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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.

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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.

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

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*It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.*

### **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

## China Study Centre

### Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

#### **Chinese envoy says BRI, CPEC beneficial to all**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-14

ISLAMABAD - Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong yesterday said that the Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were beneficial for the region and the whole world. He emphasized the profound impact of Chinese organizational practices on the development of nations during an event at the Chinese embassy. The event focused on Chinese modernization and diplo..... [more >>](#)

#### **Belt and Road countries delegation visits Wanqing Butterfly Orchid Industrial Park**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-08

BEIJING-A delegation of 30 participants from eight Belt and Road countries, including Pakistan, Turkey and Zimbabwe, recently visited the Wanqing Butterfly Orchid Industrial Park. The visit was organized as part of the Belt and Road Agricultural Market System Construction Training Program, aiming to foster cooperation and knowledge exchange in the field of floral cultivation and trade. The deleg..... [more >>](#)

### China & America trade conflict

#### **China working with world community to deescalate Gaza conflict: Wang Wenbin**

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-02

As this month's president of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and a responsible member of the international community, China will continue to work relentlessly with the international community to deescalate the Palestinian-Israeli situation, protect civilians, promote humanitarian aid and resume talks for peace, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin said on Wednesday. .... [more >>](#)

### Governance / Trade & Services

#### **Qatar signs second 27-year gas supply deal with China's Sinopec**

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-05

Doha: Qatar has agreed to supply Sinopec with natural gas for 27 years, the Gulf emirate's state-owned energy company said Saturday, its second such deal with the Chinese firm. Doha will supply three million tonnes of gas a year under the deal, QatarEnergy said, announcing another agreement granting the Chinese oil giant for a further share of Qatar's North Field gas expansion project..... [more >>](#)

#### **Pakistan third top recipient of Chinese finance: study**

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-07

KARACHI: Pakistan is the third biggest recipient of Chinese development finance worldwide with a portfolio of \$70.3 billion, according to a report released on Monday by AidData, a US-based international development research lab. Only two per cent of China's portfolio in Pakistan between 2000 and 2021 consisted of grants while the rest was in the form of loans, says the AidData report that..... [more >>](#)

## History, Language &amp; Culture

**MoU signed to promote Chinese culture in KP**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-13

PESHAWAR: A memorandum of understanding was signed on Sunday between the local government, elections and rural development department and China Window, a Chinese cultural centre established in Peshawar, to help promote Pakistan-China friendship, Chinese culture and development in various areas of life in the province. Secretary Local Council Board Mian Shafiqur Rehman and administrator of China..... [more >>](#)

**KP, China Window sign MoU to promote Pakistan-China friendship, culture**

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**Pak-China Nexus**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-14

In a significant move to fortify the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was recently signed between the local government, election, and rural development department and China Window, a Chinese cultural center in Peshawar. This monumental agreement lays the groundwork for a multifaceted collaboration that extends beyond cultural enrichment. Secretar..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

**Chairman Senate applauds Pakistan-China friendship, contributions**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-06

Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Monday highlighted the enduring and deep-rooted friendship between Pakistan and China and commended the substantial contributions made by Chinese institutions and organizations operating within Pakistan, underscoring their significance in strengthening the bond between the two nations. In his message lauding the remarkable achievements of '10 Years..... [more >>](#)

**Findings of US-based research lab: Pakistan is third largest beneficiary of Chinese uplift funding in world**

Source: [Erum Zaidi](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-07

KARACHI: Pakistan is the third biggest recipient of China's development financing in the world, which has helped the country develop much-needed infrastructure, but the majority of these investments are loans not grants. According to the latest data from the US-based research lab AidData, during the last two decades (2000 and 2021), 98 percent of Chinese development funding in Pakistan came..... [more >>](#)

**Khalil Hashmi assumes responsibilities as Pakistan ambassador to China**

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-12

ISLAMABAD - Senior foreign Service officer Khalil Hashmi has arrived in Beijing and assumed responsibilities as Pakistan ambassador to China. The ambassadorial position in Beijing was vacant after Ambassador Moinul Haq completed his assignment in Beijing as Pakistan ambassador and returned last week to Pakistan. Ambassador Khalil Hashmi was serving as Pakistan permanent representative f..... [more >>](#)

