, including Chairman, CEO, and COO RUDA assured their unwavering commitment to the success of the China Investment Desk. Chairman RUDA further pledged his personal oversight of the desk's operations to ensure effective follow-up and seamless functioning in the days ahead.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1248770/chinese-consul-general-visits-ruda-china-investment-desk-setup/>

Sahiwal coal power plant plays key role in creating job opportunities

The Sahiwal Coal Power Plant under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, has played a significant role in Pakistan's economy and created numerous employment opportunities for both local and non-local people.

This project has not only helped address the energy shortage in the country but has also opened doors to economic development in various sectors.

Talking to APP on Wednesday, Head of Procurement Department Engineer Ali Memon and Head of Corporate Culture Department Engineer Umer Shahid said that the plant has the capacity to generate 1,320 MW of electricity, which plays a crucial role in meeting Pakistan's energy needs, increasing industrial production, and promoting economic activities.

They added that a modern training center has been established at the power plant, offering free training, skill workshops, and internships to the local community.

The project has not only contributed to solving the energy crisis but also played a significant role in stabilizing the local economy and improving the quality of life for the community.

The power plant not only meets Pakistan's energy needs but also symbolizes the cooperation and friendship between Pakistan and China.

Engineer Memon said that Pakistan has long suffered from energy shortages, which have hindered the country's economic development. With this need in mind, the Sahiwal Coal Power Plant emerged as a key solution.

The plant is equipped with state-of-the-art 2×660 MW supercritical coal-fired steam generators, which operate at approximately 570 degrees Celsius and generate 9 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity annually.

Supercritical technology, which operates at higher temperatures and pressures than conventional coal-fired plants, increases efficiency, reduces coal consumption, and lowers greenhouse gas emissions per unit of electricity produced.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1248769/sahiwal-coal-power-plant-plays-key-role-in-creating-job-opportunities/>

Pakistan, China discuss future collaboration on digital innovation

Pakistan and China have expressed a shared interest in advancing collaboration in the field of digital technology during a visit by Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal to Beijing's iSoftStone Information Technology Park on Wednesday, Radio Pakistan reported on Wednesday.

The two sides discussed potential cooperation in IT development and the implementation of innovative digital solutions. Minister Iqbal delivered a presentation on integrating technology into the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

During the visit, Iqbal toured the company's headquarters and exhibition area, where he was shown demonstrations of the latest products, services, and technological solutions offered by iSoftStone.

The minister was also briefed on the company's business expansion efforts in the Middle East and Central Asia, further highlighting the potential for regional partnerships. The discussions marked a significant step in fostering stronger digital ties between the two nations.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1248802/pakistan-china-discuss-future-collaboration-on-digital-innovation/>

BoI completes countrywide survey of SEZs

On the instructions Minister for Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan survey of Special Economic Zones across the country has been completed successfully while further steps have also been recommended, accordingly.

In addition to aerial survey, this report includes drone coverage while resources and problems in these Special Economic Zones have also been identified, in detail. This was disclosed in a high-level meeting of the BOI chaired by Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan, said a press release issued here on Wednesday.

Regarding these Special Economic Zones, Abdul Aleem Khan said that around 150 different reforms are being introduced in these centers while work will be done in the Special Economic Zones on the model of environment friendly and it would be Green Pakistan Investment.

He added that special facilities will be provided there including connecting the industrial zone of Karachi to Port Qasim. Federal Minister observed that shifting of industries from China to these Special Economic Zones will be ensured on priority basis. He said that countries other than China, will also be encouraged to come forward and invest in these SEZs.

Abdul Aleem Khan directed that all facilities including one window and security measures should be ensured in these industrial centers and the Board of Investment should also prepare a presentation for the Prime Minister in this regard.

He said that the steps taken in the last 6 months have resulted in the speedy resolution of long-pending issues in these Special Economic Zones which is a great achievement.

He also directed the authorities to ensure coordinated and effective communication with investors from abroad through Pakistani Embassies and to form a group of these foreign investors under the name "Pride of Pakistan" so that they can be awarded with due respect.

Similarly, a meeting of these foreign investors with the Prime Minister of Pakistan should also be arranged.

He assigned this task to the Board of Investment to complete this work within a week and said that there should be no delay in this regard. The meeting deliberated on the construction of the Business Facilitation Center while the “Asaan Karobar Act 2024” and on various important departmental issues. Federal Secretary Board of Investment also briefed the high-level meeting on the steps taken so far and future plans.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1248797/boi-completes-countrywide-survey-of-sezs/>

Pakistan Observer

Chinese CG visits RUDA, lauds leadership's vision for new eco-friendly city

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Express News

چینی سفیر کی صدر مملکت کو دورہ چین کی دعوت

صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری سے پاکستان میں تعینات چینی سفیر چیانگ زے ڈونگ نے اہم ملاقات کی ہے۔

ایکپریس نیوز کے مطابق ایوان صدر میں چین کے سفیر چیانگ زے ڈونگ نے صدر مملکت سے جمعرات کو ملاقات کی، جس میں چینی وفد جبکہ سینیٹر سلیم مانڈوی والا اور دیگر سرکاری حکام شریک تھے۔

ملاقات میں دونوں برادر ممالک کے درمیان دو طرفہ تعاون بڑھانے اور اہمیت کے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا

چینی سفیر نے صدر مملکت کی صحت یابی پر خوشی، چینی قیادت کی جانب سے نیک خواہشات کا اظہار کیا اور چینی صدر شی چن پنگ کی جانب سے آصف علی زرداری کو نئے سال کی مبارکباد کا کارڈ بھی پیش کیا۔

انہوں نے امید ظاہر کی کہ صدر آصف علی زرداری دو طرفہ تعلقات مزید مضبوط بنانے کے لیے جلد چین کا دورہ کریں گے۔

اعلامیے کے مطابق ملاقات میں مختلف شعبوں میں پاک-چین تعاون بڑھانے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا گیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2738838/chinese-ambassador-invites-president-to-visit-china-2738838>

K2 Daily

چین کی معاشی ترقی کا بلیو پرنٹ

شاہد افران خان

چین کی ضرورت ہے اور چین کو بھی اپنی ترقی برقرار رکھنے کے لیے دنیا کو چین کی ضرورت ہے، یہیں مسلسل انضمام اور کٹے پن سے ہی عالمی معیشت کو قائم رکھا جاسکتا ہے۔ ابھی حال ہی میں ڈیٹیویٹی او میں چین کی شمولیت کی 20 ویں سالگرہ کے حوالے سے عالمی میڈیا میں متعدد مضامین دیکھنے کو ملے۔ گیارہ دسمبر 2001 کو چین باضابطہ طور پر ڈیٹیویٹی او کا 143 واں رکن بنا تھا۔ یہ کثیرالجہتی ترقیاتی نظام کی تاریخ میں ایک کھلی دھند ہے۔ چین کی شمولیت سے دنیا کی آبادی کا پانچواں حصہ مکمل طور پر کثیرالجہتی ترقیاتی نظام میں داخل ہو چکا ہے۔ ڈیٹیویٹی او میں چین کی شمولیت سے نہ صرف چین کو گولیاں اقتصادی اور سماجی کامیابیوں ملی ہیں بلکہ عالمی معیشت اور دنیا کے لوگوں کو بھی بہت فائدہ پہنچا ہے۔ اقتصادی عالمگیریت کے رعبان کے بعد چین کا ڈیٹیویٹی او میں شمولیت ایک درست انتخاب تھا، جس سے عالمی معیشت میں نئی تحریک پیدا ہوئی اور گلوبل ترقی کی ایک نئی لہر سامنے آئی۔ کزنشٹ میں سالوں میں چین میں اصلاحات کی گہرائی اور ہرجہت بھرا پن دیکھنے میں آیا ہے۔ ڈیٹیویٹی او میں شمولیت کے بعد سے، چین نے بتدریج عالمی اقتصادی اور ترقیاتی قواعد کے مطابق ایک جدید معاشی ڈھانچہ تشکیل دیا، جس سے ملکی سطح پر نظام کی مضبوطی سے نمایاں

(کزنشٹ سے پگھلتا)

اس دوران کی بڑے منصوبے جیسے پاور سٹیشن، مل، سڑکیں، ریلوے اور اقتصادی ریلوے پارکس وغیرہ جیڑی سے آگے بڑھے ہیں۔ چین یورپ ریل گاڑیاں 23 مہینے تک عالمی کے 175 ممالک تک جاتی ہیں جو بلاشبہ یورپیائی ممالک میں اہم ترین ترقیاتی شریان بن چکی ہیں۔ وہاں سالانہ نومبر تک چین نے لی آر آئی کی مشترکہ تعمیر کے تحت 140 ممالک اور 32 بین الاقوامی ممالکوں کے ساتھ 200 سے زائد تعاون کی دستاویزات پر دستخط کیے ہیں، اور 14 ممالک کے ساتھ ترقیاتی پارٹی مارکیٹ تعاون کی دستاویزات پر دستخط کیے ہیں۔ آج عالمی دہائی صورتحال کے خاطر میں چین طے ایڈ روڈ شراکت داریوں کے ساتھ مل کر مشکلات پر قابو پانے اور عالمی اندوہا تعاون اور اقتصادی بحالی میں اہم کردار ادا کرنے کے لیے مزید کوششیں اور حلقہ ممالک کی مدد کر رہا ہے۔ یہ ایک حقیقت ہے کہ پائی دنیا کی طرح میں بھی موجودہ دہائی صورتحال کے خاطر میں اقتصادی ترقی کی ترقیاتی مہمیں کا سامنا ہے لیکن اس کے باوجود چین اپنی معاشی ترقی کے حصول اور اصلاحات دیکھنے میں یوں گہرا کرنے کے لیے ہرگز ہمت نہیں ہارے گا۔ اس ایک بہت بڑی مارکیٹ ہے جسے چینی معیشت میں اب بھی ترقی کی ایک وسیع گھاٹی موجود ہے۔ لہذا ترقی کی روٹی میں کہا جاسکتا ہے کہ چین کی شمولیت عالمی معاشی ترقی کا شہت رخمان تبدیل کنس ہوگا۔ آج عالمی معیشت کی بحالی کے لیے دنیا کو

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سرمایہ کاری کے اسباب میں پیش رفت

ملکی معیشت کی بہتری کے اشارے اور آثار نظر انا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ ٹاک ایکس چینج میں تیزی سرمایہ کاروں کی دلچسپی کو ظاہر کر رہی ہے حکومت کی انٹرسٹ ریٹ کو نیچے سنگل ڈیجٹ میں لانے کا ہدف بھی اندرونی اور بیرونی سرمایہ کاروں کے اعتماد میں اضافے کا باعث بن رہا ہے۔ آئندہ معیشت کے بہتر اعشاریے اسی طرح جاری رہے تو ہم بیرونی قرضوں پر انحصار بھی کم کر سکیں گے۔ پنجاب کی بات کریں تو وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز شریف حال ہی میں اپنے وفد کے ہمراہ کمیونسٹ پارٹی آف چائینہ کی دعوت پر چین کا آٹھ روزہ دورہ مکمل کر کے وطن واپس پہنچ گئے ہیں۔ سینیٹر پرویز رشید، سینیٹر صوبائی وزیر مریم اورنگزیب، صوبائی وزیر اطلاعات و ثقافت عظمیٰ بخاری، وزیر ٹرانسپورٹ بلال اکبر خان، وزیر زراعت عاشق کرمانی کے ہمراہ انہوں نے اپنے اس دورے میں ماحول دوست ٹرانسپورٹ، زراعت، ہیلتھ سمیت دیگر شعبوں میں چینی کمپنیوں سے ایم او یو پر دستخط بھی کئے۔ ان کا یہ دورہ بلاشبہ بیرونی سرمایہ کاروں کے حوصلے کا سبب بنے گا۔

صوبے میں پراپرٹی سٹیٹس کی آن لائن دستیابی کی سہولت کی فراہمی کسی سنگ میل سے کم اقدام نہیں۔ چیف سیکرٹری پنجاب زاہد اختر زمان نے ایل ڈی اے کی جانب سے نقشوں کی آن لائن منظوری دیدی ہے۔ یہاں لاہور ڈویلپمنٹ اتھارٹی ہیڈ کوارٹر کے دورے کے موقع پر انہوں نے کمرشل عمارات کے نقشوں کی منظوری کو جلد آن لائن کرنے سے متعلق ہدایات جاری کیں۔ ڈائریکٹر جنرل ایل ڈی اے طاہر فاروق نے چیف سیکرٹری کو فیڈبیک سٹریٹجی سنٹر میں کی گئی اصلاحات اور زیر تعمیر سنٹرل مانیٹرنگ

سسٹم (کنٹر لروم) بارے بریفنگ دی، یہ سنٹر ہاؤسنگ اور میٹروپولیٹن کی ورکنگ کی سرولینس کرے گا۔ دورے کے دوران چیف سیکرٹری نے ایل ڈی اے کی 850 کنال قیمتی پراپرٹی واگزار کرانے کے اقدام کو سراہا۔ انہوں نے ہدایت کی کہ ایل ڈی اے اپنی سکیموں میں ٹائٹل اونر شپ یقینی بنائے اور ایل ڈی اے سٹی ہاؤسنگ سوسائٹی میں ترقیاتی کاموں کو تیز کیا جائے۔

