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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		

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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
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China Study Centre

China & America trade conflict

Unforeseen consequences of US-China trade war

Source: [Faran Mahmood](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Four years ago, when the US-China trade war resulted in tariffs on roughly \$450 billion worth of goods, it was hailed as a game changer in international trade and geopolitics. Although Sino-US trade figures dipped afterwards, the situation was exacerbated by chip shortage during Covid-19, making the case for prioritising US self-reliance in hi-tech manufacturing. Additionally, Beijing..... [more >>](#)

Demystifying China

Source: [Maleeha Lodhi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

CHINA'S rise as a global power has evoked different reactions across the world. Much of the Global South has welcomed this and seen it as an opportunity to forge closer relations with and benefit from an economically resurgent China. The US has, of course, cast China as a strategic threat — a classic response from an established superpower to the newest one, seen as a challenge to its [more >>](#)

The TikTok problem

Source: [Zarrar Khuhro](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

TYPICALLY, you can't get the red and blue tribes that make up the legislative branch of the American Empire to agree on anything at all, and so it came as a surprise to some when the now infamous TikTok ban bill passed through the House of Representatives with all the ease of a super-heated knife through a soft slab of butter. With 352 votes in favour and 65 against, the bill enjoyed the kin..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China's Evolving Economy

Source: [Aslam Javed](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

During China's recently concluded "two sessions," a pivotal event in its political calendar, the concept of "new quality productive forces" took the centre stage, capturing the attention of national legislators and global political and economic observers alike. This phrase has garnered significant attention in the context of China's on&s..... [more >>](#)

China adopts quality growth model

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

KARACHI: China – the second-largest global economy – has officially launched "new quality productive forces" early this month to pursue high-quality development, aimed at further accelerating its economic output through deploying latest innovations and technologies where quality will take centre stage in all fields of life. The tech advancement is expected to help introdu..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Pakistan, China vow to enhance coop at UN

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China yesterday vowed to keep playing their role in further strengthening the bilateral cooperation at the United Nations. The reaffirmation came during a farewell call of permanent representative of the People's Republic of China Ambassador Zhang Jun to his counterpart Munir Akram at the Pakistan Mission in New York. Both the permanent representa..... [more >>](#)

China, Pakistan to deepen coop in realms of culture, media

Source: INP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Ambassador to China Khalil Hashimi embarked on a significant visit to the School of Journalism at Tsinghua University, marking the inauguration of the new Pakistan Culture and Communication Studies office and agreeing to boost cooperation between the two neighbourly countries. This pivotal moment aimed to deepen the ties between China and Pakistan, particularly i..... [more >>](#)

Pak embassy in Beijing holds National Day reception

Source: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

BEIJING - Pakistan Embassy, Beijing hosted a reception today to commemorate the 84th National Day of Pakistan, in which several senior Chinese officials, resident Ambassadors, diplomats, Pakistan community members, representatives of Chinese state owned and private enterprises, intelligentsia and leading media persons participated. Sun Weidong, Vice Foreign Minister of [more >>](#)

LTBA vows to strengthen collaboration with China

Source: INP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

LAHORE - The newly elected President of Lahore Tax Bar Association (LTBA), Shahbaz Siddique pledged to implement a series of initiatives aimed at promoting strong and mutually beneficial cooperation between Pakistan and China in the taxation field. Recognising the importance of collaboration between the two countries, he aims to leverage this partnership [more >>](#)

China, the neighbour: 'In a way'

Source: Mosharraf Zaidi, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-26

What did Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar mean when, during a press conference in London, he clearly listed Pakistan's immediate neighbouring countries as Afghanistan, Iran and India, but then said that China was a neighbour "in a way"? The explanation he would likely provide is that one is reading too much into the flubbing of a simple description of Pakistan's sovereign territ..... [more >>](#)

Chinese, Pakistani vocational institutions sign collaboration agreement

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-25

China's Yantai Vocational College (YOC), Chinese logistics firm Sino Mall (Pvt) Ltd., and Government Monotechnique Institute, Mehrabbpur, Sindh have signed a framework agreement to co-construct Ban Mo College in Pakistan. In this connection, the Ban Mo College signing, unveiling and opening ceremony of the first phase training course was held at the YOC, which was attended online by official..... [more >>](#)

PLA participation in Pak Day parade displays unique bonds: China

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-26

The Guard of Honor of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) participation in the Pakistan Day military parade in Islamabad fully demonstrated the unique bonds between the two countries and contributed a colorful chapter of military-to-military relationship, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday. At the invitation Pakistani military, a delegation of PLA Guard of Honor pa..... [more >>](#)

