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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).

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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

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

BRI projects to be revived: Iqbal

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-29

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said on Tuesday that the government was hopeful about injecting some fresh momentum into projects that fell under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), as it tried to boost the country's troubled economy. "The government is looking forward to forming joint ventures for renewable energy p..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

Regionalism: vanguard of alternative world order

Source: [Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-19

On 16 May, President Vladimir Putin went on a state visit to China. This was his first Chinese visit after taking over as President for his fifth term in Russia. Both Russia and China are celebrating 75th anniversary of their diplomatic ties this year. Both leaders have met each other many times and are taking the Russia-China relationship to a new level. This friendly relation between the two coun..... [more >>](#)

Is US-China trade war sustainable?

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-20

KARACHI: The new tariffs regime on Chinese-made electric cars, solar panels, steel, and other goods, being escalated by US President Joe Biden, could potentially have profound effects on the US economy and its citizens. According to the White House, measures were implemented to safeguard US jobs, though China's potential reactions to these increases remain a concern. "Imposing new ta..... [more >>](#)

IP Rights: A Threat to Innovation

Source: [Abu Hurrairah Abbasi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-25

The United States and China are currently in a rivalry to establish themselves as leaders in technology and innovation. Both countries are making substantial expenditures in their domestic innovation systems while also attempting to weaken the other countries' innovation systems. As the competition becomes more intense, several policymakers and observers are engrossed in the detailed progres..... [more >>](#)

Tightening embrace

Source: [Maleeha Lodhi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-27

WITH election politics dictating current US foreign policy moves, Washington's actions are driving China and Russia much closer in a strengthened strategic partnership. The unintended consequences of American policies were laid bare by the outcome of the recent meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Beijing. This was Putin's first overse..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

Chinese urged to set up labour intensive industry in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-17

BEIJING: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Thursday the government under its economic reforms agenda offers attractive incentives for investment and asked the Chinese entrepreneurs to take advantage

of the friendly policies and set up labour intensive industry in Pakistan. “The labour cost is very competitive and much less as compared to the current labour cost [more >>](#)

China's Economy Remains Stable

Source: [Aslam Javed](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-25

China's economic resilience, marked by a stable uptick in key indicators in April, reflects a consistent recovery trajectory despite global and domestic challenges. Data released from the National Bureau of Statistics on May 17 suggests that the world's second-largest economy is tackling headwinds with measured but steady growth. With improvements across key metrics such as industry, e..... [more >>](#)

The claim of China's 'overcapacity' is a fallacy

Source: [Yang Yundong](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-27

Recently, the United States and other Western countries have been incessantly hyping the so-called “overcapacity leading to unfair competition” in China's new energy sector. They malign the export of China's “new three” products — new energy vehicles, lithium batteries, and photovoltaic products — as a threat to the development of other countries&rsq..... [more >>](#)

Governance / Trade & Services

Pak-China law firms to jointly foster legal connectivity

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-30

LAHORE: In the backdrop of blazing the trail of Pak-China legal cooperation, first ever China-funded law enterprise 'Zao Law Firm' has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pakistan's Think Tank Institute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR). According to a press release issued on Wednesday, the MoU has marked an opening of new window of Sino-Pak t..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

New Development Brings New Opportunities And Resolves New Challenges

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-16

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and is a critical year for achieving the goals and tasks of China's 14th Five-Year Plan. Facing a new wave of technological revolution and industrial transformation, we adhere to the path of Chinese-style modernization, comprehensively promote highquality development, accelerate the development of ne..... [more >>](#)

Chinese company releases fish on Biological Diversity Day

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-25

Islamabad: To mark the International Day for Biological Diversity, China Three Gorges Asia Africa Ltd. (CTGAAL) released 3,500 endangered Mahseer fingerlings into the waters at the Karot Hydro Power Project (KHPP). The fish stocking was carried out under the Karot Biodiversity Management Plan at the Karot camp site. The event, organised by CTGAAL at KHPP, was attended by government officials fr..... [more >>](#)