زرعی شعبے پر توجہ کے نتیجے میں رواں برس زیادہ رقبہ پر گندم کاشت کی گئی ہے اس سلسلے میں صوبہ پنجاب میں گندم کی کاشت کا مرحلہ کامیابی سے پایہ تکمیل کو پہنچ چکا ہے۔ اب تک صوبہ میں 1 کروڑ 67 لاکھ ایکڑ رقبہ پر گندم کاشت کی جا چکی ہے جبکہ اس سال گندم کی کاشت کا ہدف 1 کروڑ 65 لاکھ ایکڑ مقرر کیا گیا تھا۔ سیکرٹری زراعت پنجاب افتخار علی سہونے بتایا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کے خصوصی کسان پیکیج کے گندم کی کاشت کے دوران مثبت اثرات واضح طور پر نظر آئے ہیں۔ گندم کی کاشت کی مہم کی کامیابی میں کاشتکاروں کا بھرپور تعاون رہا۔ جبکہ اس دوران محکمہ زراعت پنجاب کی جانب سے کاشتکاروں کو زرعی مداحل کی مقرر کردہ نرخوں پر دستیابی یقینی بنائی گئی ہے۔

محکمہ داخلہ نے پنجاب بھر کی 43 جیلوں میں فائر سیفٹی اور ایمر جنسی رسپانس تربیت مکمل کر لی۔ اس دوران صوبہ بھر میں 7 ہزار ہیڈ وارڈ اور وارڈرز کو فائر سیفٹی اور ایمر جنسی رسپانس کی تربیت دی گئی۔ ترجمان محکمہ داخلہ پنجاب نے بتایا کہ فائر سیفٹی اور ایمر جنسی رسپانس کی تربیت سول ڈیفنس اور ریسکیو 1122 کی ٹیموں نے کروائی۔ ایمر جنسی فرسٹ رسپانس کی تربیتی مشقوں سے جیلوں میں قیدیوں، عملے اور املاک کا تحفظ یقینی بنانے میں مدد ملے گی۔ پی این ڈی کے محکمے نے صوبے کے مختلف حصوں میں 10 ترقیاتی سکیموں کے لیے مجموعی طور پر 20 ارب 67 کروڑ 60 لاکھ 84 ہزار روپے کے فنڈز کی منظوری دی۔ چیئرمین پلاننگ اینڈ ڈیولپمنٹ بورڈ میر سٹرنیل احمد اعوان کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں ان منصوبوں کیلئے فنڈ کی منظوری دی گئی۔ منصوبوں میں ملتان میں ریلوے پھانک چک آر ایس شجاع آباد ایکسپریس وے پر فلائی اور کی تعمیر، نکانہ صاحب میں سانگلہ ہل تاسکھسکی روڈ کی دوبارہ تعمیر / بحالی، سرگودھا میں بھیرہ بھلوال روڈ کی بہتری و بحالی / حافظ آباد تاسکھسکی منڈی کارپٹ روڈ کی مرمت و کشادگی، فیصل آباد میونسپل کمیٹی کی حدود تارنگ روڈ فیصل آباد مختلف روڈز کی بہتری / بحالی، نکانہ صاحب میں نکانہ صاحب تاشاہ کوٹ روڈ کی بحالی، جھنگ گوجر روڈ کی مرمت و بحالی، فیصل آباد میں کھڑ ریانوالا۔ جڑانوالہ روڈ کی مرمت و بحالی، گورنمنٹ انجینئرنگ اکیڈمی پنجاب کے نئے کیمپس کی تعمیر اور منڈی بہاؤ الدین میں پنجاب یونیورسٹی آف ٹیکنالوجی کو انفراسٹرکچر، تعلیمی اور آپریشنل سہولیات کی فراہمی شامل ہے۔

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سی پیک: دوسرے مرحلے کی تیاری کیلئے پاکستان سے 30 ماہرین کا وفد چین پہنچ گیا

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) چین کی دعوت پہ سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے کی تیاری کیلئے پاکستان سے 30 ماہرین کا وفد چین پہنچ گیا جو 14 روزہ ورکشاپ میں شرکت کرے گا۔ اس ورکشاپ میں پاکستانی ماہرین سے چین کے ماہرین کی ترقی کے تجربات کا تبادلہ کریں گے اور پاکستان کی ضروریات کے پیش نظر سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے کی ترجیحات کا تعین کریں گے۔ ورکشاپ کی افتتاحی اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر منصوبہ بندی و ترقی احسن اقبال نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے لئے نادر موقع ہے کہ وہ چین کی پیشکش کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے زراعت، صنعت اور ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبوں میں اپنی صلاحیت کو ترقی دیکر جدید معیشت میں ڈھل سکے۔ حکومت کا 15 ارب کا منصوبہ پاکستان کو برآمداتی ترقی کے راستے پر ڈالنے کے ساتھ ساتھ ملک کو جدید ٹیکنالوجی کی بنیادیں فراہم کرے گا۔

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Pak-China to build expressway to connect Gwadar Port to new Gwadar airport

Pakistan and China on Thursday agreed on the construction of an expressway connecting the Gwadar Port with the new Gwadar Airport.

Additionally, feasibility studies for new motorways, including the Mirpur-Muzaffarabad and Karachi-Hyderabad routes, were agreed to be initiated at the earliest.

Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal met with China's Vice Minister of Transport, Li Ying, in Beijing.

During the meeting, the federal minister expressed gratitude for China's continued support in the transportation sector.

He highlighted the transformative impact of projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), such as the Multan-Sukkur Motorway and the Hazara Expressway, which have reduced distances and unlocked new avenues for growth in Pakistan. Minister Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the need for expediting key projects, including the Karachi-Hyderabad Section, ML-1, and the Karakoram Highway Phase II. He also proposed the construction of the Mashkhel to Panjgur Highway in Balochistan, which would open a mineral corridor in the region. Vice Minister Li Ying endorsed the proposal and expressed commitment to advancing cooperation on these projects. Later, Ahsan Iqbal met with the President of the Export-Import Bank of China, Ms. Wang Shunning. He briefed her on Pakistan's ongoing economic recovery efforts and the government's commitment to implementing reforms in the energy and tax sectors.

He thanked the bank for its financing of Pakistan's space satellite project and expressed optimism about the approval of the Space Center project, emphasizing the critical role of space technology in future development.

Ms. Wang Shunning appreciated Pakistan's economic recovery efforts and reaffirmed China's strong ties with Pakistan, assuring continued support for Pakistan's development agenda. She remarked that China values its enduring partnership with Pakistan and remains committed to contributing to its progress.

This series of engagements underscores the mutual resolve of Pakistan and China to strengthen their partnership under CPEC and to jointly explore opportunities for sustainable development and economic prosperity.

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President, Chinese envoy discuss ways to enhance cooperation

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong called on President Asif Ali Zardari here on Thursday and discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two brotherly countries. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla and senior government officials also attended the meeting. During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on matters of bilateral importance. The Chinese ambassador expressed his happiness over the President's recovery and conveyed heartfelt best wishes from the Chinese leadership. He also delivered a card from President Xi Jinping wishing a happy new year to President Asif Ali Zardari, emphasizing the deep bond between Pakistan and China. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation in diverse fields.

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Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari emphasized the need for enhancing parliamentary cooperation and high-level exchanges with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to deepen the fraternal relationship between Pakistan and the KSA. He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to further strengthening economic, political, and cultural ties with KSA for the benefit of both nations.

The president expressed these views while talking to the Chairman of the Shura Council of KSA, Dr Abdullah bin Mohammad bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh who, along with members of the Shura Council, called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr on Thursday. Welcoming the delegation, President Asif Ali highlighted the potential for expanding economic and investment cooperation and called for realising this potential.

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گلگت (پ ر) قراقرم انٹرنیشنل یونیورسٹی پروفیسر پی ایچ ایچ جیوگراکھ سائنسز ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے واکس چائسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مظاہر شاہ سے چینل کیلئے کام کرنے اور ملکر کام کرنے پر اتفاق کیا۔ اس کے ممتاز ماہرین تعلیم پر مشتمل وفد نے ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات میں واکس چائسلر کے حوالہ سے گفتگو کی۔ شہر اہمیت حاصل کرنے کا مقصد تھا۔ ملاقات میں تعلیمی و تحقیقی شراکت داری بڑھانے کی اہمیت پر زور دیا۔ واکس چائسلر نے علاقائی چینلجز کے مل کیلئے تعاون کی اہمیت پر زور دیا۔

بقیہ

پانچویں دن سے متعلق مسائل کا حل پائی مسائل کے انتظام اور سوئی اثرات کو بھروسہ پر رکھنے سے دیگر امور پر سیر حاصل ٹھیک کی گئی۔ ملاقات میں واکس چائسلر کے آئی بی نے علاقائی چینلجز کے مل اور تعلیمی ترقی کے لیے تعاون کی اہمیت پر زور دیا۔ ملاقات میں دونوں فریقین نے تعلیمی، تحقیقی کے استعداد کار میں اضافہ اور علماء کے تبادلے کے پروگراموں کے لیے طویل المدتی شراکت داری قائم کرنے کا اتفاق کیا اور کہا گیا کہ یہ تعاون ارضیات، جغرافیائی خطرات کے انتظام اور پائیدار ترقی کے شعبوں میں اہم کردار ادا کرنے کا سہارا بنے گا۔ اس حوالے سے بہت جلد ایک نو برمی دستخط کرنے پر اتفاق کیا۔

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Nawaiwaqt News

سعودی عرب، چین، فلسطین سے تاریخی تعلقات، تعاون مزید بڑھائیں گے: صدر

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری نے کہا ہے کہ سعودی عرب، چین اور فلسطین سے تاریخی تعلقات ہیں، تعاون مزید بڑھائیں گے۔ سعودی عرب کی شوری کونسل کے چیئرمین اور ارکان کے وفد نے صدر سے ملاقات کی۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ سعودی عرب کے ساتھ پارلیمانی تعاون، اعلیٰ سطح پر تبادلے بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ پارلیمانی تعاون سے پاک-سعودی عرب برادرانہ تعلقات مزید گہرے ہوں گے۔ صدر مملکت نے سعودی عرب کے ساتھ اقتصادی، سیاسی اور ثقافتی تعلقات مزید مضبوط بنانے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا اور کہا کہ پاکستان اور سعودی عرب کے مابین تاریخی اور برادرانہ تعلقات ہیں۔ پاک-سعودی عرب تعلقات مشترکہ عقیدے، تاریخ اور ثقافت پر استوار ہیں۔ دونوں ممالک کے مابین اقتصادی، سرمایہ کاری تعاون بڑھانے کی مزید گنجائش موجود ہے۔ صدر مملکت نے بے گناہ شہریوں کو نشانہ بنانے، اسرائیلی جارحیت سے پیدا ہونے والی مشرق وسطیٰ کی سنگین صورتحال پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا۔ صدر مملکت نے خادین حرمین شریفین اور شہزادہ محمد بن سلمان کیلئے نیک خواہشات کا پیغام دیا۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پاکستانی عوام شاہ سلمان بن عبدالعزیز کی صحت، تندرستی اور درازی عمر کے لیے دعا گو ہیں۔ فریقین کا دیرینہ دو طرفہ تعلقات مزید مضبوط کرنے پر اتفاق ہوا۔ چیئرمین شوری کونسل نے دو طرفہ تعلقات کو سٹرٹیجک شراکت داری میں بدلنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ کہا کہ پاکستان کی قیادت اور ارکان پارلیمنٹ کے ساتھ نتیجہ خیز بات چیت ہوئی۔ چیئرمین شوری کونسل نے شاہ سلمان اور شہزادہ محمد بن سلمان کی جانب سے صدر کی صحت کے لیے نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کیا۔ دریں اثناء صدر آصف علی زرداری سے پاکستان میں چین کے سفیر اور فلسطینی سفیر نے الگ الگ ملاقات کی۔ چینی سفیر نے ملاقات میں دونوں برادر ممالک کے درمیان دو طرفہ تعاون بڑھانے پر تبادلہ خیال کیا۔ ملاقات میں سینیٹر سلیم ماٹودی والا اور سرکاری حکام نے بھی شرکت کی۔ چینی سفیر نے چینی صدر کی جانب سے صدر آصف علی زرداری کو نئے سال کی مبارکباد کا کارڈ پیش کیا اور کہا کہ امید ہے صدر آصف علی زرداری دو طرفہ تعلقات مزید مضبوط بنانے کیلئے جلد چین کا دورہ کریں گے۔ صدر آصف علی زرداری نے فلسطینی سفیر احمد جواد سے ملاقات میں فلسطین کیلئے پاکستان کی غیر متزلزل اخلاقی اور سفارتی حمایت کا اعادہ کیا اور فلسطینی عوام کے ساتھ یکجہتی کا اظہار کرتے کہا کہ پاکستانی عوام فلسطینیوں کی جدوجہد اور تکلیف میں برابر کے شریک ہیں۔

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Daily Times

Pakistan's delegation visits China to explore opportunities for investment products

A high-level delegation from Pakistan's capital markets, led by Akif Saeed, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) recently visited China.

Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Chairperson of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), Farrukh H. Sabzwari, CEO of PSX, Muneer Kamal, Chairman of the National Clearing Company of Pakistan Limited (NCCPL), and other senior SECP executives, accompanied the chairman SECP.