China urges tightened security for nationals

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

BEIJING: A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson reaffirmed the unwavering bond between China and Pakistan, emphasizing their strategic partnership and solidarity in the face of challenges. Stressing the significance of the

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for Pakistan's socioeconomic progress, the spokesperson condemned Tuesday's terrorist attack in Pakistan that claimed the li..... [more >>](#)

Attempts to undermine Pak-China cooperation won't succeed: Beijing

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-28

Pakistan and China have the determination and ability to make terrorists pay the price for their actions, and any attempt to undermine China-Pakistan cooperation will not succeed, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said on Wednesday. Lin made the remarks at a regular press briefing in response to a terrorist attack that killed five Chinese nationals in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province on T..... [more >>](#)

Besham attack backed by enemies of Pak-China friendship: FO

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-29

The Foreign Office (FO) said on Thursday that there remains no doubt that the suicide attack in Besham was orchestrated by enemies of Pakistan-China friendship. FO Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch addressed a weekly press briefing and said Pakistan was in touch with China following the "heinous attack". She reiterated that Pakistan was "fully committed to bringing terrorists, a..... [more >>](#)

China agriculture modernisation and rural revitalisation-II

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-18

However, China is cognizant without investing in R&D, the dream of agricultural modernisation cannot be realized. Thus, it has enhanced its focus on R&D investment. According to the USDA report in 2015, China outpaced all major countries and was spending \$10 billion on an annual basis. Since 2018, China has further enhanced the focus of agriculture-related R&D under the programme of ru..... [more >>](#)

GB Assembly sees plot to hurt Pak-China ties

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

GILGIT: The Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly on Wednesday condemned the suicide attack on Chinese nationals and termed it a conspiracy to sabotage the Pakistan-China friendship. Through a unanimously adopted resolution, the lawmakers vowed to protect the CPEC and Chinese nationals. During the session chaired by Deputy Speaker Sadia Danish, opposition leader Kazim Mesum and Javed Ali Manwa..... [more >>](#)

Terrorists attempt to harm Pak-China friendship will never succeed: China

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

BEIJING/WASHINGTON - A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wednesday emphasised that China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and iron-clad brothers and declared that no attempt to undermine cooperation between the two countries would succeed. China and Pakistan were all-weather strategic cooperative partners and iron-clad brothers, and China-..... [more >>](#)

Sino-Pak interests and proxy terrorism

Source: [Imtiaz Gul](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

The deadly terror strike in Bisham on March 26 that claimed the lives of five Chinese citizens delivered yet another reminder on the grim circumstances that Pakistan faces. It took the number of direct attacks involving Chinese targets to at least 33 since the launch of CPEC. A similar attack on a bust carrying workers of Dasu Hydropower Project in the same region in July 2021 had killed nine C..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Chinese firms lead Pakistan's mobile market

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-30

In the first two months of 2024, Pakistan domestically manufactured or assembled 6.13 million phones, while only 0.3 million devices were imported during the same period, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday quoting the latest data from the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA). These phones include 3.35 million smartphones and 2.78 million Second Generation Mobile (2G mobile), commonly known as GS..... [more >>](#)

TDAP facilitates visit of Chinese delegation to Pakistan

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

KARACHI: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is proud to announce the successful facilitation of the visit by a distinguished Chinese delegation to Pakistan from March 15th to March 18th, 2024. Led by Pang Chi, Chairman, and Hu Yu, Legal Representative of Hunan Yuzhen Food Co. Ltd, China, the delegation's visit aims to explore avenues for enhancing bilateral trade relatio..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's exports to China up nearly 5pc in Jan-Feb

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

BEIJING - Pakistan's exports to China exceeded \$468 million in January and February this year, according to the data from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC), said Ghulam Qadir, Investment and Trade Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in China. Pakistan's exports to China increased by 4.96% year-on-year in January-F..... [more >>](#)

Chinese company suspends work on Tarbela extension project

Source: [Muhammad Sadaqat](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

HARIPUR: A Chinese company has suspended civil works at the Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project and "laid off" over 2,000 workers after the killing of Chinese nationals in a suicide attack in Shangla district, official sources said here on Wednesday. Five Chinese engineers working on the Dasu Dam perished as an explosive-laden vehicle hit the bus they're travelling in on [more >>](#)

