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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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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).

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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

China & America trade conflict

Sino-US confrontation

Source: Editorial, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-10

THE latent confrontation between the US-led West and Russia had been brewing for years before hostilities exploded into the open with Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last February. Worryingly, tensions between Washington and Beijing are following the same trajectory, and unless there is a radical reset in either capital, this conflict also has the potential to explode into open hostility. The r..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

Chinese prescription

Source: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-04

Beijing's outlook of world view is in contrast with the Western perceptions. Though China is very much part of the global capitalist entrepreneur economy, it takes a departure when it comes to fundamentals of poverty alleviation and development. This is why a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry took no qualms in stating that 'certain developed countries' have not lived [more >>](#)

China's "Peace Plan" on Ukraine-Russia War

Source: Yasir Habib Khan, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-02

China's "Peace Plan" to iron out the Ukraine-Russia crisis is the only glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. It unveils a game-changing opportunity for all stakeholders to liberate the world from a quagmire as sending weapons will never bring peace but add fuel to the fire to exacerbate tensions and cause suffering for ordinary people. The recipe for "Peace" is [more >>](#)

Political system of China and importance of two sessions

Source: Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, [The News, International](#), 2023-03-05

Before delving into two sessions, let's try to comprehend the dynamics, structure and driving principles of Chinese political and governance model. Chinese model has many characteristics which make it a distinctive one. First, it is inclusive and people-centric. To ensure inclusivity, decisions are being made and implemented by engaging people from all walks of society. The process involves..... [more >>](#)

China targets faster growth amid push for recovery, modernisation

Source: xinhua, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-06

China aims to achieve a faster economic growth of around 5 percent with better quality of development in 2023, as the world's second-largest economy gathers pace to build up recovery momentum and push ahead with its modernization drive. The projected target, higher than the 3-percent growth recorded in the country's gross domestic product (GDP) last year, is one of the key objectives [more >>](#)

China's 2023 defense budget to rise by 7.2%

Source: xinhua, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-06

China's annual defense budget will remain single-digit growth for the eighth year in a row, with an increase of 7.2 percent in 2023, according to a draft budget on Sunday. The world's second largest economy's planned defense spending will be 1.5537 trillion yuan (about 224.79 billion U.S. dollars) this year, read the report on the draft central and local budgets submitted to the [more >>](#)

China's enterprises encouraged to invest in Pakistan in shoe industry

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-08

Recently, Wenzhou Council for the Promotion of International Trade (WCPIT) organized a video conference on shoe leather industry, aiming to encourage Wenzhou's export-oriented enterprises to invest in Pakistan and promote in-depth and effective cooperation between China and Pakistan. Hussain Haider, Consul General of the Consulate General of Pakistan in Shanghai, addressed the event, believ..... [more >>](#)

China's Two Sessions 2023

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-10

In negation of the perception that China's two sessions are an eyewash, the world is admitting gradually that they are the core to all-round success as what is designed, decided and implemented by lawmakers and political advisors in cohesion leads to positive impacts on people's life and developments in global affairs. The 14th NPC and CPPCC's annual gatherings have helped global..... [more >>](#)

China's steady economic recovery opening new avenues for Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-10

"China's economy is staging a steady recovery, with marked improvement in consumer demand, market distribution, industrial production and business expectations, and this momentum can help partner countries like Pakistan to explore new avenues of cooperation for further growth, especially in the manufacturing sector," said Prof. Dr. Hassan Duad Butt, former project director of Chi..... [more >>](#)

Xi Jinping unanimously elected Chinese president, CMC chief

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

Xi Jinping was unanimously elected Chinese president on Friday at the ongoing session of China's national legislature, leading the country of 1.4 billion people onto a new journey toward modernization. He was also elected chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) by a unanimous vote. A total of 2,952 deputies were present at the third pl..... [more >>](#)