According to press release, during the one-week visit, the delegation engaged with key Chinese financial institutions, including the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation (CSDC), the Securities

Association of China (SAC), the Asset Management Association of China (AMAC), the China Financial Futures Exchange (CFFEX), the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE), the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE), the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE), and CITIC Securities Co. Ltd.

The primary goal of the visit was to deepen collaboration between the Pakistani and Chinese capital markets, explore opportunities for cross-border investment products, and enhance market access and investor participation for both Pakistani and Chinese entities.

Farrukh H Sabzwari signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE), Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE) and China Financial Futures Exchange (CFFEX). These MoUs mark a significant milestone in strengthening ties and enhancing cooperation between PSX and these leading Chinese exchanges.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1249513/pakistans-delegation-visits-china-to-explore-opportunities-for-investment-products/>

Commissioning of Central Control of New Gwadar Airport completed

The final testing and commissioning of the Central Control & Command Room (CCCR) of the New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA), set to be operational for the public next month has successfully been completed.

This marks the last compulsory piece of work accomplished by the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA), with CCCR's testing and commissioning meeting mandatory international SOPs practiced and enforced globally, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday.

The Central Control & Command Room (CCCR) of NGIA is the nerve center of the airport, responsible for overseeing and coordinating various activities to ensure the safe and efficient functioning of the airport.

Testing and commissioning of civil, mechanical, technical, electronic, and communication segments have already been completed recently with flying colors.

Weather can significantly impact airport operations. NGIA's CCCR is capable of continuously monitoring weather conditions and forecasting potential hazards such as thunderstorms, dust storms, and other atmospheric conditions.

“One of the primary functions of CCCR is air traffic management. CCCR is designed to closely monitor the movement of aircraft on the ground and in the airspace surrounding the airport.

It collaborates with air traffic control towers and regional air traffic control centers to ensure the safe and orderly flow of air traffic, efficient runway usage, and timely arrivals and departures,” a CAA official told Gwadar Pro.

The CAA official added that CCCR is responsible for effectively allocating essential airport resources. This includes managing airport gates, aircraft parking stands, and available runway capacity.

By optimizing resource allocation, CCCR helps minimize delays, reduce congestion, and enhance overall airport efficiency. In response to a query, a PCAA engineering department official said that real-time decision-making is a cornerstone of CCCR operations.

“It will operate 24/7, and its team of professionals, including air traffic controllers, operational supervisors, and support staff, is well-trained to respond promptly to changing circumstances. With flights arriving and departing constantly, it has the capability to make quick and informed decisions to ensure seamless airport operations and minimize disruptions,” the official elaborated.

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Pakistan Observer

Over 200 B2B agreements, MoU worth \$70m signed with Chinese firms, PM told

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday was apprised that over 200 business-to-business (B2B) agreements along with a memorandum of understanding worth \$70 million have been signed with several Chinese companies. The prime minister (PM) chaired a review meeting regarding the progress of ongoing projects and various initiatives under the Board of Investment (BOI), a PM office news release said. PM Shehbaz Sharif said an effective and comprehensive roadmap should be formulated for the completion of B2B agreements and the implementation of signed memorandums of understanding with international investors. “Work on regulatory reforms should be accelerated to provide a conducive environment for business in the country. Such targets should be set for investment that can be achieved as soon as possible,” the PM said. Effective marketing of investment opportunities in Pakistan is essential to attract foreign investors, the prime minister said. The prime minister directed to complete the construction of business facilitation centers in the country as soon as possible. He underscored that the construction of business facilitation centers, organization of road shows and other such initiatives were critical to attract foreign investment to the country. He was also briefed that some 35 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country have been surveyed through Geographical Information System (GIS), whereas extensive data was available on the SEZs to accelerate the progress of ongoing projects. During the meeting, the BOI officials informed that an 18-point plan was formulated to make special economic zones more effective. Moreover, suggestions regarding the Ease of Doing Business Act 2024 were also presented during the meeting. Under the Ease of Doing Business Act 2024, the Board of Investment would be able to create a regulatory framework for business in the country in accordance with the modern requirements, he added. Federal Minister for Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan and senior officers of relevant institutions were present in the meeting.—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/over-200-b2b-agreements-mou-worth-70m-signed-with-chinese-firms-pm-told/>

Pakistan's capital market delegation visits China and signs MoUs

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Express News

چینی کمپنی کا الیکٹرک وہیکلز کیلئے پاکستان میں 350 ملین ڈالر سرمایہ کاری کا اعلان

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اسپیشل انویسٹمنٹ فیسلٹی کونسل (ایس آئی ایف سی) کے تعاون سے ای وی سیکٹر میں چین کی سرمایہ کاری میں دلچسپی نظر آرہی ہے اور اس سلسلے میں چین کی کمپنی اے ڈی ایم گروپ نے پاکستان میں 350 ملین ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ منصوبے کے تحت پاکستان میں 3 ہزار سے زائد الیکٹرک وہیکل (ای وی) چارجنگ اسٹیشنز نصب کیے جائیں گے۔ سندھ میں ایک ہزار، پنجاب میں 1500 اور خیبر پختونخوا اور بلوچستان میں 1750 اسٹیشنز لگائے جائیں گے۔ اے ڈی ایم گروپ ای وی چارجنگ انفراسٹرکچر کے لیے 90 ملین ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری فراہم کرے گا۔ پاکستان میں ای وی مینوفیکچرنگ پلانٹ کے قیام کے لیے 250 ملین ڈالر مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔

الیکٹرک گاڑیاں ایک مرتبہ چارج کرنے پر 300 کلومیٹر تک سفر کرنے کی صلاحیت کی حامل ہوں گی۔ الیکٹرک گاڑیوں کا استعمال کاربن کے اخراج میں کمی اور ابندھن پر انحصار کم کرنے میں معاون ہو گا۔

گرین انرجی اہداف کے مطابق پاکستان ای وی مینوفیکچرنگ اور انفراسٹرکچر کا علاقائی مرکز بننے کی راہ پر گامزن ہے۔ ایس آئی ایف سی کے تعاون سے ای وی چارجنگ اسٹیشنز کا قیام حکومت کی ماحول دوست پالیسیوں کے لیے خوش آئند ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2739103/chinese-company-ka-electric-vehicle-ke-liye-pakistan-me-350-million-dollar-investment-ka-elan-2739103>

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چینی منضوں کی سیکورٹی کیلئے 12 ہزار فوجی اہلکار تعینا

سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے میں چینی ٹیکنالوجی، جدید تحقیق سے فائدہ اٹھائیں گے

پاکستان برآمدات اور صنعتی پیداواری صلاحیت بڑھانے کی کوشش کر رہا ہے، احسن اقبال

بیجنگ (اے این ڈی) وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے میں چینی ٹیکنالوجی، جدید تحقیق سے فائدہ اٹھائیں گے، احسن اقبال نے کہا ہے کہ چینی منضوں کی سیکورٹی کیلئے 12 ہزار فوجی اہلکار تعینا کیے جائیں گے۔

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دہشتگردی پیک کی شاندار پیش رفت کو نقصان نہیں پہنچا سکیں گے، احسن اقبال

بیجنگ (این این آئی) وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسن اقبال نے کہا ہے کہ دہشتگردی پیک کی شاندار پیش رفت کو نقصان نہیں پہنچا سکیں گے، چینی منصوبوں پر 12 ہزار مستقل فوجی اہلکار تعینات کیے ہیں۔ بیجنگ میں میڈیا سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے میں پاکستان نہ صرف چین کی مدد حاصل کرے گا بلکہ ٹیکنالوجی سمیت جدید تحقیق سے بھی فائدہ اٹھائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے عوام کے درمیان ایک مضبوط اور غیر مشروط تعلق ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر کا کہنا تھا کہ جدید اور اعلیٰ معیار کی ٹیکنالوجی سے پاکستان کو زراعت کے شعبے میں خاص طور پر فائدہ ہو گا۔ احسن اقبال نے کہا کہ پاکستان برآمدات بڑھانے اور صنعت میں پیداواری صلاحیت اور مسابقت کی بہتری کی کوشش کر رہا ہے۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں ڈیجیٹل ٹیکنالوجی کے ایک مضبوط پلیٹ فارم کے لیے تعاون کے بے پناہ امکانات ہیں۔

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Daily Times

China, Pakistan share latest non-wood forestry findings

Chinese and Pakistani academic achievements in resistant rootstocks for economic forests and grafted and fodder plants were exchanged at the just finished 4th China-Pakistan Tropical Arid Non-wood Forest Science & Technology Exchange Conference.

Over 500 professionals from China and Pakistan attended the conference simultaneously in Zhengzhou and Gwadar, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Sunday.

Starting from 2021, in the Belt and Road Engineering Research Center for Tropical Arid Non-wood Forest, professionals from the Chinese Society of Forestry, Central South University of Forestry and Technology, China Overseas Ports Holding Company Limited, Yulin Holding Company Limited, University of Karachi, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, and Indus University, etc. are working together on germplasm resource collection and new variety breeding and improved variety seedling propagation.

They have also been engaged in cultivation and demonstration of drought-tolerant and infertile-tolerant economic plants, and technical training.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1250008/china-pakistan-share-latest-non-wood-forestry-findings-2/>

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Nawaiwaqt News

چین کے ساتھ تعلقات درست کرنا چین، بھارت امریکہ کے ذریعے بات کر رہا: مسعود خان

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) امریکہ میں پاکستان کے سابق سفیر مسعود خان نے کہا کہ بھارت پاکستان سے بات نہیں کر رہا ہے۔ بھارت امریکہ کے ذریعے پاکستان سے بات کر رہا ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں منعقد ادب فیسٹیول میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے سابق سفیر مسعود خان نے کہا کہ امریکہ نے پاکستان کے لئے منظور کیے گئے 35 ملین ڈالر اس کے لئے روک رکھے ہیں کیونکہ ہمارے پاس تشکیل آفریدی ہے۔ مسعود خان نے کہا کہ اس وقت ہمارا چین ہے کہ ہم چین کے ساتھ تعلقات کو درست کریں۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ سیاسی عدم استحکام اور خراب معیشت ہم پر منفی انداز میں اثر انداز ہو سکتی ہے۔

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SCCI president highlights CPEC as a game-changer for Pakistan

President Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), Fazal Moqem Khan has termed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a game-changer for the economic and social development of Pakistan.

Emphasizing its importance, he urged the government to allocate all necessary resources for the successful implementation of the project. Fazal Moqem Khan expressed these views during his visit to the China Window, a Chinese cultural and information center in Peshawar.

He was accompanied by the Chamber's Senior Vice President Abdul Jalil Jan, Vice President Shahryar Khan, and Executive Committee Members Mujeeb-ur-Rehman and Ishtiaq Ahmed.

During his visit, Fazal Moqem Khan toured the various galleries at China Window, recorded his impressions in the guest book, and signed the Friendship Wall.

Mr Khan described CPEC as a cornerstone of Pakistan's economic growth, offering unprecedented opportunities for trade, infrastructure development, and regional connectivity.

He praised the initiative for fostering industrialization, creating employment, and strengthening ties between Pakistan and China. "The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is

not just a project; it is a gateway to prosperity. It has the potential to turn Pakistan into a hub of economic activity and bring significant benefits to the region,” he said.

He stressed the need to expedite work on CPEC, highlighting that trade activities under the project would boost the national economy, generate employment opportunities, and pave the way for Pakistan’s development.

He further remarked that the friendship between Pakistan and China is recognized worldwide, and CPEC stands as a remarkable symbol of this bond. He called for efforts to remove obstacles hindering the project’s progress, ensuring its timely completion.

Fazal Moqem Khan also assured that the business community is fully committed to supporting the success of CPEC, expressing confidence that the project will usher in a new era of development and prosperity, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The SCCI delegation lauded China Window as a significant hub of Pak-China friendship in Peshawar. They praised its role in fostering bilateral ties and promoting a positive image of Pakistan-China relations. Earlier, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Peshawar and China Window. Under this agreement, both organizations will collaborate to strengthen Pak-China relations and raise awareness about CPEC through various events and initiatives.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1250316/scci-president-highlights-cpec-as-a-game-changer-for-pakistan/>

Hashmi wants Pakistan to replicate China’s vocational education model

Pakistan’s Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi praised China’s introduction of new vocational majors in high-tech fields like artificial intelligence, robotics, and clean energy as a model for Pakistan’s technical education reforms.

He was addressing China-Pakistan Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Forum 2024 that was held here at Pakistan’s Embassy, according to a report carried by China Economic Net.

He called for greater collaboration between academia and industry to align educational programs with market demands, ensuring a future-ready workforce capable of thriving in evolving industries. The Forum 2024 was aimed at bringing together policymakers, educators, and industry leaders from both nations to discuss strategies for strengthening cooperation in skill development.