### China welcomes new Pak envoy to Beijing

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-14

ISLAMABAD: China on Monday welcomed Pakistan's new Ambassador Khalid Hashmi to Beijing with Director General of the Protocol Department, Hong Lei, conveying his best wishes to the ambassador for a successful tenure and assured him of full support. Ambassador Khalid Hashmi, a career diplomat, reached Beijing over the weekend and assumed responsibilities as Pakistan's new envoy to China..... [more >>](#)

### Naval pursuits

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-14

It's the warm season on the high seas. The naval exercises in the Arabian Sea conducted by China and Pakistan came close on the heels of similar debut drills between Russia and Myanmar in the Indian Ocean. Both these pairs of drills had one thing in common: to contest the surging US influence in the region. Beijing and Islamabad turned a new leaf as joint maritime patrols were held for the f..... [more >>](#)

### Joint Naval Drills

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-14

Joint naval exercises between partner countries and allies are a reaffirmation of sustained defence cooperation. Like all other areas, Pakistan and China work together in naval defence as well and ongoing joint drills are proof of that. Week-long drills are taking place in the Arabian Sea and for the first time, Joint Maritime Patrols will be a part of these joint exercises. China's key secu..... [more >>](#)

### 'Sea Guardians-3 will open up new avenues for Sino-Pak maritime cooperation'

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-14

KARACHI: A joint press conference regarding Exercise Sea Guardian 2023 was held here on Monday. Commodore Asim Sohail Malik from Pakistan Navy and Senior Captain Qi Jian from People's Liberation Army PLA (N) briefed the audience about objectives, contours and conduct of the exercise. Commodore Asim Sohail Malik said that Pakistan and China have always enjoyed strategically unique and st..... [more >>](#)

### China, Pakistan navies hold drills

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-14

BEIJING: The Chinese and Pakistani navies are holding weeklong drills in the Arabian Sea days after the Russian Pacific Fleet and Myanmar practised repelling attacks in their first maritime exercise, while India and the United States pledged security cooperation. At a naval base in Karachi on Saturday, the Chinese and Pakistani navies kicked off the exercise in the waters and airspace of the ..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

### Tyres, tubes of passenger cars from Japan, China; Customs values on import of over 100 types fixed

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-04

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate General of Customs Valuation Karachi has fixed new Customs values on the import of over 100 different types of tyres and tubes of passenger cars from Japan and China. The directorate has issued a new valuation ruling 1820 of 2023 here on Friday. After analysis of the directorate, it has transpired that the total import value of tyres and tubes imported into Pak..... [more >>](#)

### Pak-China snail industry alliance to unleash export potential

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-04

"Leveraging China's expertise in snail farming techniques, technology transfer, and market access, Pakistan can develop the snail industry to tap into the international market, particularly in Europe and other developed regions."

This was stated by Jin Jingqi, Vice President of Jiangsu Design Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Special Expert for Rural Revitalization in..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan gets golden chance promoting trade in Canton Fair**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-07

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has got a golden chance of promoting its trade in Canton Fair, Guangzhou, China, said Safdar Fayyaz, Chief Manager Exports, Piano Exports FZCO, Pakistan on Sunday. "Business is good this time. I'm here to find out more possibility of doing business with China as well as the whole world," he said while talking with China Economic Net. He was in Guangzhou, C..... [more >>](#)

### **Canton Fair concludes with \$22.3b export deals inked offline**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-06

GUANGZHOU -The 134th China Import and Export Fair (Canton Fair) concluded Saturday in Guangzhou, the capital of southern Guangdong province, with export deals worth 22.3 billion US dollars in total signed offline. The value is 2.8 percent higher than that in the previous Canton Fair, said Xu Bing, a spokesperson for the fair. The participating enterprises signed deals totaling 12.27 billion US dol..... [more >>](#)

### **Exports to China soar**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's exports of goods and services to China experienced a remarkable surge, increasing by 26.42% during the first three months of the current fiscal year (2023-24) compared to the same period last year, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). Data from SBP has revealed that exports to China reached \$633.374 million during July-September (2023-24), up from \$501.000 mi..... [more >>](#)

