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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

Mission

To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

About Newsletter

To keep abreast of emerging issues at the National/International and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for

“China Study Centre - SDPI”

It carries reference information's to the News items/Comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International dailies.

Newspapers Covered:

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

Editor Note:

Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

With a large network of universities, government bodies, business and civil society organizations, the Centre aims to promote collaborations, capacity building and technology transfer based on lessons learnt and experiences of China, attributed to their scientific knowledge and policy instruments. This requires a deep insight into Chinese history, culture, and socio-economic contexts. Such an approach is essential to catalyze the active engagement with China to address the economic and development challenges towards achieving sustainable development.

Subjects Covered

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China's Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
- Trade and Tourism
- Energy and Environment
- Social development
- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI s events, visits, publications

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

BRI – a vehicle for regional stability

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-07

LAHORE: Speakers at a conference on “Significance of the Belt and Road Initiative in Regional Connectivity” were of the view that the initiative would bring about prosperity and stability in the region by improving the economic conditions of most countries of the world. A three-day international conference was organised by the Punjab University Regional Integration Centre (RIC) in col..... [more >>](#)

Belt & Road Initiative to spread stability, prosperity worldwide: speakers

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-07

LAHORE: Speakers at a conference arranged by the Punjab University said that the Belt and Road Initiative will not only bring prosperity and stability to the countries of the region but also improve the economic conditions of most of the countries of the world. They were addressing the inaugural function of a three-day international conference on “The Significance of the Belt and Roa..... [more >>](#)

The G7 And BRI

Source: [Waseem Shabbir Arain](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-07

Recently, the G7 summit was held in Germany’s Schloss Elmau on June 26, 2022. The big development that came to the fore this time is the proclamation of a mega project named the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), by G7 countries including the US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the European Union. The launching of this partnership is the continuation [more >>](#)

Recession In The BRI States

Source: [Waqas Shair](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-09

A recession is a significant decline in economic activities that last more than a few months. In other words, anything less tips us into a recession. Recessions are inevitable due to recurring phases of the business cycle. Since World War II to date, there have been 13 recessions. Among these recessions, 10 were in the last century, and 3 were in the two decades of the 21st century (according to t..... [more >>](#)

Conference on Belt and Road project concludes

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-10

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Investment Chaudhry Salik Hussain has said that the Belt and Road project is a new model of prosperity and development for the countries of the region. He was addressing the closing ceremony of a three-day international conference on “Role of Belt and Road Project in Promoting Regional Liaison” organized by Punjab University Regional Integration Centre (RIC)..... [more >>](#)

China’s clarion call

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-13

China has spelt out a vision of order for the new era. It rightly has underscored the need for non-partisanship in international affairs, and especially urged the developing states to stick to their national interests rather than becoming a ploy in the hands of major powers. The thrust of this doctrine is that it equally applies to Beijing’s clout too, but it is unmindful and unconcerned as..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

PM welcomes Chinese investment in Pakistan's renewable energy sector

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2022-07-01

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday welcomed the Chinese company NORINCO for showing interest to invest in Pakistan's huge potential for renewable energy. He expressed these views while talking to a high-powered delegation of Chinese state-owned Company NORINCO (China North Industries Corporation) led by its vice-president Wang Xiaobing and CEO (Pakistan) Li Chen. The NORINCO delegat..... [more >>](#)

China: a strong manufacturing and cyberspace country

Source: [Li Bijian, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-09

(—Fourth part of the “China in the past decade” series) Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), major achievements have been made in the development of China's industrialization and IT application, the advancement of new industrialization has been accelerated, the industrial system has been improved, the industrial chain has become mo..... [more >>](#)

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Karot Hydropower to promote Pak-China coop in energy sector

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2022-07-02

“Let me extend congratulations on the start of full commercial operation of the Karot Hydropower Plant. It will promote energy construction and economic and social development in Pakistan,” said the Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian at a press conference. According to Gwadar Pro, Zhao made the remarks in response to the full commercial operation of Karot Hydropower Plan..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Suspect linked to KU bombing held, Sindh IGP tells Chinese delegation

