



萨戈达大学中国研究中心

PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF CHINA STUDIES

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Pathway to Progress

ABOUT PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF CHINA STUDIES

Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) was established in 2018 to introduce and promote Chinese language, culture and civilization, and deepening understanding of Chinese policies and role in the global economy and politics among students. PICS intends to fulfill increasing demand of learning Chinese language in Pakistan, particularly in Sargodha region. We prepare youth by imparting essential skills, aligned with objectives of Pak-China comprehensive cooperation and construction of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).



OBJECTIVES

Public Diplomacy

To promote Pakistan-China relations especially at people-to-people level.

Cultural Understanding

To introduce Chinese language and culture for better understanding between people of the two countries.

Empowering Youth

To prepare Pakistani youth for broader engagement with their Chinese counterparts, especially in the context of construction of CPEC.

WHAT WE DO?

Facilitating learning

of Chinese language through specially designed programs suitable for local standards and environment.

Convening cultural activities

with an aim to introduce traditional Chinese culture and the contemporary Chinese society.

Conducting research,

holding conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures and other academic activities related to China studies.

Establishing interest-based connectivity

of Sargodha University with Chinese universities, think-tanks and other stakeholders in CPEC.

Connecting academic activities

with local community and economic stakeholders.

“ Pakistan Institute of China Studies is playing vital role in bringing people of two states closer by bridging cultural and language barrier. *Long live Pak-China friendship!* ”

Ms Tan Jie

Chinese Language Teacher
Hanban-Confucius Institute Headquarters



OUR INITIATIVES

In order to accomplish the objectives of establishing PICS at Sargodha University, the following initiatives are taken:



Ms Naghmana Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to China signing the Confucius Institute MoU on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, in Beijing, on 8 October 2019.

Confucius Institute at SU

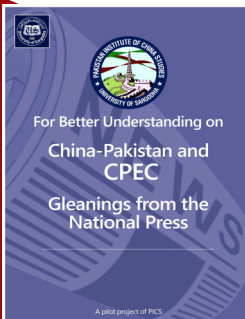
Sargodha University hosts fifth Confucius Institute (CI) in Pakistan. Hanban (Confucius Institute Headquarters) is a non-profit public education organization affiliated with Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China whose aim is to promote Chinese language, culture and people to people contacts through cultural and education exchanges. CI at Sargodha University will significantly contribute in terms of learning Chinese language, culture and offering opportunities to the students and faculty for further studies in China.

Academic Linkages with Chinese Universities

PICS facilitated a MoU between Sargodha University and Henan Normal University signed on 13 July 2019. Under provisions of the MoU, the two universities agreed to establish a Confucius Institute at Sargodha University, exchange of faculty and students, joint research, split-degree programs etc. Negotiations with some other Chinese universities are in progress.



The Vice Chancellor, Dr Ishfaq Ahmad exchanging views with Prof Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of Hanban (Confucius Institute Headquarters) regarding the implementation plan of Confucius Institute at University of Sargodha on the sidelines of the 2019 International Chinese Language Conference, Changsha, China, on 9 December 2019.



Gleanings from the National Press

Started in January 2019, fortnightly publication covers mainstream print media in Pakistan on China, Pak-China relations and CPEC to facilitate scholars, academics, intelligentsia, students, researchers and opinion makers.



Distinguished Scholar's Lecture Series

Distinguished Pakistani and foreign scholars are invited to deliver lectures to the students and faculty on China, Pakistan-China relations, CPEC and other related subjects. It provides an opportunity to the students and faculty to have a dialogue with experts on contemporary issues.

Mr. Chen Xiang, Director, China Radio International, delivering the distinguished lecture on 'Understanding China: Similarities and Differences between Pakistan and China' on November 26, 2019 at Sargodha University

Chinese Language Program

PICS is offering Chinese language program since October 2019. Over a hundred students and young faculty members have completed certificate course. The language program covers HSK-I to HSK-5 and currently being run with the collaboration of Confucius Classroom program of Hanban. The students and faculty members are showing great enthusiasm in learning Chinese language at SU.



Ms. Su Xiaojin from Hanban-Confucius Institute Headquarters, teaching Chinese Language to SU faculty



Cultural Events & Exhibitions

The Institute organizes events and exhibitions to highlight and promote Pak-China friendship, Chinese language, culture and society. The first ever 'All Pakistan Art Exhibition' themed on 'Pakistan-China Friendship' was organized by PICS in collaboration with the Institute of Art and Design of SU. Forty national universities participated in the exhibition.

Students attired in Chinese and Pakistani cultural dresses taking part in a cultural ramp walk. Chinese dresses were printed with dragon, which symbolizes power, strength, and good luck in Chinese culture.

DR. FAZAL UR RAHMAN

DIRECTOR PICS



Dr. Fazal ur Rahman holds PhD from Peking University, China. He joined SU as founding Director of PICS in 2019. Previously he has served at the Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI) from 1986-2012. He was the first Director of China Study Center at ISSI, established in 2007. Dr. Fazal ur Rahman has also served as Senior Research Fellow at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) and National Defence University (NDU) Islamabad. He is among the founding directors of Pakistan Council on China (PCC), Strategic Studies Institute Islamabad (SSII) and Foundation for Fundamental Rights (FFR).



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