China renews support to Pak integrity, sovereignty

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-17

ISLAMABAD: China has once again reiterated its steadfast support to Pakistan in safeguarding its sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity. The Chinese side has recognised Pakistan's contributions and sacrifices in combating terrorism over the years and both sides have called upon the international community to strengthen the counter-terrorism cooperation and expressed the..... [more >>](#)

Working Together for a Shared Future

Source: [Zhao Shiren - Chinese Consul General Lahore](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-21

Pakistan is the first country in the Muslim world to formally recognize and officially establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China on 21 May 1951. The 1.4 billion Chinese people will never ever forget this. Under the able leadership of generations of both countries, China and Pakistan have been standing by each other while navigating the vicissitudes of the international..... [more >>](#)

'Pak-China ties transformed into pragmatic cooperation'

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-22

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jian Zaidong has said that the all-weather Sino-Pak friendship has transformed into a pragmatic cooperation, injecting inexhaustible impetus into the building of a community with a shared future. He was addressing a huge gathering here Tuesday at the Pakistan-China Friendship Centre to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between..... [more >>](#)

PM reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to 'One China' policy

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-26

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif says Pakistan adheres to 'One China' policy, regards Taiwan as an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China and supports the Chinese government's efforts for national reunification. In a post on social media platform X on Sunday, he said as an iron-brother and a strategic partner of China, Pakistan has always extended its principled [more >>](#)

Beijing 'supports' Bisham attack probe findings

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-28

CHINA has backed Pakistan's probe into the March 26 suicide attack on its engineers in Bisham, saying eliminating terrorism is in the "interest of all countries", the Xinhua news agency reported on Monday. The Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson's response came a day after Pakistan pinned the attack's responsibility on the leadership of the banned Tehreek-i-Talib..... [more >>](#)

Beijing asks Islamabad to launch another 'Zarb-e-Azb'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-29

ISLAMABAD: Beijing has reportedly asked Islamabad to launch another Zarb-e-Azb against terrorists including Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) to crush them once and for all. It also asked Islamabad to improve forex reserves, clear payments of IPPs and launch ML-1 in a phased manner on pilot basis and sort out concerns of Chinese financial institutions, well-informed sources in Ministry of Planning..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Envoy invites foreign firms to invest in tech zones

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-26

BEIJING: Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi briefed Chinese and international enterprises and entrepreneurs about the lucrative incentives being offered by Islamabad and invited them to invest in the National Aerospace Science and Technology Parks as well as in the thriving unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) sector. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 8th Drone World Congress [more >>](#)

PM for preparing new cooperation projects with China

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-29

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the ministries to prepare new cooperation projects between Pakistan and China and take steps to increase business-to-business ties. The premier directed this while chairing a review meeting to increase cooperation between Pakistan and China in various fields on Tuesday. The meeting was presented proposals by various federal ministries with..... [more >>](#)

CDWP clears Rs567bn Karakoram road project

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-31

ISLAMABAD: Ahead of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China next week, Pakistan cleared construction of about 241 km of the high-altitude Karakoram Highway at an estimated cost of Rs567.5bn (approximately \$2bn) to be funded through a 'Chinese soft loan'. This was one of the Rs609.45bn worth of two infrastructure projects the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) reco..... [more >>](#)

New air cargo route inaugurated

Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-31

GUIYANG: A new air cargo route was inaugurated on May 28, linking Guizhou, China with Karachi, Pakistan. The route was launched with the departure of an all-cargo plane carrying 6 tonnes of freight, including clothing, electronics, and various commodities, from Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou. After nearly six hours of flight time, the plane arrived in Karachi. It will return to Guiyang loaded wi..... [more >>](#)

Mining sector: Chinese firm assured of investment facilitation

Source: [NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) apex committee on Saturday assured a Chinese firm of providing facilitation for investment in the mining sector. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired the meeting, attended by the four chief ministers, information minister, finance minister, interior minister and defence minister. The committee expressed interest in increasing inve..... [more >>](#)