World witnessing 'Two Sessions' all-round successes

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-12

Annual sessions of the National People's Congress (NPC) and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) have helped global leadership to fathom the functionality of socialist democracy and its grassroot dynamics. The global effects of the two sessions are profound and wide-ranging, considering the reality that China is the second largest eco..... [more >>](#)

Li Qiang takes over as China's new premier

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-12

Li Qiang, the former Communist Party chief of Shanghai, took office on Saturday as China's premier, the country's No.2 post, putting the close ally of President Xi Jinping in charge of reviving an economy battered by three years of Covid-19 curbs. Widely perceived to be pragmatic and business-friendly, the 63-year-old Li faces the daunting task of shoring up China's recovery in [more >>](#)

Building China into a great modern socialist country the real task now

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-14

President Xi Jinping delivered a speech Monday morning at the closing meeting of the first session of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC), the country's national legislature. President Xi Jinping said that the people's trust is the biggest motivation that drives him to march on and a great responsibility he shoulders. "I will faithfully fulfill my responsibilities be..... [more >>](#)

Saudi-Iran breakthrough under China

Source: [Imtiaz Rafi Butt](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-15

The vision of regional connectivity was far-fetched in the face of conflict in the Gulf which has been bridged by the Chinese Government. The resumption of diplomatic ties and co-operation agreement signed between Iranian and Saudi diplomats is an achievement that has put the whole region into a dynamic motion. A six year old cut off has been bridged. Two nations on the brink of war have been brou..... [more >>](#)

Absolute leadership

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-11

It was a fait accompli. Xi Jinping's triumph for a third term as President, along with two more powerful caps as head of Chinese Communist Party and the country's Central Military Commission has granted him enough political mileage to see the rise of China as the next emerging superpower. All credentials are cast in his favour, as the little talked about dissent has withered in thin ai..... [more >>](#)

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

China ready to further promote green transition: report

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-07

Upholding the idea that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets, China has managed to strike a balance between development and conservation over the past five years and will make consistent efforts to further promote green transition, according to the Government Work Report. Thanks to the efforts to control multiple pollutants in a coordinated way and across all regions, the country..... [more >>](#)

Chinese enterprises to expand green energy blueprint in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-12

Last week, POWERCHINA and the Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), in collaboration with All Pakistan Chinese Enterprises Association (APCEA) and China Society for Hydropower Engineering (CSHE), launched a groundbreaking report titled "Development Prospects of Chinese Enterprises in Green Energy Industry in Pakistan". Guided by President Xi Jinping's vision of "lucid waters and [more >>](#)

Report on development prospects of Chinese enterprises in green energy industry launched

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-13

A ground-breaking report titled "Development Prospects of Chinese Enterprises in Green Energy Industry in Pakistan" was launched, Gwadar Pro reported. It was launched by POWERCHINA and the Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), in collaboration with All Pakistan Chinese Enterprises Association (APCEA) and China Society for Hydropower Engineering (CSHE). Guided by President Xi Jinping's visio..... [more >>](#)

Developing EVs in Pakistan can help improve environment: expert

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-13

Developing EVs in Pakistan is a potential solution for the country both in terms of improving the quality of the environment and making full use of electricity, said Prof. Nauman Ahmad Zaffar, Director of Energy and Power Systems Cluster and the National Incubation Centre. "Electric mobility has become indispensable for Pakistan. Entities striving to introduce electric mobility in Pakista..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

China is here to stay in Pakistan

Source: [Imtiaz Gul](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-02

To the context of the new-found warmth in the US-Pakistan relations with the visit of the high, multi-agency delegation from Washington, the message from Beijing is loud and clear: we are here to stay in Pakistan without influencing its decision-making or meddling in its internal affairs. Pakistan's distinct shift away from China is visible like never before. FM Bilawal Bhutto Zardari’..... [more >>](#)