The event, a significant milestone in bilateral relations, focused on advancing technical and vocational training under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. Ambassador Hashmi highlighted that only 25% of Pakistan’s workforce currently has access to formal technical training, despite over 64% of the population being under 30. He stressed that bridging this gap is essential to empowering the nation’s youth and driving socio-economic development, particularly as Pakistan advances into the industrialization phase of CPEC. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister Planning & Department & Special Initiatives proposed to establish a consortium of technical and vocational institutions to foster collaboration, exchange knowledge, and create a unified framework for skills development. He also seeks to

set up specialized TVET institutes in the fourth priority special department to provide tailored, high-quality training for industries operating in the Special Economic Zones, act as catalysts for industrial growth, and enhance local workforce employability. Jia Peng, Deputy Director General Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education China said the Chinese government attaches great importance to vocational education, actively promotes the construction and reform of vocational education system, strengthens international cooperation in vocational education. Xu Yan, Deputy Director General CPAFFC said at present, China and Pakistan have established 19 pairs of friendly provincial and city relations, ranking first among South Asian countries in terms of quantity. “For instance, Henan Medical and Health Technician College has participated in discussions on developing curriculum standards and digital courses for Pakistan’s national vocational education program in elderly care. It has also taken part in the development of curriculum standards and teaching resources for specialized training programs for elderly care capability assessors. Similarly, Chongqing Vocational Skill Appraisal Center has been involved in the development of competition test questions for vocational standards in Pakistan,” he added.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1250221/hashmi-wants-pakistan-to-replicate-chinas-vocational-education-model/>

Ahsan directs early resolution of issues facing China steel mills

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Monday held a meeting with officials of China Century Steel Mills (Pvt) Limited, in line with the Prime Minister’s directives to remove all barriers impeding industrial development. The minister instructed the Board of Investment (BoI), the Power Division and the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to address the issues hindering industrial development promptly, a news release said. Specifically, he directed the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KPEZDMC) to confirm land prices to the company at the earliest, by their demands. KPEZDMC officials briefed the minister that the company had requested discounted rates for land per acre. The Chinese consultant cited examples from China, where land is often provided free of charge to industries in Special Economic Zones, emphasizing the need for similar incentives in Pakistan. Addressing concerns over power tariffs, the minister directed authorities concerned to maintain a reasonable distribution margin and ensure that the zone receives power at the same rates as regular consumers. Ahsan Iqbal also instructed the FBR to conduct a consumption survey in the erstwhile FATA and PATA regions to estimate anticipated power consumption accurately. He questioned why such a high capacity had been approved initially, underscoring the need for better planning to avoid unnecessary delays in industrial operations. The minister also directed relevant officials to involve businessmen of the Peshawar Chamber of Commerce and Industry to consider their suggestions while solving the problem.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1250251/ahsan-directs-early-resolution-of-issues-facing-china-steel-mills/>

The News

Pakistani, Chinese varsities sign MoU to boost partnership in education sector

Islamabad: Universities in Tianjin, China, have signed three Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the University of Sargodha to enhance cooperation in education, healthcare, and agriculture.

The University of Sargodha and Nankai University will establish academic exchange programmes and joint initiatives based on mutual respect, cooperation, and friendship.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, highlighted the importance of the agreements:

“We have committed to three key projects: a TCM hospital set to begin construction in 2025, an international-standard boarding school, and a citrus processing unit critical for the Sargodha region and Pakistan’s economy.”

Dr. Abbas further outlined the scope of collaboration, which includes student education, research, faculty training, exchange programmes, and joint efforts in creating research laboratories and institutes, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday.

Philip Jian Peng, Honorary Investment Counsellor at Pakistan’s Board of Investment (BoI), stressed the partnership’s significance. Additionally, the University of Sargodha, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TUTCM), and Tianjin Sansheng Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd. signed a Letter of Intent to create a Department of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) at the University of Sargodha.

Plans include building a 200-bed teaching hospital specialising in TCM and integrated Chinese-Western medical approaches.

“Forty years ago, China was in a position similar to Pakistan today. We are dedicated to sharing knowledge, technology, and investments to help our ‘iron brother’ advance,” he said.

Philip also noted the transition of CPEC from a government-led initiative to business-driven cooperation, with universities playing a crucial role.

“The citrus processing unit, for instance, capitalizes on Sargodha’s citrus industry to enhance agricultural productivity, boost exports, and promote food science research.

These projects demonstrate the deepening collaboration under the Belt and Road Initiative, driving innovation, cultural exchange, and sustainable development,” he added.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=370269>

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Pakistan Observer

Ahsan reviews progress of CPEC SEZs

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, chaired a high-level meeting on Tuesday to review the progress of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), the Board of Investment (BOI) and the Ministry of Planning.

According to a press release, officials from the SIFC briefed the participants on the latest updates regarding the infrastructure and operational status of SEZs across the country.

The minister emphasized the importance of ensuring investor facilitation, noting that imposing excessive costs on investors could deter their interest. He stressed that providing efficient and investor-friendly facilities should be a top priority of the government.

He highlighted that Pakistan's development trajectory has faced hurdles over the past 77 years.

Drawing lessons from countries such as China, South Korea, Vietnam, and Malaysia, he identified political stability, peace, policy continuity, and reforms as the four key elements for sustainable development.

Citing Turkey's rapid progress under Tayyip Erdogan's leadership and India's growth despite challenges like corruption, Ahsan Iqbal underscored the importance of consistent policies for economic growth.

He expressed concern about the disparity in economic performance between Pakistan and its regional counterparts, urging a long-term commitment to economic reforms.—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/ahsan-reviews-progress-of-cpec-sezs/>

China & Pakistan: Climate resilience collaboration

Mr Zhao Shiren Consul General of China in Lahore

IN recent years, the impact of climate change and environmental issues on Pakistan has been increasingly challenging. Pakistan has witnessed extreme temperatures and excessive rainfall on multiple occasions. In 2022, Pakistan suffered a once-in-a-century flood, which caused huge casualties and property losses. In 2023, Pakistan was listed as one of the four countries with the worst air quality in the world. In 2024, Lahore was rated as the most polluted city in the world for winter season. According to the UN report, despite contributing less than one percent of global emissions, the Pakistanis face a staggering risk of climate-related mortality 15 times higher than the world average. Frequent extreme weather, high temperatures and droughts, water shortages, air pollution and other issues have posed serious threats to Pakistan's agriculture, food security, productivity, and people's livelihood. The Pakistani government has been actively taking measures to address these challenges. For example, the

Punjab government has vigorously formulated policies, action plans and introduced new technologies, calling for cross-border cooperation to tackle the smog in Lahore. During this process, China has provided all possible support to Punjab, such as dispatching an environmental experts team to Lahore to conduct on-site research and submitted policy recommendations. Chinese companies are brought in to build air quality monitoring stations in the province. During the maiden official visit of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz of the Punjab Province to China, a special meeting was arranged between Minister Huang Runqiu of Ecology and Environment of China and the Chief Minister, and both sides reached consensus on air pollution prevention and control, new energy industries and green low-carbon development. As one of the first contracting parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and one of the pioneering countries to sign the Paris Agreement, China always adheres to true multilateralism, and the principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities”. During COP29, China released Action Plan on Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation (2025-2027), pledging to share technologies with developing countries and jointly build a climate risk monitoring and warning platform. As part of this action plan, a customized cloud-based early warning system in Pakistan will soon be launched and will effectively enhance its capabilities in disaster prevention, reduction and climate change response. As Pakistan’s good neighbor, close friend, iron brother and trusted partner, China is of the view that cooperation on climate change and environmental challenges is imperative to both countries. This cooperation will help promote socioeconomic and ecological sustainable development, drive green transformation of industries, improve people’s livelihood, and mitigate natural disasters. This cooperation is also conducive to the high quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, enhancing connectivity, strengthening climate resilience, and maintaining regional peace and stability. China-Pakistan cooperation can contribute to enhance global climate governance, and facilitate the achievement of the sustainable development goals for the global community and the developing countries in particular. The cooperation between China and Pakistan in addressing climate change and environmental issues has a solid foundation and broad prospects. China has established a sound “1+N” dual-carbon policy system, optimized the energy structure and contributed nearly a quarter of the global greening area over the past 20 years, with the forest stock reaching 19.493 billion cubic meters. China’s expertise, technology and commitment to address climate change and environmental hazards have been widely recognized by the international community. I believe that these experiences will provide beneficial references for Pakistan in its policy formulation, industrial structure adjustment, energy transformation, ecological and environmental education. I believe that this cooperation can also serve as a lesson and a reminder to the developed countries for taking stock of their emission history, shouldering more responsibilities and fulfilling the climate financing promises made to the developing countries, breaking down the green-tech barriers and providing technical support and capacity-building empowerment to the developing countries in fighting this existential threat faced by the humanity.

<https://pakobserver.net/china-pakistan-climate-resilience-collaboration/>

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Daily Times

Punjab signs MoU with China's clean air alliance

In a significant move to combat air pollution and promote sustainable growth in Punjab, the Punjab Government and Punjab Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bluetech Clean Air Alliance, a non-profit professional organization from China focused on the development of clean air technologies and industries. The agreement outlines a series of initiatives aimed at advancing green technologies, fostering local innovation, and building capacity within Punjab. Under the framework cooperation, the two sides will work together to introduce green technologies to Punjab and tailor cost-effective solutions for this smog-stricken province. Policy advisory services, technology transfer, demonstration programs, and introduction of enterprises will be prioritised to this end, according to Mr. Xie Hongxing, Chairman and Director of the Alliance, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. For weeks, Punjab's capital city Lahore has been engulfed in record-breaking toxic smog, with the air quality index repeatedly surpassing the 1,000 mark. This hazardous pollution has halted work and studies, posing a serious threat to the health of the city's 13 million residents.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1250846/punjab-signs-mou-with-chinas-clean-air-alliance/>

Pak-China Friendship School in Gwadar upgraded to senior level

Pak-China Friendship School, Gwadar, officially known as "Government Girls Middle School Faqeer Colony, Gwadar," was upgraded to a "High School", following an official notification from the Balochistan School Education Department.

This upgrade will provide thousands of girls from Gwadar with the opportunity to pursue higher education from 9th to 10th grade free of charge. Currently, around 500 female students are enrolled at the school.

Initially established in 2016 with Chinese grant assistance to provide primary education, the 1,600-square-meter school was expanded into a middle school in 2017 in response to requests from parents and teachers. It now boasts two teaching buildings and several additional facilities.

The China-Pakistan Government High School Faqeer Colony serves as a cornerstone in advancing education in Gwadar as it has become a preferred choice for parents seeking quality education for their children. Its modern facilities, including a computer lab and new furniture, distinguish it from other schools in the area.

A recently established Digital Lab, equipped with 30 new computers in collaboration with Chinese company Zong, is fully operational, offering computer literacy training to students.

Additionally, several teachers have been awarded scholarships to study in China, which will further enhance the quality of education.

Naseem Baloch, the administrator of the School, told Gwadar Pro that before 2016, there were no schools in this area, which has a population of approximately 20,000.

As a result, many children spent their days playing in the streets, as their families could not afford the cost of sending them to schools outside the colony.

“Now, education in the area has improved, and the lives of these children have changed dramatically,” he said. Faiza, a 8th-grade student at the School, said, “My journey from fifth to eighth grade at this school has empowered me to do something substantial in the future for my hometown Gwadar and my country.

My wish for the school’s upgrade to include 10th grade has now been fulfilled. This development will allow me to continue my studies here.”

Headmistress Parveen Nawaz praised Chinese philanthropy for introducing education to the impoverished people of Gwadar.

“This public school has surpassed many private schools in terms of facilities and educational standards. Private schools in Gwadar are expensive, but education here is free,” she said, adding, “With airy classrooms, a comfortable environment, strong discipline, and dedicated teachers, the school is aiming for excellence.”

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1250792/pak-china-friendship-school-in-gwadar-upgraded-to-senior-level/>

Express News

پاک چین تاریخی تعلقات کی بنیاد مشترکہ احترام اور بھروسہ ہے، وزیراعظم

وزیراعظم شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ پاک چین تاریخی تعلقات کی بنیاد مشترکہ عزت اور بھروسہ ہے۔

نے ملاقات (Yaun Xikum) پر اٹم منسٹر ہاؤس پریس ونگ سے جاری بیان کے مطابق وزیراعظم شہباز شریف سے ممتاز چینی آرٹسٹ و مجسمہ ساز ماسٹریو آن شیخ کی، جس میں چیئر مین ماؤزے تنگ کی بھتیجی مادام ماؤشیاؤ چنگ بھی موجود تھیں۔

اس موقع پر ماسٹریو آن کے بنائے ہوئے قائداعظم محمد علی جناح اور چیئر مین ماؤزے تنگ کے اسکلچرز کے حوالے سے خصوصی تقریب کا انعقاد کیا گیا، جو 25 دسمبر کو قائداعظم اور 26 دسمبر کو ماؤزے تنگ کی سالگرہ کی مناسبت سے منعقد کی گئی۔ وزیراعظم نے پاکستان آمد پر ماسٹریو آن کو خوش آمدید کہا۔

وزیراعظم نے قائداعظم اور چیئر مین ماؤزے تنگ کے شاندار اسکلچرز بنانے پر ماسٹریو آن کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور انہیں خراج تحسین پیش کیا۔

وزیراعظم نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ آج کی یہ تقریب تاریخی ہے۔ دونوں لیڈرز کے اسکلچرز ماسٹریو آن کی مہارت کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے۔ قائداعظم محمد علی جناح نے برصغیر پاک و ہند کے مسلمانوں کی قیادت کرتے ہوئے نئی اسلامی مملکت پاکستان کی بنیاد رکھی جب کہ جدید چین کی بنیاد رکھنے میں چیئر مین ماؤزے تنگ کی کلیدی کردار تھا۔