Chinese investment: CCP to ink MoU with SAMR

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) to facilitate Chinese investment in Pakistan. According to the details released by the CCP, China has made significant investments in Pakistan through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and various Chinese companies..... [more >>](#)

Chinese workers to resume work on hydropower project days after Besham attack

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-03-29

Much to regional rivals' chagrin, China instructed its workers to resume work on the Tarbela Dam extension project days after five Chinese engineers were killed in the Besham suicide attack. As per an office circular issued by the Power Construction Corporation of China Ltd, on March 28, "workers and office staff will be back to work after such short time suspension". "..... [more >>](#)

Punjab CM orders policy formulation to export buffalo meat and milk to China

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-29

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz ordered policy formulation to export buffalo meat and milk to China. China imports US \$17 billion worth of meat and US \$2 billion worth of milk annually, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday. In

a meeting on the Livestock Department, the CM reviewed the livestock related measures. The CM stressed that only vaccinated and tagged cattle would be brought to cattle mark..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China forge alliance to boost wheat seed productivity

Source: [Jamila Achakzai, The News, International](#), 2024-03-20

Islamabad: In a bid to fortify wheat seed productivity and bolster global food security, a delegation comprising five wheat experts from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and Huazhong Agricultural University (HZAU) convened in Islamabad for the "2nd China-Pakistan Joint Wheat Molecular Breeding Conference." During the conference, held at Quaid-i-Azam University, represe..... [more >>](#)

CORPORATE WINDOW: The potential of Chinese EVs

Source: [Nasir Jamal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has conferred military awards upon 42 officers of the armed forces, according to a statement issued by the Presidency. A presidential investiture ceremony was held at the Aiwan-i-Sadr on Sunday in connection with Pakistan Day. The ceremony was attended by senior armed forces officers, government officials, and families of the award recipients. The recipi..... [more >>](#)

Security reasons: Chinese company suspends work on power project

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-03-28

HARIPUR: A Chinese construction company working on the Tarbela-5th Extension Hydropower Project in Haripur has suspended activities and laid off workers for security reasons, sources said on Wednesday. The decision was conveyed to office staff and site workers through an "Office Order" issued on Tuesday from the Power Construction Corporation China Ltd (PCCCL) after Tuesday's su..... [more >>](#)

Chinese companies suspend work on Dasu, Diamer-Bhasha dams

Source: [Arshad Aziz Malik, The News, International](#), 2024-03-29

PESHAWAR: After Tarbela Dam, Chinese companies have also suspended civil work on the Dasu and Diamer-Bhasha Dams. Approximately, 991 Chinese engineers working on both projects have stopped operations. Local staff of both projects have been directed to stay home till further orders. However, the Chinese engineers are still working on the Mohmand Dam in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Five Chinese engineers w..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

IMF assured: No more funds for CPEC

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund that it does not plan to allocate additional budget to settle the Rs493 billion dues of Chinese power plants. The global lender is also questioning the efficacy of the power sector's anti-theft campaign. The government also faced questions about a record Rs7 per unit increase in electricity prices in March due to the energy mi..... [more >>](#)

CPEC turnaround: how realistic is goal?

Source: [Farhat Ali, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

President Xi Jinping of China in a congratulatory message to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif stressed that "China and Pakistan should continue their traditional friendship, strengthen exchanges and cooperation in all fields, jointly build an upgraded version of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), continue to deepen the China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and b..... [more >>](#)

Chinese diplomat says work on CPEC phase-II being acceleratedSource: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-17

LAHORE: China is expediting work on CPEC phase-II to materialise the dream of a shared future in the new era for the benefit of the two nations, says Chinese Consul General in Lahore Zhao Shiren. "Pakistan and China are all-weather strategic cooperative partners, and Beijing hopes to work with Islamabad to reach new heights of iron-clad friendship," Mr Zhao said at an Iftar dinner hos..... [more >>](#)

Chinese ambassador meets Aurangzeb; CPEC's next phase to focus on monetisation of earlier gainsSource: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong called on Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb to discuss key matters pertaining to economic cooperation and bilateral relations between Pakistan and China, at the Finance Division, Tuesday, said a press release. The Ambassador of China extended felicitations to Aurangzeb upon his appointment as federal minister for finance and revenue and expressed [more >>](#)

CPEC brings opportunities to Balochistan: PCJCCISource: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

LAHORE: In a press statement released on Wednesday, Moazzam Ghurki, President of the Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI), highlighted the significant opportunities that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will bring to Balochistan. Ghurki emphasised that regional countries, especially Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, will utilise the corridor for exports and trade thr..... [more >>](#)