Pakistani hand-drawn animated film showreel fascinates Chinese audience

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-06

The showreel of Pakistan's upcoming hand-drawn animated film The Glassworker has cast a spell on Chinese audience as it has garnered more than 558,000 views, with over 5,000 comments and reviews on BiliBili, a popular YouTube-like video sharing platform in China with over 70 million active daily users. "I can't believe this comes from Pakistan. This is the real art. Really lookin..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan greets President Xi on his 3rd term in office

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

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday felicitated China's President Xi Jinping on being elected for the position for a third term. "The confidence of the Chinese people and parliament in President Xi Jinping is a recognition of his extraordinary leadership skills," the Prime Minister said in a message of greetings on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan. President Xi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistani officials learn poverty alleviation experience from China

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-14

For the first time in the past three years, China's Ministry of Commerce welcomed the first batch of informational officials who came in-person for training seminars, according to China Economic Net (CEN) on Monday. Ms. Pizwak Imtiaz, Section Officer (F&A), Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (PA&SS), has just concluded a 14-day Seminar on China's Poverty Allevia..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

RSEZ set to revolutionise industries in K-P

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-09

BEIJING: Rashakai Special Economic Zone (RSEZ) is a game-changer project for the economic growth of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) in particular and Pakistan in general. K-P Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KPEZDMC) CEO Javed Iqbal Khattak said that because of RSEZ, industrialisation is gaining momentum in the province and investors are becoming attracted to the project. The company..... [more >>](#)

RSEZ strengthening national economy with active participation of CRBC

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-04

ISLAMABAD-Rashakai Special Economic Zone (RSEZ) is attracting robust investment, promoting infrastructure connectivity, generating employment opportunities, transferring technologies, and enhancing productivity, said Executive Commercial Officer of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) Abdullah Shehryar. In an interview with WealthPK, he apprised that RSEZ is a flagship project of industrial c..... [more >>](#)

Chinese peanuts to be solution to high oil prices in Pakistan

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-05

Chinese peanuts to be a solution to high oil prices in Pakistan, says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Saturday. "Look! Our seeds are rich in nutrient elements," Dr Babar Ijaz, person in charge of overseas projects, Shandong Rainbow Agricultural Technology Co., Ltd, showed a plump peanut seed to the reporter during an interview with CEN. Lately, Rainbow's high-..... [more >>](#)

China invited to invest in local leather industry

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-07

BEIJING: Consulate General of Pakistan in Shanghai, Hussain Haider on Monday called upon Chinese entrepreneurs and investors to explore the potential of Pakistan's shoe leather industry. "Pakistan is rich in leather raw materials, synthetic leather materials, machinery and other related products. I hope that Chinese entrepreneurs can see the development potential and invest in our sh..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China cooperation to help upgrade steel industry: experts

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-06

China can transfer its technology and equipment to Pakistan to promote the upgrading of Pakistan's steel industry, highlighted Li Sheng, General Manager of the Pakistani Branch of China First Metallurgical Group Co., Ltd. "With China's transfer of technology and equipment, Pakistan's steel industry can be more concentrated and more environmentally friendly, because it can [more >>](#)

Pakistan should adopt Chinese water purification system: PCJCCI

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-07

Pakistan-China Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki said on Monday that Pakistan should adopt Chinese model of water purification to control waterborne diseases due to the devastating flood in 2022. These diseases were causing a loss of up to US\$1.3 billion every year, and the unclean water was the biggest source of gastrointestinal infections. Chairing a meet..... [more >>](#)

Zhejiang becomes top destination of Pakistan's exports to China

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-10

Zhejiang Province has become the top destination of Pakistani exports to China in the past three years, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistani Embassy in China. In 2022, Zhejiang Province imported \$954.59 million Pakistani products and exported \$5.80 billion to Pakistan, adding that in 2021, Zhejiang Province imported \$968.77 million Pakistani products, up from \$436.47 million i..... [more >>](#)

Chinese CG ready to cooperate with Pak-China Foundation's work to further strengthen friendship