### **Delegation visits industrial park to foster cooperation**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-08

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### **Handicrafts making headway in China**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-07

BEIJING: Asiya, a Pakistan-based enterprise specialising in premium hand-made scarves and carpets from Pakistan, India, and Iran, is expanding its presence in China. With nine offline stores already established in major Chinese cities such as Beijing, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Xi'an, Nanjing, and Tianjin, the company is seeing growing popularity. Yang Han, the sales manager of Asiya, highlighted t..... [more >>](#)

### **What China wants from Pakistan**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-09

WHAT China wants from Pakistan is the same as what China wants from every other country, which is to endlessly run a trade surplus in their favour. There might be a few specific things beyond this, such as Gwadar for instance, but those are marginal and nowhere near as central to Chinese designs in Pakistan and the rest of the world as we might imagine. Just add up the numbers. Since 2010, Paki..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan among top 10 grain exporters to China**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-09

SHANGHAI: Pakistan made it to the top 10 exporters of grain and its products to China in the year 2022, with shipments valuing at \$456 million and representing a 14.12% growth year on year, according to the 2023 China Import Food Report. The report was released at the China Import Food Summit held on Tuesday at the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai. "China is a crucial ma..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan participates in CIIE with largest effort ever: Pak consul general**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-10

BEIJING-As many as 19 Pakistani exhibitors are participating in the ongoing 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE) being held from November 5 to 10 in Shanghai, which has made a remarkable mark by showcasing Pakistan's largest effort ever. The expo, which has been held annually in Shanghai since 2018, is a major platform for promoting international trade and cooperation. "Pakista..... [more >>](#)

### **China closes Khunjerab Pass for four months**

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-12

GILGIT: The Chinese government has announced the closure of Khunjerab Pass for four months in winter, almost a month after agreeing to keep the high-altitude road open throughout the year. According to a notice issued on Saturday by the Khunjerab Port management of China's Xinjiang region, the pass will remain closed from December to March. It referred to the October 20 joint press statemen..... [more >>](#)

### **Virtual B2B session on exports of sesame seeds to China organised**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-12

KARACHI - TDAP in collaboration with TIO-Beijing organised a virtual B2B session on exports of sesame seeds to China on 10th November 2023. The session was attended by 43 exporters of sesame seeds from Pakistan and 8 importers from China. The webinar was started with the opening remarks by DG (AFD), TDAP and followed by detailed briefing by TIC-Beijing about the potential of exports of sesame seed..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-China collaboration to sweeten markets**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-15

LAHORE: In a recent think tank session at the Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) Secretariat, Moazzam Ghurki, President of PCJCCI, highlighted the potential for Pakistan and China to revolutionise the sugar industry through collaborative efforts. Ghurki suggested that the two nations, with their strong friendship, can produce high-grade sugar abundantly and export it g..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese power cos; MoFA asks MoF and PD to resolve payment issue**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-09

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has asked Ministry of Finance and Power Division to resolve payment issue of Chinese power companies as this issue is impediment to future energy cooperation with China, well-informed sources in Finance Ministry told Business Recorder. This issue, along with others, was raised during the recent visit of caretaker Prime Minister, Anwar ul Haq Kakar..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

### **The menace of overloading and its adverse impact on our motorways**

Source: [Murtaza Ahmed Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-09

Pakistan's has made steady progress in investing and developing its motorways across the country. This was a major part of the CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) initiative to develop our road infrastructure to develop Pakistan

as the transit hub for movement of commercial cargoes under TIR/CMR regime from Pakistan to China and Central Asian Republics (CARS). NHSO 2000 clearly defi..... [more >>](#)

### 10 years on: CPEC contributes to socio-economic uplift of Pakistan

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-01

“Generally, the Chinese side has always wanted that Pakistan must grow and develop using the advantage of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). It would become a new engine for the economic development of Pakistan,” said Chairman of KASB Group, Nasir Ali Shah Bukhari. Speaking at recently held event “10 Years of Belt and Road Initiative – CPEC” Nasir Bukhari said ..... [more >>](#)