Source: [Imtiaz Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-05

KARACHI: While sharing the details of investigations into the Karachi University suicide bombing with a visiting Chinese delegation, the Sindh police chief on Monday disclosed that an “important suspect” had been taken into custody. In April, a suicide bomberblew herselfup outside KU's Confucius Institute killing three Chinese teachers and their local driver. On Monday, a 13-me..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China relations in changing global scenario

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, The News, International](#), 2022-07-04

Since the adaptation of President Xi Jinping Thoughts, China is transforming. It is becoming more assertive, pro-active and high-profile country. China is not ready anymore to listen to senseless lectures or baseless accusations. Today's China is more confident and ready to compete at global stage in any field. It is a gigantic shift. But, China is cognizant of the reality that power comes [more >>](#)

China always stands by Pakistan in difficult times: Zaka Ullah

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-13

PESHAWAR: Provincial Secretary Information Zaka ullah Khattak on Tuesday said that the friendship between Pakistan and China was a source of pride for the people of both the countries. China has always stood by Pakistan side in difficult times and Pakistan has never disappointed its great neighbour. He expressed these views during a visit to China Window, a Chinese Cultural and Information Ce..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China trade

'Non-tariff barriers creating hurdles in exports'; Country failing to derive desired gains from trade accord with China?

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

KARACHI: Pakistan has failed to capture even five percent of the market share from the 313 high-priority tariff lines offered by China under the second phase of the China Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA-II). The CPFTA-II has been operational since January 1, 2020, but Pakistan has not been able to secure its export interests as trade deficit is widening, and the country's dependenc..... [more >>](#)

Chinese CG, Sindh IG discuss security measures

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

KARACHI: Consul General of China Li Bijian along with a 13-member delegation met Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon at Central Police Office Karachi and discussed various matters of mutual interests including security measures for Chinese nationals, experts and other staff associated with CPEC projects and routes in detail. The IGP Sindh said the Sindh Police is not onl..... [more >>](#)

Strategy urged to tackle implications of alliances formed to contain China

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

PESHAWAR: Academics have expressed concern over Indian Navy's big ambitions and called for a comprehensive response strategy to cope with the implications of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) and other alliances formed by the United States to contain China, for Pakistan's security. The experts were speaking at a seminar on 'Strategic Environment in Indian Ocean Region and P..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm to launch bus service in Karachi The new bus service will consist of a fleet of 500 buses

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

KARACHI: A Chinese company will launch a new bus service in Karachi. A delegation of the Chinese company called on Sindh Transport Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon at his office on Friday. The Chinese delegation included Chie Chung of Shandong High Speed Pakistan, Zoheb Siddiqui and Chun Yusan of Kinglong Company. It was decided in the meeting that the Chinese company would launch a new bus service..... [more >>](#)

Stimulate vitality of railways to build China's strength in transportation

Source: [Li Bijian](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

(—Third part of the "China in the past decade" series) Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has attached great importance to the work on transportation, and issued important instructions on several occasions. In particular, the report of the 19th CPC National Congress proposed..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's rice export to China hits \$277.6m

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-05

BEIJING: Pakistan's rice export to China crossed \$277.56 million in the first five months of FY22, up 9.73% year on year. Pakistan remained one of the major broken rice suppliers to China, according to the official data from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC). Pakistan Embassy in Beijing Commercial Counsellor Badaruz Zaman said that curren..... [more >>](#)

Making pipes for K-IV; Crescent Steel negotiating terms with Chinese firm

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-05

KARACHI: Crescent Steel and Allied Products Limited is negotiating with China Harbour Engineering Company Limited for the manufacturing and coating of pipes, having diameters of 68 and 84 inches for the K-IV project, the Greater Karachi Bulk Water Supply Scheme. The value of the contract is expected to be around Rs 3.8 billion, material information sent to Pakistan Stock Exchange on Monday sa..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Rice Export To China Increases Nearly 10%