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-11

Karachi-The delegation of Pakistan China Foundation met Acting Consul General Zhang Hao at Consulate General Karachi. Acting Chinese Consul General Zhang Hao and Chairman of Pakistan China Foundation Nadeem A. Sheikh, Vice Chairman Syed Israr Ali, Secretary General Muhammad Qasim and Director Haris Ameen Bhatti discussed strengthening people-to-people friendship. Nadeem A. Sheikh informed about [more >>](#)

Pakistan's garment exports to China register 33pc increase in 2022

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-12

BEIJING - Pakistan's garment exports to China have seen a remarkable increase of 33% in the past year which is a significant achievement, as it marks an important milestone in the strengthening of economic ties between the two countries, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor, Pakistan Embassy Beijing. The growth in exports is attributed to the increasing demand for Pakistani menswear in [more >>](#)

CPAC to bring socio-economic development for farmers: Yang

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-13

The China-Pakistan Agricultural Corridor (CPAC) project would bring socio-economic development for farmers in the country and further pave the way for a new era of collaboration between the two all-weather strategic partners. Director China Study Center of the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) Xiang Yang, in an exclusive talk with APP on Sunday, said that CPAC was a project o..... [more >>](#)

Chinese to invest \$2b in telecom sector

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-15

ISLAMABAD: Chinese multinational enterprise, Sunwalk Group, has announced plans to invest \$2 billion in Pakistan's telecom sector, with a focus on deploying optical fibre cable (OFC). The company has already invested \$5 million and plans to deploy 5000 km of OFC as the next step. The announcement was made during a meeting between a high-level delegation from Sunwalk Group, led by its Chair..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan-China hybrid rice cooperation forges ahead

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-11

KARACHI: Unquestionably hybrid rice is a model of China-Pakistan agricultural cooperation in Sindh, remarked Zhou Xusheng, Director of Pakistan Business Department, Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed Co Ltd, a Chinese developer and provider of hybrid seeds. Amidst global headwinds, Pakistani rice is facing a series of challenges. Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) President Chela Ram Kewlani [more >>](#)

Hybrid rice trade represents bonhomous Pak-China cooperation

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-12

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Pak-China hybrid rice, serves as model of agricultural cooperation

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

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Peanuts to solve high edible oil prices issue

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-05

WEIFANG: At a farm in Weifang city, Shandong province, China, rows of verdant peanut seedlings are bathing in the sparkling sunshine with pride, waiting to contribute their fruit clusters in the coming autumn. "Look! Our seeds are rich in nutrient elements," Dr Babar Ijaz, Person In Charge of Overseas Projects, Shandong Rainbow Agricultural Technology Co Ltd, remarked as he showed a [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China sign agri-cooperation DoU

Source: [China Economic Net / APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-08

ISLAMABAD: In a move to promote strategic cooperation between China and Pakistan in industry-university research on modern agriculture, documents of understanding (DoU) were signed by the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Weifang Engineering Vocational College, Qingzhou Municipal Government and Weifang National Comprehensive Pilot Agriculture Zone at Weifang last week. The f..... [more >>](#)

CPAC to bring socio-economic improvements for farmers: Xiang

Source: APP, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-13

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Beijing asks for \$1.5b payment

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-15

ISLAMABAD: China has expressed serious reservations about overdue payments of \$1.5 billion to the Chinese independent power plants (IPPs), installed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), as well as currency exchange restrictions imposed by the State Bank of Pakistan, which hamper coal import. Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) (Coordination) Syed Tariq Fatemi, in a letter to..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

COAS briefed about CPEC security steps

Source: INP, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-10

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir visited Gwadar. According to the ISPR, he was briefed on prevailing security situation, Formation's operational preparedness CPEC security and efforts for ensuring a peaceful and secure environment. The Army Chief appreciated the efforts of all ranks and urged to continue working with professional commitment for the good of the peo..... [more >>](#)

CPEC recognized by WB as offering enormous opportunities to Pakistan

Source: Agencies, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-09

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is recognized by WB as offering enormous opportunities to Pakistan. It has proved itself as a vital economic tonic to Pakistan by administrating those development booster shots that are revamping its infrastructure, energy, export, trade, transportation, agriculture, employment, medicine, IT, mobile technology and many more, according to a report carried by..... [more >>](#)

Are we allowing CPEC to wither away?