CPEC pivotal for development in Balochistan: PCJCCISource: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

LAHORE - Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki said on Wednesday that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would bring enormous opportunities to Balochistan and ensure modern development there. Speaking in a think-tank session here at PCJCCI Secretariat, he added that the regional countries, especially Tajikistan and Uzbekist..... [more >>](#)

'CPEC boosts Balochistan trade'Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-03-21

LAHORE: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will bring enormous opportunities to Balochistan as the regional countries, especially Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, will use the corridor for exports and trade through Gwadar port, experts said on Wednesday. President Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) Moazzam Ghurki during a think tank meeting observed that that CPEC is a [more >>](#)

China Pakistan Economic Corridor; Tarar for creating mechanism to deal with 'fake news'Source: [Nuzhat Nazar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Thursday stressed to make a mechanism at the government-to-government and media-to-media level to counter fake news regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). During a meeting with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Jiang Zaidong, Attaullah Tarar said a close and sustainable partne..... [more >>](#)

Security pledges for workers as CPEC set to expandSource: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday assured Chinese workers of top-level security as it pushed for the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) through the launch of five special industrial zones. At a meeting with the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, Planning and Development Minister Ahsan Iqbal assured the Chinese side that Pakistan had made significant efforts to s..... [more >>](#)

Phase 2 of CPEC accelerated with new economic corridors

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China intensified efforts on Friday to establish a Working Group on five new economic corridors under the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), aligning with the 5Es framework prepared by the Planning Ministry. During a meeting between the Federal Minister of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, and the Chinese envoy, Jiang [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China agree to expedite CPEC Phase-2

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China agreed to expedite phase-2 of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), while deciding to establish a working group on five new economic corridors, including 'Corridor of Job Creation, Corridor of Innovation, Corridor of Green Energy, and Inclusive Regional Development'. Pakistan and China intensified efforts to establish a Working Group on five ne..... [more >>](#)

Ataullah Tarar for devising mechanism to counter fake news regarding CPEC

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-22

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CPEC-2

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

It is a good beginning that CPEC-2 is in the taxiing phase. The lifeline economic programme for Pakistan with a seed input of around \$60 billion is a game-changer, and it is a good omen that is coming full circle despite regional and international estrangements. The decision of the Planning Commission of Pakistan, in a high-powered meeting with Chinese representatives, to initiate the launch of fi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan seeks Chinese Investment in energy sector, CPEC ventures

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-27

Pakistan is actively pursuing Chinese investment opportunities to fortify bilateral ties and fuel economic growth, said Aslam Chaudhary Economic Minister here at the Pakistani Embassy. Addressing a seminar titled "CPEC and Trade & Investment Opportunities in Pakistan" at the China International Petroleum & Petrochemical Technology and Equipment Exhibition (CIPPE), Aslam Chaudha..... [more >>](#)

Ata Tarar calls for mechanism to counter fake news about CPEC

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

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Bisham terror attack won't impact CPEC, says FO

Source: [Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Thursday said that the recent Bisham attack would not impact the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other aspects of bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan. Re-emphasising both countries' commitment to their strategic partnership and ongoing projects and highlighting the resilience of their collaboration, FO spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Bal..... [more >>](#)

Coal shortage period; Chinese may be allowed to declare OFME

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to allow Chinese coal power plants to declare coal shortage period as Other Force Majeure Event (OFME) in line with settlement done in the past with other IPPs facing fuel shortages, well-informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder. This understanding, sources said, will be part of minutes of next Energy Planning Expert Panel (EPEP) of China Pakistan Ec..... [more >>](#)

Minister urges speedy work on Gwadar plant

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal directed the authorities concerned on Tuesday to expedite the construction work on the Gwadar Power Plant. The minister issued these directives while chairing a meeting to review the progress of the Gwadar Power Plant. The meeting was attended by ministry officials, the Managing Director of the Private Po..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

Pakistan's Historic Lunar Mission With China's Change'E 6

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-25

Institute of Space Technology (IST) faculty and students with collaboration of Pakistan National Space Agency SUPARCO, Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO) and China's Shanghai Jio Tong University has successfully designed and developed Lunar CubeSat named ICUBE-Qamar. ICUBE-Qamar orbiter carries two optical cameras to image lunar surface. Following successful qualification a..... [more >>](#)