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-05

Pakistan's export of rice to China crossed \$277.56 million in the first five months of Financial Year 2021-2022, up 9.73 percent year-on-year bases. Pakistan remained one of the major broken rice suppliers to China, according to the official data from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC). Badar uz Zaman, Commercial Counselor of the Pakistani E..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm shows interest in telecom JVs

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-06

ISLAMABAD: Norinco Group China has shown keen interest to further the strategic relationship between Pakistan and China by undertaking joint ventures in the field of telecommunications. With the aim of promoting foreign direct investment (FDI) in Pakistan, a meeting was held with Federal Minister for IT and Telecom Syed Aminul Haque with Norinco Group China, here on Tuesday. The meeti..... [more >>](#)

China industries relocate elsewhere

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-10

KARACHI: There was talk all around that world's second largest economy China would relocate its labour-intensive industries like textile to Pakistan to take advantage of reduced production cost. The move would create job opportunities for the low-cost labour in Pakistan and help boost export earnings. However, Pakistan has so far failed to woo Chinese industries as many have gone to Cambod..... [more >>](#)

Chinese energy company threatens to discontinue import of Afghan coal

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-10

ISLAMABAD: Chinese company M/s Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) (HSR) Energy (Private) Limited has threatened to discontinue import of Afghan coal if Nepra does not approve agreed pricing mechanism within one week. This message has been conveyed by the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr Li Xin in a letter to Registrar National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). Ac..... [more >>](#)

XINHUA Chinese Telecom Carrier Helps Bridge Digital Gap In Pakistan

Source: [Xinhua](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-10

BEIJING – In recent years, Pakistan has accelerated the construction of its mobile communication facilities, with companies like China Mobile Pakistan (CMPak) playing a significant role in the local market and network. Companies in Pakistan are now looking to provide services to allow people from all over the world to work from their homes. With the advent of online services in recent years,..... [more >>](#)

Chinese bus company Yutong to set up plant in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-14

KARACHI: Chinese company Yutong Bus accepted the offer to set up a public transport plant in Sindh following a meeting between provincial minister for transport Sharjeel Inam Memon and Yutong Bus Country Manager Paul Zhang, on Thursday. The plant would either be set up in Karachi or Hyderabad. The parties agreed to create a 'concrete' proposal regarding the matter by next week. The plant is..... [more >>](#)

87pc of investment in Solar PV plants has come from China

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-15

BEIJING: Currently, out of the \$144 million in foreign investment in Solar PV plants in Pakistan, \$125 million is from China, accounting for nearly 87% of the total. Among the 530MW cumulative generation capacity in Pakistan, 400 MW (75%) is generated from Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park, the first-ever power plant capable of generating solar energy in Pakistan, owned by the Punjab government and bui..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC Thar coal project back in spotlight Work on stalled priority project expected to resume soon

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-03

ISLAMABAD: Work on a stalled priority project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative in Thar Coal Block IV is expected to begin as Pakistan is exploring possibilities of utilising indigenous coal resources for producing cheaper electricity amid exorbitant prices of fossil fuels in the international market. A consortium of Oracle Power, China National Coal Development Co and th..... [more >>](#)

Rebuilding CPEC's progress

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-04

In the last four years, the progress on the multi-billion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative has mostly remained tentative and stop-start. The question is: can the momentum seen during 2015 and 2016 be revived after years of little progress? One of the major reasons for the slowdown in momentum on CPEC-related projects pertains to political and economic changes in Pakistan,..... [more >>](#)

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CM, Chinese team discuss progress in KU blast probe

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-07-05

Karachi: A 13-member Chinese delegation, led by Deputy Director General CTD Gao Fei, called on Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday and discussed the security of Chinese nationals working in the province and progress in the investigation of a suicide attack at the University of Karachi. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, IGP Ghulam Nabi Memon, Home Secretary [more >>](#)

CPEC's Benefits?