Source: Farhat Ali, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-11

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was launched in 2015 when 51 agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth USD 46 billion were signed between China and Pakistan. This bilateral project, rated as a flagship constituent of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), started with the goal of modernising Pakistan's infrastructure, connectivity within Pakistan and with China vid..... [more >>](#)

Pak-Sino collaboration in PV sector to jointly combat the energy crisis

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

Pak-Sino collaboration in Photovoltaic (PV) sector will jointly combat the energy crisis, according to Gwadar Pro on Friday. "In the past five years, the average concentration of PM2.5 in China's prefecture-level and above cities has

dropped by 27.5%, and the number of days with heavy pollution has dropped by more than 50%,” and “the installed capacity of renewable energy [more >>](#)

Memon inspects BRT Red Line Corridor

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-12

Sindh Minister for Information, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon has said that due to current economic situation, the Sindh government has reduced its expenditures and made cuts on development projects but no cuts have been made in public transport projects. The minister pledged to complete all the projects on priority basis. He added that peoples bus service and EV Bus would..... [more >>](#)

China, Pakistan join hands to establish joint wheat lab

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-13

Under a new initiative, China-Pakistan joint lab will be established on wheat research. The project will be funded by the Science and Technology Partnership Program of Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST). The newly established lab will be located at Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), in partnership with Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). A joint launching ceremony was held [more >>](#)

CPEC brought infrastructural development in Pakistan: Zhang

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-14

As a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has not only brought infrastructural development in Pakistan, but also paved way for industrialization. Infrastructural scholar exchanges may also pave a better and further way for CPEC. A brighter future of Pak-China cooperation remains to be seen, said Zhang Shuibo, dean of School of International Pro..... [more >>](#)

Green development pivotal to CPEC projects

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-02

ISLAMABAD: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been playing a pivotal role in promoting green development in Pakistan, highlighting China's commitment to the harmonious coexistence of human beings and nature, Pakistani officials and experts said. Talking to Xinhua, Convener of the National Parliamentary Task Force on SDG, Romina Khurshid Alam said, “The cooperation between..... [more >>](#)

CPEC power projects; China concerned over payment issues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-06

ISLAMABAD: Chinese companies working on power projects, initiated under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), are still facing financial woes despite Prime Minister's repeated assurances, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Chinese government through Pakistan's embassy in Beijing and its own embassy in Islamabad has raised this issue at all forums. Chinese insurance c..... [more >>](#)

CPEC IPPs; Power Div asked to sort out revolving account issues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-09

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed Power Division to hold a meeting with SAPM on Power, Zafar-ud-Din Mahmood, on the issue of revolving account for CPEC IPPs, well informed sources in PMO told Business Recorder. SAPM on Power, in a note to the Prime Minister, explained that it was agreed between the Power Division and National Energy Administration (NEA) of China that a &ld..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Work on N-5 Highway construction to start in months with Chinese grant

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-01

IA senior official of the National Highway Authority (NHA) praised Chinese contractors for their quality work and informed that work on Hala-Sakrand section of the National Highway 5 (N-5) will start in few months with Chinese grant. Asim Amin, Member PPP, NHA was responding to queries during a live interaction, according to Gwadar Pro on Tuesday. He said that NHA has evaluated bids offered by th..... [more >>](#)

China can help Pakistani farmers to increase added value of agricultural crops

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-15

China and Pakistan through cooperation projects can increase the added value and utilization rate of Pakistan's agricultural products, helping local farmers increase their income, Chen Wei, Vice Mayor of Qingzhou City said on Tuesday. The transformation and output of our agricultural technology can generate profits, which is undoubtedly a win-win situation, he said in an exclusive interview [more >>](#)