شہباز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ چیئر مین ماؤزے تنگ کی عزت و احترام ہر پاکستانی کے دل میں ہے۔ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان تاریخی تعلقات کی بنیاد مشترکہ عزت و احترام اور بھروسہ پر مبنی ہیں۔ چین اور پاکستان دونوں قدیم تاریخی ورثوں کے امین ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سال جون میں اپنے دورہ چین کے دوران شیان میں ٹیبراکوٹا اور بیروز میوزیم جانے کا اتفاق ہوا جو کہ انتہائی متاثر کن تاریخی ورثہ اپنے اندر سموئے ہوئے ہے۔ پاکستان میں وادی سندھ قدیم ترین تاریخ کا مسکن ہے، مونیچوڈو اور ہڑپہ میں ہزاروں سال پرانی انسانی تاریخ پنہاں ہے۔

وزیر اعظم کا کہنا تھا کہ اس سال چین کے وزیر اعظم ماب لی کی چیانگ کے پاکستان کے دورے سے دونوں ممالک کے مثالی تعلقات مزید مستحکم ہوئے۔ پاکستان اور چین کی آل-ویڈیو اسٹریٹیجک پارٹنرشپ نئی بلندیوں کو چھو رہی ہے۔

شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ چین-پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے سے لے کر دفاع اور دفاعی پیداوار و زراعت کے شعبوں میں تعاون میں مزید بہتری آرہی ہے۔ پاکستان سے زراعت کے شعبے کے گریجویٹس کا پہلا بیچ چینی زرعی یونیورسٹیوں میں تربیت اور تحقیق کی غرض سے جلد چین روانہ ہوگا۔

تقریب میں وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات، نشریات و ثقافت عطا اللہ تارڑ، وزیر اعظم کے معاون خصوصی طارق فاطمی، پاکستان میں تعینات چینی سفیر جیانگ زی ڈونگ، چین میں تعینات پاکستانی سفیر خلیل ہاشمی اور سرکاری افسران موجود تھے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2739897/pak-china-tareekhi-taluqaat-ki-bunyat-mushtarka-izzat-aur-bharosa-hai-wazir-e-azam-2739897>

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China ready to work with Pakistan to help build community of shared future: DCM Yuanqiang

China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) on Thursday inaugurated 'China Corner' at the ISSI Library.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Ambassador Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to Prime Minister/Minister of State (Foreign Affairs) as Chief Guest. Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to China, and Mr. Shi Yuanqiang, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at Embassy of China in Pakistan attended the event as Guests of Honour. Prominent members of diplomatic community, bureaucracy, civil society and the media were also in attendance. This is the first ever 'China Corner' to be established in a think-tank in Pakistan.

DCM, China Mr. Shi Yuanqiang expressing his appreciation at the opening of the China Corner remarked that ISSI had made outstanding achievement in promoting mutual understanding and information about China.

The Chinese embassy has been cooperating with ISSI and also contributed books and CDs for the 'China Corner.' He added that Pakistan and China are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and iron-clad friends and that the friendship between the two countries has stood the test of time and is as solid as rock and as stable as Mount Tai. The salience of bilateral relationship is shared by highest level of leadership of both countries, and China is ready to work with Pakistan to help build a China-Pakistan community of shared future.

In his address, the Chief Guest Ambassador Syed Tariq Fatemi elaborated that there is something very fascinating about Pakistan China relations that has perplexed scholars of international relations abroad for years. The history of both countries shows that despite huge differences between the people and philosophies of the two countries the relationship continued to strengthen. Pakistan was among the first to recognize China, it was also the first to advocate for Chinese membership in the UN. In the shape of CPEC Pakistan has been fortunate enough to be the first symphony in the Chinese orchestra of BRI.

Dr. TalatShabbir, Director CPSC, stated that the ‘China Corner’ will provide comprehensive access to information and resources about China’s governance model, economic policies, and diplomatic strategies. This repository will be a resource for fostering knowledge, dialogue, and collaboration. It embodies a commitment to understanding China’s development narrative and leveraging this understanding for shared progress and prosperity.

During his remarks, Ambassador Khalil Hashmi stated that Pakistan-China relationship has surpassed the traditional construct of inter-state relations and is now a comprehensive and unique partnership built on mutual trust, mutual support and mutual respect as its foundational principles. The establishment of ‘China Corner’ at ISSI is not only about studying China but also to build bridges and make synergy between both countries to work together. It holds immense potential as a space where ideas will flourish and the future of Pakistan-China bilateral relationship shall be supported. He encouraged students, scholars, researchers, policymakers and practitioners to make full use of this platform.

Earlier in his welcome address, Ambassador SohailMahmood highlighted that ISSI has been serving as an important hub for research on China in Pakistan with multiple institutional collaborations with Chinese think tanks and universities.

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Pak-China partnership anchor of stability, prosperity: PM

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday underscored the importance of the all-weather strategic partnership between Pakistan and China, describing it as “an anchor of regional stability” and “a beacon of hope for global peace and prosperity”.

“We are proud of our collaboration in various fields from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor to cultural exchanges, education, and defence production,” the prime minister said while addressing an event of unveiling of sculptures of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Chinese leader Mao Zedong at the PM House.

The niece of Chairman Mao Zedong Mao Xiaoqing also graced the event.

He said the historic bonds between Pakistan and China spanned over decades was a testament to our shared values, of mutual respect, trust and cooperation.

The prime minister highlighted that both leaders recognized the immense Pakistan-China relations and “today our all-weather strategic partnership is an anchor of regional stability under these challenging global circumstances”.

He said Quaid-e-Azam was the founder of Pakistan and his great leadership played a decisive role in carving out Pakistan from the sub-continent through outstanding leadership and great sacrifices by the Muslims.

Appreciating the great work done by Chinese renowned artist and sculptor Yaun Xikum who made the sculptures of the great leaders, the prime minister said he had wonderfully, captured the essence of these two iconic leaders. The prime minister recalled that during his recent

visit to China in June this year, on the recommendation of President Xi, he went to Xian and had the opportunity to visit the Terra Cotta museum, a symbol of past glorious and heritage.

Similarly, he said Pakistan proudly traced its history to the Indus Valley civilization, whose relics were preserved in Mohenjo Daro and Harappa.

“So by these accounts, today’s ceremony is very special and unique as we honour the vision and legacies of our founding fathers who held a common vision of independence, justice, equity, emancipation and self-respect for the two nations,” he added.

The prime minister said that hundreds of Pakistani young students were visiting Chinese universities and was a bridge between the two countries.

The first batch of agricultural graduates is going to visit China and have education in the field to attain modern techniques and expertise in agriculture to boost production of Pakistan agriculture next month which is yet another step towards our economic cooperation, he said.

Yaun Xikum, on the occasion, said the greatness of both Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Mao Zedong compelled him to make these sculptures.

He said it was the best commemoration of the 148th anniversary of the birth of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on December 25 and the 131st anniversary of the birth of Mao Zedong.

Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said Pakistan and China were enjoying strong bonds for decades and the relationship was further strengthening with the passage of time.

Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, Pakistan Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi and other high officials were also present on the occasion.—APP

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The News

‘China Corner’ established at ISSI: CPEC expansion assured: Fatemi

Muhammad Saleh Zaafir

ISLAMABAD: Beijing has assured that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will not only continue to move forward, but will also be expanded. This was reaffirmed by the Chinese leadership during their latest meetings with the visiting prime minister.

Ambassador Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (Foreign Affairs), stated this on Thursday with reference to the meetings between the Prime Minister and the Chinese leadership after attending the meetings.

Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the ‘China Corner’ at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC), he explained that there is something fascinating about the Pakistan-China relationship that has puzzled scholars of international relations abroad for years. Despite significant differences between the people and philosophies of the two countries, their relationship has continued to strengthen. Pakistan was among the first to recognise China and advocate for Chinese membership in the UN, he

noted. Tariq Fatemi emphasised that through CPEC, Pakistan has been fortunate to be the first symphony in the Chinese orchestra of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Recognizing the cooperation between the two countries is beneficial not only for them but for the entire region.

Pakistan's Ambassador for China, Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, and Shi Yuanqiang, the deputy head of mission at the Chinese embassy, attended the ceremony as guests of honor. This is the first 'China Corner' established in a think-tank in Pakistan. In his welcome address, former Foreign Secretary and chief of the ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, highlighted that ISSI has been a vital hub for research on China in Pakistan, with multiple institutional collaborations with Chinese think tanks and universities. The ISSI is also a dialogue partner for the Pakistan-China Think Tank Forum with the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) as part of the Joint Working Group of CPEC on International Cooperation. He informed that the 'China Corner' has a collection of over 600 physical and 5000 electronic books, journals, newspapers, and monographs related to China studies, available for scholars to utilise. He stressed that since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the Pakistan-China relationship has progressed into an all-weather strategic cooperative partnership, becoming an indispensable factor of stability in the region and beyond. It encompasses diplomatic, political, economic, security, defense, technological, educational, cultural, and people-to-people domains.

Ambassador Khalil Hashmi stated that the Pakistan-China relationship has moved beyond traditional inter-state relations to become a comprehensive and unique partnership built on mutual trust, mutual support, and mutual respect as its foundational principles. The establishment of the 'China Corner' at ISSI is not only about studying China but also about building bridges and creating synergy between the two countries to collaborate effectively. It has great potential as a space where ideas can flourish and support the future of the Pakistan-China bilateral relationship. He encouraged students, scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to make full use of this platform.

Shi Yuanqiang said that Pakistan and China are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and iron-clad friends. The friendship between the two countries has endured the test of time and is as solid as a rock and as stable as Mount Tai. The importance of the bilateral relationship is recognized by the highest levels of leadership in both countries, and China is prepared to work with Pakistan to build a Pakistan-China community of shared future.

Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director of CPSC, stated in his inaugural remarks that the 'China Corner' will provide comprehensive access to information and resources about China's governance model, economic policies, and diplomatic strategies. This repository will be a resource for fostering knowledge, dialogue, and collaboration, demonstrating a commitment to understanding China's development narrative and leveraging this understanding for shared progress and prosperity.

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NLC begins trade goods delivery from China to UAE

The National Logistics Corporation has officially initiated the delivery of trade goods from China to United Arab Emirates, passing through Pakistan, under the international road transport system.

This development marks a significant milestone in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative, providing a shorter and more efficient route for the movement of goods from China to the Gulf Countries.

Under the initiative, a truck carrying electronic equipment departed from Kashgar, bound for the Jebel Ali Port in Dubai, via Pakistan.

The truck's journey began with a stop at the NLC Dry Port in Sost, where a ceremony was held to mark the historic occasion.

The goods will be delivered from Kashgar to Karachi by NLC trucks in just eight Days.

From Karachi, the container will be shipped to Jebel Ali Port by sea, which will take two additional days.

This new China-to-UAE route through Pakistan offers significant advantages for the business community.

Earlier, NLC launched regular cargo service for China, connecting Islamabad and Karachi to Kashgar and Shanghai.

In a bid to promote bilateral trade and activate the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, the National Logistics Cell (NLC) commenced regular cargo service from Islamabad and Karachi to Kashgar and Shanghai.

The launch of this cargo service will help pave the way for the implementation of the Quadrilateral Transit Trade Agreement between China, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan and the International Road Transport (TIR) Convention in the future.

These agreements will establish clear roadmaps for regional trade development, ensuring overall economic progress in the region.

To mark the departure of trucks heading towards China, NLC organized a ceremony at the Silk Route Dry Port in Sost.

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ICCI, Chinese Business delegation discuss ways to boost bilateral trade

A delegation of Chinese investors from Xingjian province, led by the Mayor of Yecheang and the Foreign Office Bureau of Kashgar, visited the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The delegation also included Mr. Wong Tang, the focal person for the Belt and Road initiative and Director of Foreign Affairs and Investment.

The core objective of the visit was to explore B2B relationships between the two countries, with a focus on renewable energy, infrastructure development, and the iron and steel processing industry.

Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, Acting President of ICCI, welcomed the distinguished guests and briefed them on the Chamber's efforts to promote local and international business collaborations. He highlighted the local exportable products, such as marble, steel, and pharmaceuticals, and emphasized the need for infrastructure development to enhance the value of Pakistani products, making them more competitive in the international market, while fostering employment and skill development.

The Chinese delegation expressed keen interest in exploring investment opportunities, particularly in the mining and mineral sectors. Both sides agreed to stay in contact, exchange visits, and strengthen links with relevant chambers to promote mutually beneficial partnerships.

Senior Vice President Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry suggested that both parties prepare and exchange lists of their export-quality products to further facilitate collaboration.—Agencies

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Chinese varsity, PU ink MoU on research in health sciences

LAHORE: School of Medicine, Shihezi University, China, and the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), University of the Punjab, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaboration in cutting-edge scientific research and academic exchange, aligning with global advancements in health sciences.

The agreement was signed by Prof Dr Wang Yuanzhi, Vice Dean School of Medicine, Shihezi University, Xinjiang, China and Prof Dr Moaz ur Rahman, Director of the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology, University of Punjab, Pakistan, said a press release issued here on Sunday.

This important partnership agreement was facilitated by Prof Dr Cheng, Chairman of the Symposium, and scholar from China Agricultural University, who played a pivotal role in fostering this collaborative agreement.

The Pakistani delegation participated in the International Symposium on Veterinary Vaccine and Drug Technology Cooperation among the Belt and Road Countries.

During their visit to Shenzhi, this important MoU was signed.

This strategic partnership promotes innovation and collaboration in health sciences by establishing joint research centers, facilitating researcher and student exchanges, and organizing international conferences.