'Chinese model offers new opportunities for Pakistan'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid, The News, International](#), 2024-05-17

Islamabad: China is ready to work with Pakistan to implement the important consensus reached by leaders of the two countries, said Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong. Mr Jiang was addressing a symposium on "Transformation of China's economy to high quality development model organised here by Institute of Regional Studies (IRS). Mr Jiang observed that the keenness on Pakistan's side..... [more >>](#)

PM invites Chinese textile firms to Pakistan

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-29

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, assuring all-out facilitation by his government, invited Chinese companies, particularly those in the textile sector, to establish their industry in Pakistan. The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the promotion of Pakistan-China cooperation, highlighted that China is a key partner in Pakistan's development. Pakistan aims to enhance coop..... [more >>](#)

Minister seeks Chinese investment in solar energy sector

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-05-22

LAHORE: Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain has said a garment city is being set up near Lahore. The minister said this while having a meeting with Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren at the Chinese Consulate. Investment of Chinese companies in Punjab, security of Chinese and increasing economic cooperation were discussed. During the meeting, it was agreed to increase coop..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan plans to get tenor of \$15.36bn Chinese IPPs debt extended

Source: [Meer Muhammad Parihar, The News, International](#), 2024-05-17

ISLAMABAD: With the arrival of an IMF team to gauge Islamabad's capability to repay the escalating debt, Pakistan is contemplating options to seek a 5-year extension in the tenor of Chinese IPPs' outstanding debt of \$15.36 billion. The consent of the Chinese government as well as its IPPs operating in the country is mandatory to alter the existing contracts, which might require long n..... [more >>](#)

Chinese companies keen to invest in Pakistan Refinery Ltd's upgrade, expansion

Source: [Shahid Iqbal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-23

KARACHI: Chinese companies have expressed keen interest in expanding and upgrading Pakistan Refinery Ltd (PRL), which presents a significant opportunity. PRL expressed its excitement about the development in a notice to the Pakistan Stock Exchange on Wednesday. "In a significant step towards enhancing Pakistan's refining capabilities, PRL senior management recently visited China to [more >>](#)

JCC doesn't take up plea for hiking tenor of Chinese IPPs \$15.4bn debt

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2024-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Amid the sharing of messages by the Chief Ministers of three provinces, except CM Punjab Maryam, Nawaz, the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) under the CPEC did not take up any request for increasing the tenor of Chinese IPPs debt of \$15.4 billion. The Ministry of Power had prepared some proposals and consulted with the relevant ministries but it was not presented before the 13th JCC m..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Bridging economies: benefits of Islamic finance for CPEC

Source: [Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-27

KARACHI: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) stands as a testament to the evolving landscape of international trade and economic cooperation. Spanning infrastructure projects, energy ventures, and economic zones, CPEC aims to bolster connectivity and development between China and Pakistan, while also potentially benefiting neighbouring regions. It is predicted that CPEC will result in th..... [more >>](#)

In talks with Dar, China vows to 'upgrade' CPEC

Source: [Monitoring Desk | Agencies, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-16

BEIJING: China is ready to work with Pakistan to develop an "upgraded version" of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Pakistani counterpart on Wednesday. In talks with Ishaq Dar, Pakistan's new deputy prime minister, Wang hailed the "ironclad" relationship between the neighbouring countries and pledged to adva..... [more >>](#)

'Upgraded' version of CPEC; China ready to work with Pakistan

Source: [Web Desk, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-16

BEIJING: China is ready to pool efforts with Pakistan to promote an "upgraded version" of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), foreign minister Wang Yi said on Wednesday, according to his ministry. Wang met with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Beijing on Wednesday. Reuters OUR REPORTER ADDS FROM ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have renew..... [more >>](#)