### China-Pakistan research center to help researchers to asses impact of climate change

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-01

Cui Peng, Director-General, China Pakistan Joint Research Center (CPJRC) has said that researchers from the two countries will jointly study and assess impact of geological disasters and climate change on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and local sustainable development. A scientific and technological innovation platform between China and Pakistan, namely, China-Pakistan Joint Research Cen..... [more >>](#)

### China conducts 2,000 foreign aid projects via BRI cooperation: Luo Zhaohui

Source: Agencies, [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-01

China promoted Belt and Road cooperation through foreign aid over the past 10 years and conducted 2,000 projects across the world, Luo Zhaohui, head of the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), said on Tuesday. The past decade has seen more than 2,000 aid projects in more than 120 Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) partner countries, where more than 80 economic and trade coopera..... [more >>](#)

### Chinese envoy, Fazl discuss CPEC projects

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-11-01

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of China to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong on Tuesday held a meeting with Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and exchanged views on the projects under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In a statement, issued by the media wing of JUI-F, the Chinese ambassador along with a delegation discussed bilateral relations and matters pertaining to the CPEC..... [more >>](#)

### China supports independent Palestinian state: envoy

Source: Asif Mehmood Butt, [The News, International](#), 2023-11-01

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General in Lahore Zhao Shirin has said that there should be an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. He said China had been and would continue to support the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and the two-state formula, as it is the main solution to the conflict. “China has also sent its special representative for peace to the region. There is g..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan looks forward to further accelerate CPEC: Haque

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-03

Pakistan looks forward to further strengthening exchanges with China, accelerating the high-quality joint construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), deepening economic, trade, cultural, and sub-national exchanges, and pushing bilateral relations to a higher level, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said. The friendship between Pakistan and China is iron-clad and unbreakable..... [more >>](#)

### **BRI a hope for positive change, peace, prosperity: speakers**

Source: [App, Daily Times](#) , 2023-11-08

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a powerful force for hope and unity despite all the challenges and conflicts that disrupt peace and stability worldwide, said speakers. The recent Webinar on the Third Belt and Road Forum, themed “Together for Common Development and Shared Prosperity,” hosted by Friends of BRI Forum and the Centre for BRI and China Studies at the Institute of Peace..... [more >>](#)

### **Planning minister reviews progress on CPEC projects**

Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#) , 2023-11-08

After the successful third Belt and Road (BRI) forum 2023 held in Beijing, the Caretaker Planning Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed on Tuesday reviewed a progress over the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects while directed the relevant stakeholders to expedite the projects. The Minister reviewed the projects during his visit at CPEC Secr..... [more >>](#)

### **APCEA, PCI launch report on ‘10 years of CPEC’**

Source: [Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2023-11-07

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi highlighted the growing depth of China-Pakistan cooperation and the role of his ministry in extending support to Chinese enterprises in areas of common interest. The minister expressed these views while speaking at the launch of the report on “Ten Years of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)” by..... [more >>](#)

### **Stakeholders asked to expedite CPEC projects**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2023-11-08

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### **CPEC project to become a reality very soon: minister**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2023-11-09

LAHORE: Caretaker Provincial Health Minister Prof Dr Javed Akram said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project will become a reality very soon. He said this while addressing a roundtable conference regarding CPEC at a local hotel on Wednesday. Consul General China Zhao Shiren, Ahmed Saeed, Saad Faisal Malik, Faisal Zahid Malik, Khatib Badshahi Masjid Lahore Maulana Abdul Khabir Azad a..... [more >>](#)

### **Thousands of Miles with CPEC**

Source: [Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2023-11-13

In a celebration of an enduring partnership that has withstood the test of time, the All-Pakistan Chinese Enterprises’ Association (APCEA) and the Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) came together to launch a groundbreaking promotional endeavor titled “Thousands of Miles with CPEC: The Symbol of Pakistan-China Relations.” The event, held at the Pakistan I..... [more >>](#)

### **Businessmen call for SIFC-CPEC collaboration**

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-11-15

KARACHI: In a resounding endorsement, business leaders and market analysts are hailing the recently established Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) as a crucial necessity during these challenging times. “The SIFC is a necessity of the time as it includes all local stakeholders, such as the civil-military forum, trade bodies, businesspeople, bureaucrats, politicians, and others. .... [more >>](#)

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## Regional Integration Under China's B &amp; R