Under the MoU, the two institutions will collaborate on diverse areas, including developing technical research projects, shared academic data and publications, and intellectual property rights.

Both parties are committed to fostering academic exchanges, with joint training programs for students and researchers forming the core of the collaboration.

This partnership is a testament to the deepening ties between Pakistan and China in scientific and technological domains.

For China, it reflects an ongoing commitment to fostering collaboration with Belt and Road countries, advancing shared goals in health sciences and technology. The International Symposium, where the agreement was signed, provided a platform for scientists, researchers, and academics from across the globe to converge and share insights. The MoU will remain in effect for five years, with provisions for extension upon mutual consent. Both institutions are optimistic about the long-term benefits of this collaboration, not only for their respective countries but also for the global scientific community.

The signing of this MoU is an important step towards the shared vision of Pakistan and China to harness the power of science and technology for mutual progress and prosperity.

It is a beacon for future collaborations within the Belt and Road Initiative, underscoring the importance of innovation and shared growth in shaping a better future.

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Tourists from Japan, Nepal, China visit Mohenjodaro

Imtiaz Hussain

SUKKUR: The tourists from Japan, Nepal, and China visited the great site of Mohenjo-daro in Sindh.

The tourists from Japan, Nepal, and China visited the Stupa, Great Bath, DK Area, and Museum, along with other ancient monuments.

The tourists told the media that this was their first time visiting Mohenjo-daro.

The foreign delegation further said that they had a great desire to visit Mohenjo-daro, the great historical site in Sindh, and that they had fulfilled their dream by visiting the archaeological sites.

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Nawaiwaqt News

پاک چین دوستی عالمی امن و خوشحالی کی ضمانت

ممتاز چینی آرٹسٹ و مجسمہ ساز ماسٹر یو آن شیکم سے ملاقات اور 25 دسمبر کو قائد اعظم اور 26 دسمبر کو ماؤ زے ننگ کی سالگرہ کی مناسبت سے اسکے سکچر (مجموعوں) کی نقاب کشائی کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح نے پاکستان اور ماؤ زے ننگ نے جدید چین کی بنیاد رکھی۔ پاکستان اور چین کے تاریخی تعلقات باہمی احترام اور اعتماد کی بنیاد پر استوار ہیں۔ پاکستان اور چین کی آل ویدر سٹرٹیجک پارٹنرشپ نئی بلندیوں کو چھو رہی ہے۔ عالمی امن و خوشحالی کیلئے پاکستان اور چین مل کر کام کر سکتے ہیں۔ یہ تقریب تاریخی ہے، دونوں رہنماؤں کے مجسمہ ساز یو آن شیکم کی مہارت کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان تاریخی تعلقات باہمی احترام و اعتماد پر مبنی ہیں۔ چین اور پاکستان دونوں قدیم تاریخی ورثوں کے امین ہیں۔ چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے سے لے کر دفاع اور دفاعی پیداوار اور زراعت کے شعبوں میں تعاون میں مزید بہتری آرہی ہے۔ پاکستان سے زراعت کے شعبے کے گریجویٹس کا پہلا بیچ چینی زرعی یونیورسٹیوں میں تربیت اور تحقیق کی غرض سے جلد چین روانہ ہو گا۔ سی پیک کے 10 سال پورے ہونے پر دونوں رہنماؤں کے مجسمہ بنانا میرے لئے فخر کا باعث ہے۔ ان مجسموں کی رونمائی دونوں ممالک کے مابین محبت اور اخوت کا مظہر ہے۔

چین کے عظیم رہنما ماؤ زے ننگ کی سالگرہ کی تقریب کے موقع پر ممتاز چینی آرٹسٹ و مجسمہ ساز ماسٹر یو آن شیکم کی پاکستان کے وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سے ملاقات اور انکے ہاتھوں مجسموں کی نقاب کشائی اس امر کا بین ثبوت ہے کہ چین پاکستان کے ساتھ اپنے دیرینہ تعلقات، دوستی اور پاکستانی قیادت کو بڑی اہمیت دیتا ہے۔ گزشتہ دنوں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب مریم نواز کو دورہ چین کے موقع پر جو پذیرائی ملی، وہ بھی پاک چین دوستی اور محبت کی اچھوتی مثال ہے۔ چین کے اشتراک سے شروع ہونے والے سی پیک اور اسکے تحت جاری منصوبے پاکستان کی ترقی میں اہم کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں۔ بالخصوص توانائی اور زراعت کے شعبوں کو عروج حاصل ہو رہا ہے اور بہت جلد پاکستانی زرعی شعبے کا پہلا گریجویٹس بیچ چین کی زرعی یونیورسٹیوں میں تربیت و تحقیق کیلئے روانہ کیا جائیگا جس سے پاکستان کے زرعی شعبے میں ایک نیا انقلاب برپا ہو گا۔ پاکستان اور چین کے مابین شہد سے میٹھی، سمندر سے گہری اور ہمالیہ سے بلند دیرینہ دوستی کی کوئی دوسری مثال اس کرہء ارض پر نہیں ملتی، یہی وجہ ہے کہ اس دوستی میں دراڑیں ڈالنے کیلئے اندرونی اور بیرونی دشمن ہمہ وقت سازشوں میں مصروف رہتے ہیں۔ انکی گھنائونی سازشوں پر دونوں ممالک کی قیادتوں کو کڑی نظر رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

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پاکستان، چین کی شراکت داری نئی بلندیوں کو چھو رہی، عالمی امن کیلئے مل کر کام کر سکتے ہیں: وزیر اعظم

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح نے پاکستان اور ماؤ زے ننگ نے جدید چین کی بنیاد رکھی۔ پاکستان اور چین کے تاریخی تعلقات باہمی احترام اور اعتماد کی بنیاد پر استوار ہیں۔ پاکستان اور چین کی آل ویدر سٹرٹیجک پارٹنرشپ نئی بلندیوں کو چھو رہی ہے۔ عالمی امن و خوشحالی کیلئے پاکستان اور چین مل کر کام کر سکتے ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے گزشتہ روز ممتاز چینی آرٹسٹ و مجسمہ ساز ماسٹر یو آن شیکم سے ملاقات اور 25 دسمبر کو قائد اعظم اور 26 دسمبر کو ماؤ زے ننگ کی سالگرہ کی مناسبت سے ان کے سکچر (مجموعوں) کی نقاب کشائی کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع پر چیئر مین ماؤ زے ننگ کی بھتیجی مدام ماؤ شیاؤ چنگ بھی موجود تھیں۔ ماسٹر یو آن کے بنائے ہوئے قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح اور چیئر مین ماؤ زے ننگ کے مجسموں کے حوالے سے خصوصی تقریب کا انعقاد 25 دسمبر کو قائد اعظم اور 26 دسمبر کو ماؤ زے ننگ کی سالگرہ کی مناسبت سے کیا گیا۔ انہوں نے قائد اعظم اور چیئر مین ماؤ کا شاندار سکچر بنانے پر ماسٹر یو آن کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور انہیں خراج تحسین پیش کیا۔ وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ یہ تقریب تاریخی ہے، دونوں رہنماؤں کے مجسمہ ساز یو آن کی مہارت کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح نے برصغیر پاک و ہند کے مسلمانوں کی قیادت کرتے ہوئے نئی اسلامی مملکت پاکستان کی بنیاد رکھی۔ جدید چین کی بنیاد

رکھنے میں چیئر مین ماؤ کا کلیدی کردار تھا۔ چیئر مین ماؤ زے تنگ کی عزت و احترام ہر پاکستانی کے دل میں ہے۔ وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان تاریخی تعلقات باہمی احترام و اعتماد پر مبنی ہیں۔ چین اور پاکستان دونوں قدیم تاریخی ورثوں کے امین ہیں۔ ہماری تہذیبیں ہزاروں سال پرانی ہیں۔ رواں سال جون میں اپنے دورہ چین کے دوران شیان میں ٹیرا کوٹا واریٹیز میوزیم جانے کا اتفاق ہوا جو کہ انتہائی متاثر کن تاریخی ورثہ اپنے اندر سموئے ہوئے ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان وادی سندھ کی قدیم ترین تاریخ کا مسکن ہے۔ موجودہ ڈورا اور ہڑپہ میں ہزاروں سال پرانی انسانی تاریخ پنہاں ہے۔ رواں سال چین کے وزیر اعظم لی کی چیانگ کے پاکستان کے دورہ سے دونوں ممالک کے مثالی تعلقات مزید مستحکم ہوئے۔ چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے سے لے کر دفاع اور دفاعی پیداوار اور زراعت کے شعبوں میں تعاون میں مزید بہتری آرہی ہے۔ پاکستان سے زراعت کے شعبے کے گریجویٹس کا پہلا بیچ چینی زرعی یونیورسٹیوں میں تربیت اور تحقیق کی غرض سے جلد چین روانہ ہو گا۔ وزیر اعظم نے قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح اور چیئر مین ماؤ کے مجسموں کو قیمتی تحفے قرار دیا۔ ماسٹریو آن نے تقریب سے خطاب کر میٹھا کہ آج یہاں پاکستان آنا ان کے لئے انتہائی خوشی کا باعث ہے۔ قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح اور چیئر مین ماؤ کے مجسموں کو قیمتی تحفے قرار دیا۔ ماسٹریو آن نے تقریب سے خطاب کر میٹھا کہ آج یہاں پاکستان آنا ان کے لئے پورے ہونے پر دونوں رہنماؤں کے مجسمے بنانا میرے لئے فخر کا باعث ہے۔ ان مجسموں کی رونمائی دونوں ممالک کے مابین محبت اور اخوت کا مظہر ہے۔ قبل ازیں ماسٹریو آن نے وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف کو اپنے بنائے ہوئے دونوں رہنماؤں کے مجسموں کا تحفہ پیش کیا۔ تقریب میں وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات، نشریات و ثقافت عطاء اللہ تارڑ، وزیر اعظم کے معاون خصوصی طارق فاطمی، پاکستان میں تعینات چینی سفیر جیانگ زی ڈونگ، چین میں تعینات پاکستانی سفیر خلیل ہاشمی اور سرکاری افسران موجود تھے۔ وزیر اعظم نے قازقستان کے علاقے اکتائو میں آذربائیجان کے ہوائی جہاز کو پیش آنے والے حادثے اور اس میں قیمتی جانوں کے ضیاع پر اظہار افسوس کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ دکھ کی اس گھڑی میں حکومت پاکستان اور پاکستانی عوام آذربائیجان کے بھائیوں اور بہنوں کے ساتھ مکمل یکجہتی کا اظہار کرتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم آفس کے پریس ونگ سے جاری کردہ بیان کے مطابق وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف آذربائیجان کے سفارت خانے گئے اور آذربائیجان کے سفیر سے ملاقات کی۔ وزیر اعظم نے قازقستان کے علاقے اکتائو میں آذربائیجان کے ہوائی جہاز کو پیش آنے والے حادثے اور اس میں قیمتی جانوں کے ضیاع پر اظہار افسوس کیا۔ وزیر اعظم نے حادثے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کے لیے دعائے مغفرت اور لواحقین کے لیے صبر و استقامت سے زخمیوں کی جلد از جلد صحتیابی کے لیے بھی دعا کی۔ آذربائیجان کے سفیر خضر فرہادوف نے وزیر اعظم کا ان کی تشریف آوری پر شکریہ ادا کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دکھ کی اس گھڑی میں وزیر اعظم پاکستان کا آذربائیجان کے سفارت خانے آکر اظہار افسوس کرنا ہمارے لیے انتہائی قابل قدر ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات و نشریات عطاء اللہ تارڑ اور معاون خصوصی طارق فاطمی بھی وزیر اعظم کے ہمراہ تھے۔ وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف نے آذربائیجان کے صدر الہام علیوف سے ٹیلی فون پر رابطہ کیا اور طیارے کے المناک حادثے پر ان سے تعزیت کی۔ بیان کے مطابق وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے 25 دسمبر 2024ء کو اڈال ایئر لائن کے المناک حادثے میں قیمتی جانوں کے ضیاع پر آذربائیجان کے عوام کے ساتھ دلی تعزیت اور یکجہتی کا اظہار کیا۔ وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ پوری پاکستانی قوم آذربائیجان کے برادر عوام کے دکھ میں برابر کی شریک ہے اور سوگوار خاندانوں اور زخمیوں کی جلد صحت یابی کے لیے اللہ تعالیٰ سے دعا گو ہے۔ صدر علیوف نے افسوسناک واقعے کے تناظر میں حمایت اور یکجہتی پر وزیر اعظم کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیر اعظم کا اس موقع آذربائیجان کے ساتھ کھڑا ہونا دونوں ممالک درمیان دوستی کے پائیدار رشتے کا عکاس ہے۔ دونوں رہنماؤں نے پاکستان اور آذربائیجان کے درمیان دوستی کے مضبوط رشتوں کو مزید مضبوط بنانے کے لیے اپنے مضبوط عزم کا اعادہ کیا۔ قبل ازیں وزیر اعظم نے اسلام آباد میں آذربائیجان کے سفارتخانے کا دورہ بھی کیا اور طیارے کے حادثے کے حوالے سے تعزیتی کتاب میں اپنے تاثرات قلمبند کئے۔