Culture lab to boost potato output

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-04

Most of the potato seeds in Pakistan highly depend on imports, hence the price of local high-quality seeds is expensive, unaffordable for many low-income farmers, said Dr Babar Ijaz, Person In Charge of Overseas Projects, Shandong Rainbow Agricultural Technology Co Ltd, in an interview with China Economic Net (CEN). "Our tissue culture laboratory is committed to producing high-quality potat..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

Pakistan a potential market for Chinese EVs

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

Global sales of pure electric vehicles (EVs) surged 68% to reach 7.8 million in 2022, accounting for 10% of the market share for the first time, as per preliminary statistics from UK-based auto market research company ALG and global EV database provider EV-volumes. According to a Gwadar Pro's report, over half of the pure EV sales has been registered in China. In 2022, the sales of pure ele..... [more >>](#)

Chinese companies crucial to mobile industry's ecosystem

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-05

Chinese companies are crucial to the ecosystem of the entire mobile industry, experts from GSMA, an industry group representing the world's biggest mobile phone operators, told Xinhua in recent interviews. During the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2023 in Barcelona, some media questioned whether Chinese companies such as Huawei and ZTE were eligible to participate following the "entity li..... [more >>](#)

China-Pakistan joint AI cancer screening lab put into operation

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

China-Pakistan joint AI medical diagnosis lab in Islamabad has been put into operation, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday. The lab, located in the Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital, will provide free cervical cancer screening to 10,000 Pakistani women in its first phase of operation. "It can also be used in the early diagnosis of other high incidence clinical tumors, such as breast ca..... [more >>](#)

MoU advised with Chinese firms for growth of new, certified seeds

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-06

HYDERABAD: Experts underscored the need for a joint memorandum of understanding (MoU) between agricultural institutions and local and Chinese private sector for growth of certified seeds and new seed commodities. They called for increasing research budget for the development of agriculture to meet demand for pure seeds and proposed that experimental fields be set up on farmers' land. They [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

Pak-China tissue culture lab to boost local potato production

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-04

Most of the potato seeds in Pakistan highly depend on imports, hence the price of local high-quality seeds is expensive, unaffordable for many low-income farmers. Our tissue culture laboratory is committed to producing high-quality potatoes locally, reducing our dependence on foreign seeds, Dr Babar Ijaz, person in charge of overseas projects, Shandong Rainbow Agricultural Technology Co., Ltd, sai..... [more >>](#)

China-made Chery to repeat its sales miracle in Pakistani market

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-04

China-made Chery vehicle to repeat its sales miracle in Pakistani market, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday. "It's an amazing experience! Good interior space and a powerful engine make TIGGO 4 the best option for a car in its price range!" Abdul, from Balochistan, could not hide his excitement to share his TIGGO 4 driving experience with other consumers at a recent test drive event..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China coop to upgrade Pakistan's steel industry

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"China can transfer its technology and equipment to Pakistan to promote the upgrading of Pakistan's steel industry," said Li Sheng, General Manager of the Pakistani Branch of China First Metallurgical Group Co., Ltd. in an interview with Gwadar Pro. Li added, "with China's transfer of technology and equipment, Pakistan's steel industry can be more concentrated [more >>](#)

Sri Lanka president says China agrees to restructure loans

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An unprecedented economic crisis hits Sri Lanka's 22m people suffer acute food, fuel and medicine shortages, along with extended blackouts and runaway inflation Sri Lanka's president said Tuesday that China had agreed to restructure its loans to the bankrupt island nation, clearing the final obstacle to a long-awaited International Monetary Fund bailout. An unprecedented economic crisis..... [more >>](#)