**Pak-Afghan Red Crescent Societies delegation visits China**

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-05

A delegation of twenty members from the Red Crescent Societies of Pakistan and Afghanistan visited Hainan, China for training programs. The delegation engaged in fruitful discussions and exchanges with the Red Cross Societies of Hainan Province, focusing on topics related to disaster management and humanitarian aid. During the visit to Haikou City, the delegation members and local Red Cross Soci..... [more >>](#)

**China, Australia can become 'trusting' partners, says Xi**

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-07

BEIJING: Chinese leader Xi Jinping told Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Monday that their countries could become "trusting partners", pledging to work with Canberra on everything from regional security to climate change as the two leaders eased years of tensions that cut billions of dollars in trade. Beijing is Canberra's biggest trading partner, but relations plum..... [more >>](#)

**Naval exercise Sea Guardian 2023 to enhance defence cooperation between Pakistan, China**

Source: [PPI](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-14

KARACHI: Naval officers of Pakistan and China on Monday held a joint press conference in Karachi regarding naval exercise Sea Guardian 2023 in which the navies of both the countries will participate. Commodore Asim Sohail Malik from the Pakistan Navy and Senior Captain Qi Jian from Peoples Liberation Army Navy of China briefed the audience about objectives contours and conduct of the exercise..... [more >>](#)

## Technology &amp; Innovation

**UK, US, China sign AI safety pledge at first summit**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-02

BLETCHLEY PARK, UK: Countries including the UK, United States and China on Wednesday agreed the "need for international action" as political and tech leaders gathered for the world's first summit on artificial intelligence (AI) safety. The UK government kicked off the two-day event at Bletchley Park, north of London, by publishing the "Bletchley Declaration" signed b..... [more >>](#)

**E-Bike Revolution**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-05

Pakistan's pursuit to replicate China's remarkable growth in the electric bicycle industry holds tremendous promise. Not only does this initiative signify a more environmentally conscious approach to reducing carbon emissions, but it also presents a practical solution in the face of escalating and often unpredictable fuel prices. Electric bicycles offer a cost-effective means of transp..... [more >>](#)

### Joint efforts with China will help address food security issue: experts

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-10

JARANWALA: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr Kauser Abdulla Malik said that Sino-Pak agricultural ties and joint efforts will help address the issue of food security and both nations can learn from each other's experiences. He was addressing participants of the 4th Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Sino-Pak agricultural forum arranged by the Institute of Horticultural ..... [more >>](#)

### Experts share research on smart agriculture

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-12

BEIJING: The World Agrifood Innovation Conference was held in Beijing last week where one of the major highlights was the Smart Agriculture Forum, which attracted over 200 agricultural experts from China and around the world. Experts and entrepreneurs from the United States, Germany, Australia, Japan, Pakistan and China delivered presentations, sharing the latest research advancements and practi..... [more >>](#)

## Technology, Trade & Innovation

### Sino-Pak agri cooperation to help address food security challenges: minister

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-10

FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr Kauser Abdulla Malik has said that Sino-Pak agricultural ties and joint efforts will help address the issue of food security and to learn from each other's experiences. He addressed participants of 4th Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI) Sino-Pak agricultural forum arranged by the Institute of Horticultural Science, Uni..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

### Event News

### New nicotine products highly addictive, say activists

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-02

ISLAMABAD: Concerns have been raised by civil society and health activists regarding the growing popularity of new nicotine products among children and youth in Pakistan. They claimed that products were highly addictive due to their substantial nicotine content. In a press release issued by the Society for the Protection of the Rights of Child (SPARC), it was emphasised that the government must ..... [more >>](#)

### Graphic, text health warnings on tobacco products pivotal for cessation: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-02

ISLAMABAD-The experts at a seminar Wednesday said that graphic and textual health warnings on all tobacco products are pivotal to counter misleading marketing tactics and reinforce tobacco cessation efforts. The seminar titled, 'MPOWER – Preparing the Next Generation of Tobacco Control Advocates: WARNING,' was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in coll..... [more >>](#)

### Graphic, Text Health Warnings On Tobacco Products Pivotal For Cessation: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2023-11-01

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Source: [TCL](#), [The CatchLine](#), 2023-11-02

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