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 غورن کام کر رہے ہیں۔ ان نئی بات کا اظہار انہوں نے ہر کوئیوں پر مشتمل سی-5 جرہری تواریکی کے مائل پانٹ کی مکی ٹکریٹ ڈالنے کی تقریب سے خطاب میں کیا۔ وقتی ڈار نے کہا کہ جرہری تواریکی کے پروگرام کی پیش رفت کا مطالعہ اپنے ملک کے مشعل کے لیے ہے پندرہ اور امید کا مائل ہے۔ پاکستان کے ٹیکسٹور پار پائس شامل پٹر کے پار آپریشنل پٹس (C-1، C-2، C-3، اور C-4) اور کراچی کے وہ پٹس قوی کرا میں 3,534 میگاواٹ سے زیادہ کا حصہ ڈالنے ہیں۔ وقتی ڈار منصوبہ بندی نے کہا کہ 1,200 میگاواٹ کی صلاحیت کے ساتھ سی-5 کے ڈالنے سے جرہری تواریکی کی شرکت میں اضافہ ہوگا جس پانٹ کی ترقی پاکستان کی ترقی کی خدمت کی خدمت کرتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جرہری تواریکی نہ صرف شرکت کے ہتھیار سے کم ہے بلکہ قابل اور بھی ہے۔ اس اقبال نے کہا کہ مکن ہے پاکستان کی مصیبت پر پندرہ اور امید کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ یہ ڈالنے اور اس پر مصلحت اور کان کی کٹھن میں حیرت انگیز کاری کو کھلے گا۔ اس اقبال نے کہا کہ ہر ملک شہاد شریف نے کہا ہے کہ کسی بیکہ صرف منصوبوں کا مجموعہ نہیں ہے۔ پاکستان اور مکن کے درمیان ٹوٹ رشتے کی علامت ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ مکن کے صدر قی بنی بگ نے ڈرہ اور اپنے کسی بیکہ میں اقوامی ترقی کے لئے ایک ڈال ڈالنے کی تجزیہ مثال ہے۔ سی-5 منصوبہ کی بیکہ کے اعلیٰ اہل کو آ کے بیجانے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پٹس ڈالنے اور کارپوریشن پان کا نیا "کے قہہ جرہری تواریکی سستی اور گریز فری کے مائل ہمارا قہہ کے مطابق ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس منصوبہ کا ایک اہم مقصد پاکستان کو ایک تکلی مصیبت میں تہل کرنا ہے۔ ہمیں اپنی برآمدی صلاحیت کو بیجانے کے لیے میں اقوامی شرکت کے لیے جرہری پار پائس کے اہل ترقی اور بیجانے کے لیے پاکستان اور مکن کے درمیان مشترکہ منصوبوں کی تلاش کرنی چاہیے۔ اس اقبال نے کہا کہ پانہ تواریکی کی تکلی پاکستان کے مشعل کے لیے اہم ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان ٹیکسٹور ریکویری اتھارٹی (ٹی آئی آر اے) کو تمام جرہری مصیبت کے مجموعہ آپریشن کو چینی ڈالنے اور بین اقوامی جرہری تواریکی پٹس (آئی اے اے ای اے) کے مصیبت کی تکلی کو برقرار رکھنا ایک قابل پائس اقدام ہے جس کو سرانجام دینا چاہیے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم اقوام اور پائس اقوامی سے مکن مشعل کے لیے غورن کام کر رہے ہیں۔

سی 5 منصوبہ سی پیک کے وسیع اہل کو آ کے ڈھائے گا اقبال

1,200 میگاواٹ چشمہ ٹیکسٹور پار پراجیکٹ یونٹ فائو جرہری تواریکی کی شرکت میں اضافہ ہوگا

منصوبے کا ایک اہم مقصد پاکستان کو تکلی مصیبت میں تہل کرنا ہے تقریب سے خطاب

اقوامی (ای این آئی) وقتی ڈار نے اسے مائل قابل اور سٹا مل پٹس کرنی کے اضافے سے جرہری تواریکی کی شرکت میں منصوبہ بندی و ترقی اس اقبال نے کہا ہے کہ 1,200 میگاواٹ کی صلاحیت کے ساتھ اضافہ ہوگا، ہم اقوام اور پائس اقوامی سے مکن جرہری تواریکی ہمارے تواریکی کے پٹسوں کا ایک پٹر ٹیکسٹور پار پراجیکٹ ہٹ فائو (C-5) مشعل کے لیے (پائی سلو 7 جیبر 25)

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Xinhua News

GLOBALink | Pakistani girls pursue dreams at China-Pakistan school

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Xinhua News

CPEC transforms Pakistan's economic landscape, drives industrial growth: experts

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ISLAMABAD, Dec. 17 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani experts and officials hailed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a transformative initiative that is reshaping Pakistan's economic landscape, shaping up industrial growth, and empowering marginalized communities.

Speaking at a seminar titled "10 Years of CPEC: Success, Opportunities, and Challenges," organized by the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development (AIERD) here on Monday to commemorate a decade of CPEC, the participants emphasized that the initiative holds the key to steering Pakistan's economy out of crisis and towards sustainable development.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking Gwadar Port in Pakistan with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase, it expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others. Speaking at the event, Jamil Qureshi, secretary of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) of Pakistan, said the initiative that began as a vision 10 years ago has now become a reality, reshaping Pakistan's economic landscape and the broader region.

"CPEC is not merely a collection of infrastructure projects; it is a vision for Pakistan's future, marked by thriving industries, abundant employment opportunities, technological growth, and enhanced economic relations," he said.

Qureshi underscored the urgent need to establish a robust industrial ecosystem and fully operationalize special economic zones (SEZs) to tap the potential of CPEC.

"The government has evolved into a facilitator, ensuring policy frameworks, security infrastructure, and incentives to create a conducive business environment for investors in CPEC projects," said the secretary of the SIFC, adding that the high-level platform comprising government and military officers was dedicated to attracting foreign investment by simplifying processes and removing bureaucratic hurdles.

In his comments, Zahid Latif Khan, chairman of AIERD, noted that CPEC presents an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen Pakistan's financial markets by introducing innovative instruments and opening pathways for local and international investors.

Nabila Jaffer, a research analyst at the Institute of Regional Studies, an Islamabad-based think tank, highlighted that CPEC has empowered women by creating equal opportunities for their participation.

She cited examples from the Thar Desert in southern Sindh, where women were integrated into CPEC's coal mining project, and from Gwadar, where a technical and vocational institute has equipped women with skills, enabling them to secure livelihood opportunities and contribute to their communities' economic development.

In his remarks, Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, CEO of AIERD, underlined the strategic importance of CPEC energy projects, stating that without them, Pakistan would lose 15 to 20 billion U.S. dollars annually.

He credited CPEC with turning Pakistan into a hub of connectivity and laying the groundwork for sustainable development and prosperity, stressing the need for joint mechanisms between Pakistan and China to ensure security for the initiative.

The participants unanimously acknowledged that CPEC is more than an infrastructure initiative, calling it a game-changer for Pakistan and a testament to the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China.

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China Daily

Trip to China: A journey of learning and inspiration

Naseem Baloch

A wonderful 10-day trip to China gave us the chance to learn, explore, and build friendships. This memorable journey, held from November 14 to November 24, was organized by the embassy of the People's Republic of China and included officials and community representatives from Gwadar, Pakistan. It was not just a tour but a great experience that showed us China's amazing growth and strengthened the bond between our two countries.

The trip helped us learn about China's rich culture, modern technology, and the disciplined lifestyle of its people. From historic sites to advanced technology hubs, each place we visited taught us something new and left us inspired.

China's fast growth

One of the most impressive things we saw was how quickly China has developed. A great example of this is Shenzhen, a city that grew from a small fishing village into a major global city in just three decades. The city's tall buildings, busy tech centers, and efficient transport systems show how China is focused on progress and innovation.

We visited leading companies and places such as Huawei, BYD, Yantian International Container Port, and the Zhuhai Gaolan Port Economic Zone. These visits showed us how China is a leader in technology, industry, and sustainable development. The size and success of these projects left us amazed.

Discipline and efficiency

One thing that stood out throughout our trip was the discipline and punctuality of the Chinese people. Whether it was in business or daily life, everything ran smoothly and on time. This habit of being responsible and valuing time plays a big role in China's success.

We also felt the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese people. Their love and respect for Pakistan made us feel very welcome. This deep connection between our countries was clear in every interaction we had.

A green and clean future

China's focus on protecting the environment was very inspiring. The cities were clean, with plenty of green parks and trees. We saw how China is working hard to use green energy and protect nature. These efforts show how much they care about creating a better, sustainable future for everyone.

Building bridges through CPEC

We also learned a lot about the Belt and Road Initiative, especially the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. This important project shows how China is helping Pakistan grow by building roads, railways, and other infrastructure.

These projects are not just about trade; they bring people closer together. Trips like ours help us understand each other's cultures and build strong friendships. Programs that take people

from Pakistan to China are especially helpful, as they allow them to experience China's progress and traditions firsthand.

Exploring history and culture

The trip also included visits to cultural and historic sites such as the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, which helped us understand China's long and rich history. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge was another highlight. This 55-kilometer-long bridge is the world's longest sea-crossing bridge and a great example of what China can achieve with hard work and vision.

Friendships and lessons

This trip was not just about visiting new places. It was about building friendships and learning from each other. The people we met and the experiences we shared will always stay with us. These exchanges help create stronger connections between countries and their people.

Such trips are especially valuable for the people of Gwadar, as they get to see China's development and learn new ideas. These programs help build trust and friendship between China and Pakistan.

Looking ahead

As we finished our journey, one thing became clear: China's progress shows what can be achieved with dedication and teamwork. This trip was full of inspiration and valuable lessons that will stay with us forever.

I hope such opportunities continue so more people can visit China and learn from its success. These exchanges strengthen friendships between nations and inspire us to work harder for the future.

This trip was more than a journey it was a celebration of learning, friendship, and hope for a brighter future. It showed us that when countries and people work together, they can achieve great things.

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CPEC transforms Pakistan's economic landscape, drives industrial growth: experts

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ISLAMABAD, Dec. 18 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani experts and officials hailed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a transformative initiative that is reshaping Pakistan's economic landscape, shaping up industrial growth, and empowering marginalized communities.

Speaking at a seminar titled "10 Years of CPEC: Success, Opportunities, and Challenges," organized by the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development (AIERD)

here on Monday to commemorate a decade of CPEC, the participants emphasized that the initiative holds the key to steering Pakistan's economy out of crisis and towards sustainable development.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking Gwadar Port in Pakistan with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase, it expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

Speaking at the event, Jamil Qureshi, secretary of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) of Pakistan, said the initiative that began as a vision 10 years ago has now become a reality, reshaping Pakistan's economic landscape and the broader region.

"CPEC is not merely a collection of infrastructure projects; it is a vision for Pakistan's future, marked by thriving industries, abundant employment opportunities, technological growth, and enhanced economic relations," he said. Qureshi underscored the urgent need to establish a robust industrial ecosystem and fully operationalize special economic zones (SEZs) to tap the potential of CPEC.

"The government has evolved into a facilitator, ensuring policy frameworks, security infrastructure, and incentives to create a conducive business environment for investors in CPEC projects," said the secretary of the SIFC, adding that the high-level platform comprising government and military officers was dedicated to attracting foreign investment by simplifying processes and removing bureaucratic hurdles. In his comments, Zahid Latif Khan, chairman of AIERD, noted that CPEC presents an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen Pakistan's financial markets by introducing innovative instruments and opening pathways for local and international investors.

Nabila Jaffer, a research analyst at the Institute of Regional Studies, an Islamabad-based think tank, highlighted that CPEC has empowered women by creating equal opportunities for their participation. She cited examples from the Thar Desert in southern Sindh, where women were integrated into CPEC's coal mining project, and from Gwadar, where a technical and vocational institute has equipped women with skills, enabling them to secure livelihood opportunities and contribute to their communities' economic development.

In his remarks, Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, CEO of AIERD, underlined the strategic importance of CPEC energy projects, stating that without them, Pakistan would lose 15 to 20 billion U.S. dollars annually. He credited CPEC with turning Pakistan into a hub of connectivity and laying the groundwork for sustainable development and prosperity, stressing the need for joint mechanisms between Pakistan and China to ensure security for the initiative.

The participants unanimously acknowledged that CPEC is more than an infrastructure initiative, calling it a game-changer for Pakistan and a testament to the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China.

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China Daily

CPEC lays groundwork for growth

Experts: Initiative turning Pakistan into attractive destination for investment

XU WEIWEI in Hong Kong

The key to unlocking the full potential of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor lies in creating an industrial ecosystem and booming special economic zones, say analysts and diplomats.

The CPEC has begun transforming Pakistan into a more attractive destination for direct investment and presents a unique opportunity to deepen the country's financial market by introducing innovative financial instruments, they said at a forum in Islamabad on Monday titled "10 Years of CPEC: Success, Opportunities and Challenges".

Jamil Qureshi, secretary of Pakistan's Special Investment Facilitation Council, said the CPEC is no longer just a collection of infrastructure projects but a vision for Pakistan's future, where technology is at the forefront of growth and economic relations reach new heights.

Highlighting the importance of building a thriving industrial ecosystem of special economic zones, Qureshi said, "We are pleased to witness the progress and development of Rashakai SEZ in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dhabeji SEZ in Sindh, M3 Allama Iqbal in Punjab and Bostan SEZ in Balochistan as they are all in advanced stages of development."