Source: [Ahsan Munir](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-05

Recently, since the coming of the PML-N-led coalition government in power, a lot is being said, claimed, and regurgitated about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): its infrastructure, energy, and industrial development vision, and how CPEC is transforming Pakistan. However, all these claims are not always backed by any statistics or hard evidence to provide assurance to the readers. CPEC [more >>](#)

Why is CPEC phase 2 crucial for Pakistan?

Source: [Dr Sadia Sulaiman](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-07

The CPEC project has entered its second phase. This phase is aimed at accelerating the socio-economic development all across Pakistan through engagement in various fields ranging from agricultural growth to expansion

of tourism industry and enhancing technical educational and healthcare facilities, besides joint ventures between China and Pakistan to counter the climate change threat. This phase w..... [more >>](#)

Key CPEC projects back on track as confidence restored

Source: [Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China's ties are back on track after Pakistani security forces successfully smashed the terrorist cell and nabbed the mastermind involved in an attack that killed three Chinese teachers at Karachi University, a source told Dawn on Thursday. The Main Line 1 (ML-1) upgradation project, the largest in China's Belt and Road Initiative in Pakistan, has been revived af..... [more >>](#)

Minister blames PTI for Balochistan discontent

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-08

ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal alleged on Thursday that the PTI government created resentment among the youth of Balochistan during its tenure by ignoring the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Project (CPEC). Speaking to media, the planning minister termed the four years of the PTI government an "era of waste projects". He said that anti-state elements managed to "manip..... [more >>](#)

CPEC a model for energy scenario

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-14

ISLAMABAD: China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) power plants are the most efficient in Pakistan and they are an exemplar for Pakistan's energy scenario, said Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Masood Malik. Pakistan's energy sector is hanging in the balance this summer due to inefficiencies, burgeoning circular debt and massive dependence on imported fossil fuels. The ener..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

Farmers urged to use Chinese agri technologies

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-15

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Hi-Tech Hybrid Seed Association (PHHSA) Chairman Shahzad Ali Malik urged the farmers to use ultra-modern Chinese agricultural technologies for getting bumper crop production to make Pakistan self-sufficient in food. He said cultivators must acquaint themselves with new technologies like mechanised direct-seeded rice (DSR) which saved sufficient quantum of water by 50 percent [more >>](#)

SDPI s Events

SDPI Articles

To be in an IMF programme

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-09

To be (in an IMF programme) or not to be (in an IMF programme) – that is the question. Following Hamlet's contemplation, the answer is 'to be' because the alternative could be worse. With the Consumer Price Index at a 14-year high, the policy rate (only half a per cent less than that of default-hit Sri Lanka), the highest trade deficit, the historically low exchange rate o..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

South Asia economic summit begins tomorrow

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Daily Star Dhaka](#), 2022-07-09

A two-day summit on regional economies will start in Dhaka on Saturday under the theme – “reimagining South Asia in 2030”. The Centre for Policy Dialogue will jointly host this year's conference -- Ninth South Asia Economic Summit -- along with other leading South Asian think-tanks, CPD said in a statement. The objective of this year's summit is to advance the cause of [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Precious Mango Crop Is Suffering From Water Shortages – Science-Environment News – Report By AFR

Source: [AFP](#), [Top Wire News](#), 2022-07-11

Mango farmers in Pakistan say production of the prized fruit has fallen by as much as 40 percent in some areas due to high temperatures and water shortages in a country said to be one of the hardest hit by climate change. The arrival of the mango season in Pakistan is eagerly awaited, with around two dozen varieties arriving in the hot, humid summers. This year, however, temperature..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's prized mango harvest hit by water scarcity

Source: [AFP](#), [France 24](#), 2022-07-11

Mirpur Khas (Pakistan) (AFP) –Mango farmers in Pakistan say production of the prized fruit has fallen by up to 40 percent in some areas because of high temperatures and water shortages in a country identified as one of the most vulnerable to climate change. The arrival of mango season in Pakistan is eagerly anticipated, with around two dozen varieties arriving through the hot, [more >>](#)

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Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-12

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