Pak, Chinese vocational institutions sign collaboration accord

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

ISLAMABAD - The collaboration between China and Pakistan would further increase in the days to come as China's Yantai Vocational College (YOC), Chinese logistics firm Sino Mall (Pvt) Ltd., and Government Monotechnique Institute, Mehrabpur, Sindh have signed a framework agreement to co-construct BanMo College in Pakistan. In this connection, the Ban Mo College signing, unveili..... [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

China's technological reforms inspiring in digital realm: expert

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-30

Islamabad: China's technological reforms inspiring in digital realm, said Sohail Sarwar, who has worked with major Chinese IT and Telecom companies. China's digital practices have far-reaching implications, both domestically and internationally. The speed and scale of its digital ecosystem and innovations are reshaping global business practices. Foreign experts witnessing China'..... [more >>](#)

BRICS: A New World Order in the Pipeline

Source: [Hyder Abbasi](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-28

BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, the latter being the most recent addition to this international forum in 2010. Established in 2009, its name or acronym was coined by Goldman Sachs, an economist. The purpose of this bloc is to gather the top developing countries under an umbrella to highlight economic issues faced by the South Asian regions. Moreover, there is a pe..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

SDPI Articles

Beyond the digital shift

Source: Dr Muhammad Usman & Abdullah Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-24

At the heart of the bustling digital marketplace, a significant transformation is under way, heralding the dawn of a new era in Pakistan's export-oriented IT and IT Enabled Services sectors, including the flourishing freelance economy. This evolution, driven by generative artificial intelligence, promises a future brimming with boundless potential..... [more >>](#)

Transforming Taxation in Pakistan, Integrating the Transport Sector into Tajir Dost Tax Scheme

Source: Rana Irfan Rafi, [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2024-03-28

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) recently introduced the Tajir Dost Tax Scheme, aimed at incentivizing tax compliance among retailers. This initiative represents a significant milestone in Pakistan's efforts to modernize tax administration and expand the tax base. A year ago, I wrote an article titled "Trade Policy and Tax Reform Policy," which was published in newspapers. In..... [more >>](#)

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The food systems challenge

Source: Rabia Tabassum & Faiz Rasul & Salah Ud Din Yousaf, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-31

The agriculture sector in Pakistan is the primary employer for approximately 37.4 percent of the country's labour force, contributing about 22.9 percent to the GDP. It is also the biggest driver of greenhouse gas emissions in Pakistan accounting for 41 percent of the total (second only to energy at 44 percent). Despite this significant role, Pa..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related Articles

SDPI's initiative: A Sustainable Future for Pakistan's Brick Kilns

Source: Engr Asghar Hayat, [Daily Parliament Times](#), 2024-03-16

While traditional brick kilns have long been synonymous with air pollution in Pakistan's urban centers, recent initiatives spearheaded by the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) have heralded a new era of environmental consciousness. In Islamabad, the capital city, the conversion of 49 out of 63 conventional brick kilns to environmentally friendly zigzag technology represents [more >>](#)

Child marriages perpetuate poverty

Source: [Wajiha Hyder](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-17

Shaista* was 10 when she was married to a man more than 25 years older than her. He was a labourer. Now 23, she is a mother of four. Her husband has a cataract and can no longer work. She has been working as an ayah (helper) at a school, but that was never enough to cover even their house rent. Things got worse a few months ago when their landlord asked them to vacate the house. "I never [more >>](#)

Analysts predict Pakistan to request \$8 billion IMF bailout following successful loan conclusion

Source: [Khurshid Ahmed](#), [Arab News](#), 2024-03-20

KARACHI: With Pakistan expressing interest in a bigger International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout program following the successful completion of a short-term loan facility, independent financial experts believe the South Asian state could follow in the footsteps of Egypt by seeking about \$8 billion in the coming days. Earlier this month, Egypt signed an expanded \$8 billion program with the IMF in [more >>](#)

'Difficult, but necessary': analysts weigh in on future with IMF

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In a key development on Wednesday, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reached a staff-level agreement with the Pakistani authorities for the final review of the \$3 billion Stand-By Arrangement (SBA). The agreement, contingent upon the IMF's Executive Board approval, will make the remaining \$1.1 billion available for Pakistan, the lender said in a statement. The development, although..... [more >>](#)

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Taxation stands as the cornerstone of economic development in any nation, providing the essential financial resources for public services, infrastructure, and societal advancement. In countries like Pakistan, however, the tax system faces numerous challenges, particularly concerning taxes for merchants. Despite taxation being a national duty, there are significant gaps in revenue collection due to..... [more >>](#)

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