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He added that it established the Special Investment Facilitation Council to foster horizontal and vertical collaboration for investment and business facilitation.

Hamza Saeed Orakzai, chief market development officer at the Special Technology Zones Authority with the government of Pakistan, told the forum that SEZs are one of the five economic pillars.

In the past eight years, Pakistan's GDP grew at only 3.9 percent annually, while the information technology sector recorded an annual growth of 25 percent, he said.

"We have grown from \$900 million in exports in IT in 2018 to \$3.2 billion last year, and we are expecting \$3.8 billion (this year)," he said.

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(Islamic bonds), providing avenues for both local and international investors to take part in these projects.

Shi Yuanqiang, deputy chief of mission at the Chinese embassy in Pakistan, said that over the past 11 years, the CPEC has brought \$25 billion in direct investment and now it has entered a new phase of development.

The collaboration in the energy sector has produced fruitful results, Shi said. The total installed capacity of the 14 energy projects that began commercial operations in Pakistan accounts for about one-fifth of the total installed power capacity of the country.

Promising area

Industrial cooperation is another promising area, with the first phase of the Rashakai Special Economic Zone now operational, generating strong momentum in Pakistan's industrial development, he added.

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"The CPEC has turned Pakistan into a hub of connectivity and is helping Pakistan achieve its dream of sustainable development and prosperity," he said, adding that Pakistan and China should build joint mechanisms for security.

Yu Chao from PowerChina said that the CPEC celebrates not only a decade of success but also the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect between China and Pakistan. The initiative is more than just infrastructure development; it is also a symbol of deepening bilateral ties and aims to bring long-lasting prosperity to the entire region.

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Yearender: China injects new momentum into Asia-Pacific cooperation

HONG KONG- In a global economy beleaguered by alarming anti-globalization sentiment, rising protectionism and unilateralism, openness and cooperation are of vital significance and in dire need of fresh vitality.

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Giving girls a chance at education

Saiba Asghar Ali, an eighth-grade student at the China-Pakistan Government Middle School in Faqeer colony in southwest Balochistan province, has dreamed of becoming a doctor since she was a little girl. But due to financial hindrances and the lack of education opportunities for girls in the area, it was a goal she feared she might never achieve.

"There was no proper school where I live, and many girls like me were sitting at home. If China had not supported my education, I may not have had the opportunity to receive one," Asghar Ali says.

One of eight children, Asghar Ali's parents could not afford to send their girls to school. However, the building of the school with Chinese donations in 2015 opened the door to her and her sisters.

"There aren't many female doctors in our city," the 14-year-old says. "I'm working hard in school because I want to serve my community and make their lives better the way the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has changed my life."

Launched in 2013, this flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative is a corridor linking Balochistan's Gwadar Port with Kashgar in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, and focused on energy, transport and industrial cooperation in its first phase, expanding to agriculture and other forms of making a living in later stages.

Initially established to provide primary education, the 1,600-square-meter school was expanded to include a middle school in response to requests from parents and teachers and now has two teaching buildings and several additional facilities.

With around 550 students, it has become a preferred choice for parents seeking quality education for their children, and the facilities, including a computer lab and modern furniture, set it apart from other schools in the area.

Headmistress Parveen Nawaz says the school has been transformative, adding that before 2015, there were no schools in this area which has a population of about 20,000, and children spent their days playing in the streets as many families were poor, and the cost of sending their children to schools outside the colony was unaffordable.

"Thanks to China's generous support, education in the area has significantly improved, and the lives of these children have changed dramatically," Nawaz says.

She adds that the Belt and Road Initiative has directly benefited the people of Gwadar through the school.

"It has provided these children with opportunities that were once out of reach due to poverty. Now, their dreams have a chance of becoming a reality," she says.

In addition, several teachers have been awarded scholarships to study in China, enhancing the quality of education.

Tahira Akhtar, an eighth-grade student and general secretary of the school's student body, says that after completing primary school three years ago, she feared that unless the school expanded to include middle school, her education would come to an end. "I was so relieved upon hearing the news. I could continue my studies," Akhtar says.

"Thanks to China's support, my generation has experienced the real benefits of the corridor project, and we are determined to do our part in strengthening the friendship between Pakistan and China," she adds.

The school is a beacon of hope not only for Asghar Ali and Akhtar, but for all the girls of Faqeer colony, who now have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. As the school continues to expand and improve, it is a lifeline for students eager to break free from the limitations of poverty and lack of education.

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Constructive engagement benefits China, US and world

Khalid Taimur Akram

United States President-elect Donald Trump said last week that Beijing and Washington could work together "to solve all of the problems of the world", a surprising statement barely a month before he returns to office.

While the new administration is widely expected to adopt a harsh stance against China, including a potential steep increase in tariffs on imports from China, Trump's latest gesture shows that even the US has realized the importance of communication and cooperation between the two largest economies in meeting the many challenges the world is facing.

Trump's message is in line with what President Xi Jinping said in his congratulatory message to him on his election as the 47th president of the United States in November. Xi emphasized China's commitment to constructive engagement between Beijing and Washington. In his message, Xi underscored China's readiness to reinforce communication, manage differences effectively and forge a relationship that benefits both nations as well as the international community as a whole.

Xi's message resonated deeply within the international community, particularly as it emphasized principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation.

These foundational ideals have been the bedrock of China's foreign policy and are now pivotal as both nations confront pressing issues, including economic growth, technological advancement, climate change and global security.

The message encapsulates China's viewpoint that cooperation is far more beneficial than rivalry, and sustainable bilateral ties could be a driving force for global stability. Maintaining a stable, healthy and sustainable China-US relationship aligns with the broader aspirations of the international community, fostering global peace, prosperity and development.

The mutual interests of the two countries are many and include collaboration on pressing global issues like climate change, trade, technological advancement and regional peace. The US should approach China with an eye toward common goals and mutual benefits rather than unilateral advantage. Communication can allow both countries to see that their overlapping interests outweigh their differences and that disagreements can be constructively managed.

For these two nations, establishing a stable partnership is not simply a matter of bilateralism but a responsibility toward the global community, as they collectively contribute to the world's stability and growth. The effects of this partnership, through the lens of cooperation and mutual benefit, underscore the importance of cultivating a cooperative dynamic.

China has never been interested in major-power competition for dominance but rather in building a framework for cooperation that is open, respectful, and geared toward a shared future. These ideals reflect China's pursuit of modernization and a better quality of life for its people, balanced with a dedication to global cooperation and reform.

The reality is that shared economic growth amplifies opportunities for both countries and enhances global market stability. This interconnectedness also emphasizes the need for a balanced approach in managing trade and technological exchange, as well as reconsidering restrictive policies, such as the semiconductor embargoes. From a broader perspective, China's strides in independent innovation can complement the US market, provided there is a climate of trust and reciprocity.

As the world undergoes changes "unseen in a century", it is imperative for China and the US to find ways to coexist peacefully. The international community widely believes that the actions and policies of these two countries have direct ramifications on global issues, from economic stability to humanitarian aid and international security. The two countries hold a shared responsibility to act as pillars of global peace, contributing to international development and unity.

China and the US can jointly address issues that neither can resolve alone, like pandemics, transnational security threats and climate change. This viewpoint resonates with a growing global consensus that collaborative leadership is essential for a more stable and interconnected world.

A balanced approach rooted in cooperation rather than rivalry has the potential to yield mutually advantageous outcomes. The development paths of China and the US are not necessarily competitive but can be complementary, with both countries benefiting from each other's successes.

With a new administration in Washington, the time is ripe for constructive engagement that focuses on long-term cooperation built on a foundation of mutual respect, acknowledging that each side has unique needs and perspectives that must be addressed thoughtfully.

China remains committed to establishing a constructive, mutually beneficial relationship grounded in the principles of peaceful coexistence and respect. China's policy toward the US has consistently embraced mutual respect and peaceful coexistence.

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As history has shown, a collaborative approach between China and the US is a recipe not only for their prosperity but also for global stability and development.

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Pakistan to prioritize operation of existing SEZs under CPEC: minister

ISLAMABAD- Pakistan's Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has said that the country would focus on operation of existing special economic zones (SEZs) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) over establishing new ones.

Chairing a high-level meeting on Tuesday to review progress of SEZs, the minister said that the provision of basic infrastructure, including electricity and water, in all the economic zones will be ensured, emphasizing the need for a robust monitoring mechanism for the successful implementation of the SEZs.

Iqbal also underlined the importance of ensuring investor facilitation, noting that imposing excessive costs on investors could deter their interest, and providing efficient and investor-friendly facilities is the top priority of the incumbent government.

There was a need for the development of an action plan and monitoring matrix to accelerate the population of industrial zones, he said, urging the implementation of reforms that can transform these zones into engines of economic growth.

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Vestwoods inks deal with Bahum Energy

ZHAO RUIXUE

Vestwoods, an energy storage solutions provider that is part of Haier Energy, has reached a strategic agreement with Bahum Energy, a solar services company in Pakistan, to bring world-class energy storage solutions to the neighboring country.

The cooperation is expected to strengthen Pakistan's energy infrastructure and support its sustainable development goals, according to the agreement.

The partnership is expected to address Pakistan's critical challenges, including insufficient electricity generation, high energy costs and outdated infrastructure. Despite these hurdles, Pakistan boasts abundant solar resources and a nascent new energy market with immense potential, said executives of both companies.

Both companies aim to meet the urgent demand for low-cost electricity in the region, with energy storage solutions offering a reliable and stabilized power supply to households and enterprises alike, they added.

"In partnership with Bahum Energy, leveraging its local advantages, both parties will jointly build localized supply chain capabilities, and Vestwoods will deliver first-class energy storage products, including lithium batteries, to the Pakistani market," said Sun Shubao, general manager of the overseas marketing department at Haier Energy, the new energy platform of Haier Group.

Sun also highlighted plans to establish localized manufacturing and service systems, saying that both sides aim to modernize Pakistan's new energy sector, covering everything from production to sales.

Additionally, the two companies will explore innovative, localized marketing models to further support the market, he added.

Athar Hayat, chief executive officer of Bahum Energy, said that the cooperation marks a significant milestone for Bahum Energy and that the company is looking forward to leveraging Haier Energy's cutting-edge technology and expertise to revolutionize Pakistan's energy storage market.

Pakistan's energy storage market is poised for rapid growth, driven by increased demand for renewable energy solutions.

As the country transitions toward cleaner energy, the company anticipates significant opportunities for lithium battery technology to play a vital role in energy storage and stabilization, he said.

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19 foreigners among China's first officially certified hotpot chefs

CHONGQING, A total of 54 individuals, including 19 foreigners, received their vocational skill certificates as "hotpot chefs" on Friday, becoming the first batch of professionals to be officially accredited for this occupation in China.

After passing previous cooking exams, these skilled workers from countries such as Poland, Pakistan and Ghana were awarded certificates of various levels during the Launch Ceremony of the Belt and Road International Skills Certification, held in southwest Chongqing Municipality on Friday.

"I am happy to pass the certification exam and receive my certificate as a junior-level hotpot chef," said Claudia Katarzyna Bzyl, a Polish student at the School of Economics and Business Administration, Chongqing University. She added that after undergoing systematic training, she now has a deeper understanding of Chongqing's hotpot and has developed a fondness for its food culture.

"I will continue learning and plan to open a Chongqing hotpot restaurant in Poland. Thus, people can savor Chongqing flavor," Bzyl said.

The role of hotpot chef was officially recognized in the 2022 edition of China's occupational classification code. A detailed standard outlining the profession's definition, skill levels and vocational training requirements was jointly published in February by China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and the Ministry of Commerce.

Renowned nationwide for its spicy hotpots, Chongqing took the lead in formulating the industry standard. As of June 2024, the municipality was home to around 37,000 hotpot restaurants, with the total output of the hotpot industry chain reaching 300 billion yuan (about 41.7 billion U.S. dollars), according to the Chongqing Municipal Commission of Commerce.

Chongqing has made significant progress in establishing an international evaluation system for skilled talent, according to Xie Liguo, head of the Chongqing Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau, the organizer of the ceremony.

During the event, Chongqing also launched other international skills certifications across various sectors, including catering, logistics, the internet and new energy. Furthermore, Chongqing institutions also signed a memorandum of understanding on skills certification cooperation with TÜV Rheinland (China) Ltd., a leading testing and certification service provider headquartered in Germany.

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New Gwadar International Airport shining symbol of Pak-China friendship: Pakistani PM

ISLAMABAD, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Monday that the New Gwadar International Airport in the country's southwest Balochistan province is a shining symbol of the great friendship between China and Pakistan, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement here.

Addressing a high-level meeting to review the progress of the airport, Sharif said that the people and government of Pakistan are grateful to China for building an airport with international standards and modern facilities.

"The New Gwadar International Airport will not only bring prosperity to the region but also create employment opportunities for thousands," he added.

The prime minister directed the concerned authorities to form a robust strategy to transform the airport into a busy transit hub and improve the road network between the airport and other areas of the country, especially Balochistan.

A comprehensive briefing during the meeting highlighted that the airport will soon host increased flight operations by Pakistan International Airlines, connecting the southern port city of Karachi and Gwadar three times a week.

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Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

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Stressing the significance of public-private partnerships, he said that cooperation between the two sectors is crucial for addressing economic challenges and fostering innovation.

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