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Clear, workable strategies for simplifying tax policies, preventing tax theft and evasion, targeted social protection schemes for vulnerable segments, import substitution for agricultural products, and revamping the country's agricultural sector is crucial to prevent negative economic pressures at the micro-level. This was the crux of a webinar on "Pakistan's policy options to..... [more >>](#)

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Legal and institutional reforms sought to empower women

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-09

ISLAMABAD: The civil society on Tuesday held a number of events in connection with International Women's Day being observed today, and called for legal and institutional reforms for women's empowerment. Women legislators from the National and Sindh assemblies also called for reforms in the legal and regulatory framework governing elections to ensure their participation in all aspects of..... [more >>](#)

Govt taking steps to empower women: Shaza FatimaSource: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-03-07

ISLAMABAD, Mar 7 (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Youth Affairs, Shaza Fatima Khawaja Tuesday described women as an integral part of national development and said that the incumbent government is taking several steps for empowering women aiming to strengthen their role in society. Addressing a seminar titled "Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality" held he..... [more >>](#)

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With considerable delay and visible reluctance ("unwillingly" in the words of the prime minister), Pakistan has taken most of the steps that could bring it closer to successfully completing a staff-level agreement (SLA) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). However, signing an SLA and obtaining approval from the IMF executive board still seem to be daunting tasks. The government..... [more >>](#)

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A market-based economy is the core of modern capitalist economics. All economic transactions take place in a market and have a price that reflects the cost of production and benefits/ damage to the consumers. If some resources do not have a price or if the market is non-existent, the resources are liable to misuse and waste. The environmental degradati..... [more >>](#)

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Women in Pakistan are disproportionately affected by disasters. The conservative social norms limit and restrict their personal, physical and economic autonomy. They face disparities in various aspects of life, including health,

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Indus Waters Treaty under threat: Part - I

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-12

On January 25, the Indian government proposed, through a communication from the Indian Indus commissioner to his Pakistani counterpart, bilateral negotiations – to commence within ninety days – on modifying the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) signed in September 1960. The text of the Indian communication is not in the public domain. However, in line with past practice, Indian officials brief..... [more >>](#)

Indus Waters Treaty under threat: Part – II

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-13

Pakistan's strategy to counter the Indian move to undermine the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) should be based on a comprehensive, objective appraisal of the effectiveness of the treaty, the inadequacies of the treaty to address the impacts of climate change, and the suggestions made by experts and stakeholders of India and Pakistan. The IWT has served India and Pakistan well for more than six (..... [more >>](#)

Indus Waters Treaty under threat: Part - III

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-15

Pakistan's rejection of the Indian government's call for negotiations – on modifying the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) – made on January 25 through the Indus Commission was fully justified. The treaty, comprising twelve short articles and eight long annexes elaborating the key features of the agreement, had been finalized over nearly six years of painstaking negotiations backs..... [more >>](#)

The Irrelevant Pakistan

Source: [Ayesha Ilyas](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-15

In August 2021, when the United States had to expedite its withdrawal from Afghanistan, Pakistan, with the supposed leverage it had over the Afghan Taliban, came to the forefront as a saviour for many a foreign nationals stuck in the country. Later that year and in the March of 2022, Pakistan hosted two OIC conferences to direct attention to the plight of the country, albeit for the sake of its go..... [more >>](#)

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The 2023 Government Work Report delivered by Premier Li Keqiang demonstrates the steady progress in China's opening-up policy, and development initiatives continue to benefit both the country and the rest of the world, analysts said. Yury Tavrovsky, a professor at Moscow-based RUDN University, noted China's further opening-up in the new era has caught the attention of the internationa..... [more >>](#)

The IMF is not fit for purpose

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There is substantial evidence that an IMF bailout merely sets countries up for repeat bailouts. Some countries, like Rwanda and Liberia, have been under continuous IMF tutelage since their independence six decades ago. Low-income countries that have not fallen out of favour politically with the West have been engaged with the IMF on average for 45 years. They have experienced an average of 16 IMF [more >>](#)

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