CPEC upgradation

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-17

Pakistan and China did some course correction on CPEC, and resolved to take it to new heights. The unflinching understanding to make the project of connectivity and development a success was at the centre of parleys between

the foreign ministers of the two countries. Keeping in view the upheavals that they have faced at the hands of non-state actors, and a regressive mode that had incidentally set..... [more >>](#)

CPEC phase-II to begin soon, says Chinese diplomat

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-21

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren announced that the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project will commence soon, promising prosperity for the region. He made this statement while addressing the national conference on '73 Years of Pak-China Diplomatic Relations: Achievements and Way Forward,' organised by Punjab University's School of Commun..... [more >>](#)

CPEC's joint committee meets virtually today

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-24

ISLAMABAD: China and Pakistan will hold 13th Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) virtually today (Friday) in the run-up to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's first visit to China after coming to power early this year. Pakistan is pushing for expediting approval of financing for development of \$6.7bn Main Line-1 (ML-1), notwithstanding internal oppo..... [more >>](#)

Third-party projects under CPEC; PM orders MoFA to finalise modalities in a week

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has given one week to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) to finalize the modalities for third party projects under the umbrella of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) aimed at allowing investment from other countries, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The Prime Minister who is scheduled to visit China during first week of June 2024, ie,..... [more >>](#)

PM to visit China in June to join formal launch of CPEC-II

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will visit China in the first week of next month to join formal launching of the second phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC-II). A source in the Prime Minister's Office told Dawn that PM Shehbaz was scheduled to leave for China on June 4, but the date of visit could slightly be changed. Infrastructure and energy projects were part of..... [more >>](#)

CPEC Phase-II; Govt making full preparations, says PM

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the government is making full preparations regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)-II and the focus of his upcoming visit to China will be CPEC-II and further promotion of economic relations between Pakistan and China. The prime minister stated this while talking to a delegation of the representatives of Chinese companies in Pak..... [more >>](#)

PM says CPEC-II will be focus of his China visit

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-25

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif says the security and safety of Chinese citizens is the top priority of his government. While talking to a delegation of representatives from Chinese companies in Pakistan, who called on him in Islamabad on Friday, he said all possible steps are being taken to provide foolproof security to Chinese citizens. The prime minister encouraged the Chinese comp..... [more >>](#)

Balochistan to set up panel on CPEC

Source: [Saleem Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-28

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly on Monday passed a resolution to form a special committee of the house to look into issues related to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib presented the resolution during the assembly session for establishing the special committee on CPEC in the assembly, which was adopted by the house with consensus. S..... [more >>](#)

The great CPEC mirage

Source: [Khurram Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-30

IF you think China is gearing up for another round of massive business investments in Pakistan then I have a power plant to sell you. No such thing is about to happen and all the noise around a revival of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is either wishful thinking (at best) or a way to camouflage what really is going on. Here is one way of knowing that CPEC is not on the cusp of a ma..... [more >>](#)

Govt clears \$2b CPEC road project

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-31

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday approved the construction of another road project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) at a cost of \$2 billion, paving the way for the signing of its framework agreement during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing next week. The Central Development Working Party (CDWP), the body mandated to recommend mega schemes for higher for..... [more >>](#)

Who will help find a solution?

Source: [Shafqat Mahmood](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-22

It is difficult to pick positives, though the stock market thinks otherwise. Those astute heads putting their money on the line are breaking new records daily. Obviously, they think an IMF deal is certain as are Saudi investments. CPEC may yet not be the shining star it was meant to be but the investors have not lost hope. Positive spins on Dar's journey to Beijing may be the usual drum beat..... [more >>](#)

Poor rating mars \$3.5b debt plan Govt needs funds for Basha dam, once again wants to include it in CPEC

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-30

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan's junk credit rating becomes a hurdle in the way of acquiring \$3.5 billion in debt for the Diamer Bhasha dam project, the government has decided to simultaneously try to sell its stake in another power project and convince Beijing to make the scheme part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) – the spon..... [more >>](#)

Making PM's visit to China successful

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-27

ISLAMABAD: A few days ago, the deputy prime minister and planning minister of Pakistan visited China. The planning minister was in China to discuss the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) agenda and explore options for further enhancing cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. The deputy PM engaged with the Chinese leadership to discuss the future course of cooperat..... [more >>](#)

PU holds seminar on CPEC importance

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-19

LAHORE: Punjab University Pakistan Study Centre (PSC) organised an international symposium on "CPEC and Regional Dynamics". Dr Agnieszka Nitza-Makowska, Dr Kerry Longhurst from Poland, Dr Iram Naseer of FC College University Lahore, Former Dean Faculty of Arts & Humanities Prof Dr M Iqbal Chawla, Director PSC Prof Dr Naumana Kiran, faculty members and students were also present. [more >>](#)

PM for dam's inclusion in CPEC

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has once again decided to seek Chinese interest in the multi-billion-dollar Diamer Bhasha dam project, which is facing a \$3.5 billion financing gap—a move that indicates Saudi Arabia has not selected the project for its investment. Government sources told The Express Tribune that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has instructed the Ministry of Planning to make the Diamer Ba..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet for resolving CPEC SEZ issues

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The cabinet has directed the ministries concerned to resolve the issues of dividends, revolving fund and taxation pertaining to the CPEC Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as a positive signal before the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China. Sources told The Express Tribune that the cabinet in a recent meeting directed the CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) Secreta..... [more >>](#)

Interview: Green China-Pakistan Economic Corridor shows China's eco-friendly vision, says Pakistani expert

Source: [Xinhua / Ali Jaswal, Xinhuanet](#), 2024-05-28

ISLAMABAD, May 28 (Xinhua) -- The building of a green China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) demonstrates China's vision of aligning development with eco-friendly initiatives, a Pakistani environmentalist has said. The China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative envisions green development, and similarly, its flagship project CPEC is following the same methodology, Zainab Naeem, head of Ecologic..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Agreement signed for Sino-Pak tech education collaboration

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-21

JARANWALA: Jiangxi Vocational Technical College of Industry and Trade, China; University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF); and Tang Chinese Education and Technology Ltd have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish the CCTE Modern SINO-PAK Dual Diploma Joint Technical Education Programme. The MoU was signed by UAF Vice Chancellor Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan, Wan Xiaobo, Party Secretary..... [more >>](#)

AIERD, Arid University launch China fellowship

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2024-05-26

Islamabad: The Asian Institute of Eco-civilisation Research and Development (AIERD), in collaboration with Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University has launched the Understanding China Fellowship Programme 2024 for the youth intending and aspiring to understand China. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), AIERD, Shakeel Ahmed Ramay told APP that under the fellowship experts on China from Pakista..... [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

PM seeks Chinese expertise to promote IT industry, boost exports

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2024-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that Pakistan wanted to benefit from the Chinese experiences to promote its Information Technology sector and boost exports. He was talking to a delegation of the representatives of the Chinese companies which called on him at the PM House. The prime minister, while welcoming the delegation, said China and Pakistan enjoyed long-standing bro..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Roundtable

Govt urged to devise viable solar energy policy

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#) , [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar, Friday, while urging the government to devise viable solar energy policy have warned that the floodgates have already opened, and no one can stop the roll out of solar technology. They were speaking at a conference titled, "Solar Net Metering Conundrum: Adapting Solar Net Metering to Evolving Market Dynamics in Pakistan", organised by the Sustainabl..... [more >>](#)

Holistic policy revamp urgent for promoting solar energy as cheapest power resource: Experts

Source: [APP](#) , [Associated Press of Pakistan](#) , 2024-05-17

ISLAMABAD, May 17 (APP): The experts at a roundtable on solar net metering challenge on Friday demanded a holistic revamp of existing policy as an urgent measure for promoting solar energy as a cheapest power resource amid growing energy demand. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Energy Update organized the roundtable discussion on "Solar Net Metering Conundrum: Adapting Solar..... [more >>](#)

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'Solar net metering policy needs revamp' Experts say at a roundtable discussion related to recent talks about solar power policy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-05-18

Experts on power and environmental policy gathered at a roundtable to discuss the solar net metering challenge in light of talks to overhaul the existing net metering policy. Policy researchers and advisors, at the discussion organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Energy Update demanded a holistic revamp of existing policy as an urgent measure for promoting solar..... [more >>](#)

Green Energy Transition to help Pakistan build sustainable economy: Experts

Source: [APP](#) , [Associated Press of Pakistan](#) , 2024-05-23

ISLAMABAD, May 22 (APP): The experts at the Green Financing Summit held here on Wednesday underscored the need for Pakistan to embrace a paradigm shift in its policy to achieve renewable energy transition through subsidized energy frameworks helping to achieve a sustainable economy. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) under its Network for Clean Energy Transition organized the virt..... [more >>](#)

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Experts for paradigm policy shift for RE transition, subsidized energy frameworks

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-05-23

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SDPI, Energy Update joint seminar on Solar Net metering

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Experts stress Net metering regime should assist Pakistan in rapidly achieving its clean energy transition goals. The experts at a roundtable on solar net metering challenge on Friday demanded a holistic revamp of existing policy as an urgent measure for promoting solar energy as the cheapest power resource amid growing energy demand. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Energy Update j..... [more >>](#)

Promoting solar energy through holistic policy

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-18

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has said despite the government's repeated assurances of no taxation on solar panels and reversing net-metering formula, it is pertinent to work out research-based solutions to the problem that had stirred debate in the concerned quarters. Dr Suleri was giving opening remarks at a roundtabl..... [more >>](#)

Experts call cap on solar energy 'insane'

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-21

ISLAMABAD: While criticising the government for reversal of its net metering policy, energy experts have described the move to limit the rollout of solar energy as "insane". Speaking at a roundtable on solar net metering, the experts demanded an urgent holistic revamp of the existing policy for promoting solar energy as the cheapest electricity resource amid growing consumer demand. [more >>](#)

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Dialogue News

Experts call for fair turnover tax policies for steel sector

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-22

ISLAMABAD: Tax experts and representatives of the steel industry have stressed the need to end discrimination in turnover tax levies across industries. They argue for the rationalisation of turnover tax rates and an extension of the adjustment period to 10 years or more. These demands arose during a public-private dialogue organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in collaboration..... [more >>](#)

Rationalisation of tax policy frameworks imperative to give breathing space to steel sector

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Serving digitally

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PAKISTAN's digital landscape is undergoing a seismic shift. From vibrant, swarming urban tech hubs to remote villages buzzing with mobile internet connectivity, a digital revolution is reshaping the nation. Yet, its potential to empower local governance remains largely untapped. While federal and provincial governments have embarked on ambitious digital initiatives, true transformation lies [more >>](#)

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Violence against children includes physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children under the age of 18, and boys and girls are at an equal risk of such assaults. Previously, the main culprits in child abuse cases were usually close aides and relatives, but with the rising use of the internet, this menace has become more systematic and horrific. Among the many perils facing children in Pakistan,..... [more >>](#)

Sustainable development through intelligent tools

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The fourth industrial revolution brought about fundamental changes to how people are expected to live and work. The world has seen rapid shifts in trends and the widespread adoption of artificial intelligence is an important aspect in this regard. Many tasks that had previously been carried out by humans are now being automated by the AI in developed..... [more >>](#)

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Exit from Pakistan? – You are Welcome!

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-05-31

A direct quote from the market screener reveals, "Pakistan Tobacco Company Limited reported earnings results for the full year ended December 31, 2023. For the full year, the company reported sales was PKR 315,844.42 million compared to PKR 232,600.28 million a year ago. Revenue was PKR 109,932.87 million compared to PKR 94,862.24 million a year ago. Net income was PKR 28,959.66 million com..... [more >>](#)

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Ethnic cohesion and development

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Ethnic fragmentation is defined as the probability that two randomly selected people in a country will belong to two different ethnic groups (such as Baloch or Pashtun). Sovereign nation states can be viewed as natural (homogeneous ethnicity) or constructed (many ethnicities). Most low and low-middle-income countries (L/LMICs) are constructed nations because of their colonial history. While depar..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan moves to expand trade in region

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-27

Pakistan has decided to establish nine new trade missions in Asia, Africa and Europe in order to expand its trade and bolster the export economy. The country's particular focus is on the neighboring countries due to their proximity and cultural affinity, reports WealthPK. By prioritizing trade expansion within the region, Pakistan aims to tap into the immense potential of intra-Asian trade [more >>](#)

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OICCI and Shell Pakistan's Energy Symposium, leading experts convene in Islamabad

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-23

ISLAMABAD - Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI), and Shell Pakistan Limited jointly hosted the Pakistan Energy Symposium. Organized by the Nutshell Group, the significant event took place at a local hotel of federal capital on Wednesday. The Pakistan Energy Symposium - 'Powering the Future' brought together public stakeholders, policymakers, thought leaders, [more >>](#)

Engaging the ignored

Source: [Jawaid Bokhari](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-27

Sindh is trying to improve its governance and public service delivery through interactive sessions of provincial cabinet members and senior officials with PPP workers and local council (UC) representatives chaired by the chief minister. The usual pre-budget consultations with various stakeholders such as trade, industry, and big farmers' organisations have been extended to the grassroots [more >>](#)

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Political stability a must for growth

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LAHORE: In recent years, political stability has emerged as a cornerstone of economic prosperity in Pakistan, a highly challenging task for politicians to salvage the country's economy. Of course, this needs a greater understanding, especially of national issues, by the political allies and opponents to serve the ultimate purpose, ie, progress of the country and its population. The 2024 g..... [more >>](#)

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Experts demand govt to take steps to generate revenue from untaxed sectors

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Farmers propose ‘fixed tax regime’ for agri sector

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ISLAMABAD: The representatives of farmers proposed a “fixed tax regime” for the agriculture sector with documentation of the supply chain within the said sector in coming budget (2024-25). The views were shared by farmers’ representatives during consultative discussion titled “Pre-Budget Seminar: Tax Reforms in Agriculture, Retail and Real Estate Sectors” organized b..... [more >>](#)

Viable policy coordination crucial for next phase of CPEC, moot told

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ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar while spelling out critical steps for the completion of the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have said that viable policy coordination, system connectivity, financial integration and people-to-people contacts will be crucial to implement next phase of the CPEC. They said this here on Wednesday while speaking at a seminar titled, “R..... [more >>](#)

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Special Discussion

74pc of population can't afford healthy diet owing to increased cost

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ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar while calling for revisiting the National Food Security Policy of the country have said that around 74 percent of the population could not afford a healthy diet owing to the increased cost of a healthy diet. Speaking at the event titled, "Reviewing Pakistan's Food Security Policy Amidst Climate Change and Nutrition Situation" organised by the Sus..... [more >>](#)

Experts stress on reviewing National Food Security Policy with focus on malnutrition, women in agriculture

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The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) organised a consultative discussion titled “Reviewing Pakistan’s Food Security Policy Amidst Climate Change and Nutrition Situation” to stir discourse on shortcomings in the existing policy and way forward for enhanced food security and climate resilience here on Thursday. In h..... [more >>](#)

SDPI organizes discussion for protecting children from tobacco industry

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ISLAMABAD, May 19 (DNA): Rolling in from Islamabad, on May 19, Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, the Joint Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), gave a shoutout to the potential of kicking trans fats to the curb and whipping up some healthier grub for folks in Pakistan. He was all about embracing iTFA-free alternatives and giving products a makeover to match up with changing ru..... [more >>](#)

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