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## About SDPI

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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.

## About Newsletter

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

***“China Study Centre - SDPI”***

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

### **Newspapers Covered:**

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

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

### **Subjects Covered**

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

## China Study Centre

### Economic Growth & Governance

#### China's key plenum aims to fix decades-old tax revenue imbalance

Source: Kevin Yao and Ellen Zhang, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

Long-touted changes to China's tax system will focus on allowing local governments to retain more fiscal revenues, say policy advisers, widely seen by markets as an important step towards removing an immediate threat to financial stability. Measures that redistribute income from central authorities to municipalities, curbing an addiction to land sales laid bare by China's property..... [more >>](#)

### Governance / Trade & Services

#### China to help Pakistan build capacity of law enforcement agencies

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi held an important meeting with his counterpart from the People's Republic of China (PRC), Qi Yanjun, in New York on Thursday. The meeting took place at the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. The two leaders engaged in a detailed discussion on Pakistan-China relations and security matter..... [more >>](#)

### Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

#### China and Pakistan: credibility or nihilism?

Source: Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

Ivan Turgenev is a Russian novelist, poet and dramatist who ranks as one of the towering figures of Russian literature. His novel, Father and Sons (1862), is regarded as one of the major works of 19th-century fiction. I discovered this novel when I searched for understanding the concept of nihilism and found out that the term nihilism was popularised by Ivan Turgenev and more specifically by his ch..... [more >>](#)

#### China's loud and clear message for Pakistan

Source: Kamran Yousaf, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

China has its own way of conducting diplomacy. It seldom embarrasses friends in public. No matter the gravity of the situation, Beijing's preferred method has often been working behind the scenes. Islamabad and Beijing have a long standing strategic relationship. China has always stood with Pakistan from economic crisis to troubled ties with India and so on. Under the BRI, China has pumped b..... [more >>](#)

#### How high is the Sino-Pak friendship?

Source: Shahzad Chaudhry, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

The question has been posed frequently in the last some weeks and found favour in the Indian media for obvious reasons. The two principals in Pakistan's power equation, the prime minister and the army chief, were both in China recently where they held numerous meetings with China's top leadership. The prime minister visited for an unprecedented five days. China's minister for Int..... [more >>](#)

#### The whining superpowers

Source: Imran Jan, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-20

An article published in The Diplomat claims that China had been upset with Pakistan and has downgraded Pakistan's status from "highest priority" to just "priority". Many are denying it and others are saying that indeed Pakistan has

diminished in global affairs including in the Chinese calculus. China is upset with Pakistan. Its interests are not as secure in Pakistan a..... [more >>](#)

### **Sino-Pak relations: Ahsan assails political party for carrying out 'smear' campaign**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-20

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday dispelled the impression, propagated by a political party's smear campaign on social media, that Pakistan-China relations had weakened. Addressing a press conference here, he said that for the last few days, a political party had started a campaign on social media aimed at sacrificing Pa..... [more >>](#)

### **COAS reaffirms unwavering commitment to strategic partnership with China**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-22

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff Gen Asim Munir reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the strategic partnership with China and pledged full support for the successful implementation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). He expressed the resolve during a meeting with Liu Jianchao, Minister of the Intern..... [more >>](#)

### **On same page for China**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

The political elite across the board in Pakistan took a leap forward as they rubbed shoulders to stand fast with China's vision for development. This rare gathering in Islamabad on the third meeting of the Pakistan-China Joint Consultative Mechanism (JCM) — which also had the PTI's representatives, along with a galaxy of ruling dispensation allies — sent down the message of..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese minister briefed on Bisham attack probe**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday briefed his Chinese counterpart Qi Yanjun on the progress made in the probe into the Bisham attack in which five Chinese engineers and their Pakistani driver were killed. During a meeting at the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations in New York, Mr Naqvi and Mr Qi discussed bilateral relations, security-related matters and coo..... [more >>](#)

## **Pak-China Trade**

### **China's development, dividends for Pakistan**

Source: [Zhao Shiren](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

As both China and Pakistan are celebrating their 73rd Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, and keeping in view Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's successful visit to China in early June, it is the high time to contribute to this meaningful topic of "China's peaceful development and dividends for Pakistan". The world we are living in today has too much..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan and China agree on five new corridors: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives of Pakistan, Ahsan Iqbal, affirmed that Pakistan and China have reached an agreement on the establishment of five new corridors and the implementation of modern technology in the agricultural sector. Speaking at the China-Pakistan Political Parties Forum, Iqbal stated "The new economic corridors being established under CP..... [more >>](#)

### **Master Motor, Yutong seal JV deal with MoU signing to locally assemble city buses**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-22

SHENZHEN - Master Motor Corporation and Yutong Bus Company signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a joint venture company and locally manufacture and assemble Yutong's new energy city buses in Pakistan. Yutong Master will set up a new greenfield plant for the operation and will become the first and only company to produce city buses in the country. Yutong's New Ener..... [more >>](#)

### **Meeting reviews developments on trade issues, status of B2B activities PM's recent visit to China**

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD - A high level follow-up meeting on the Prime Minister's recent visit to China on Monday reviewed the developments on bilateral trade issues and the status of B2B activities. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan and Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan. In this meeting the progress..... [more >>](#)

### **ZTE delegation calls on Minister of State for IT**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD - A delegation of tech company ZTE called on Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Monday. The matters related to smartphones manufacturing, fiberization, and skills & trainings were discussed in the meeting, said a news release. Member Telecom, MoIT, Muhammad Jahanzeb Rahim was also present in the meeting. .... [more >>](#)

### **Pak mangoes arrive in China**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-25

GUANGZHOU - Chinese consumers are able to enjoy the sweet taste of Pakistani mangoes, as 800 cartons of the prized fruit arrived in China, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. This shipment, weighing over 3 tons (3,200 kilograms), marks the latest collaboration between Zhitong Batie Ltd in Guangzhou, China and MERA P C Solutions in Pakistan. The mangoes, renowned as the "King of Fruits" i..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese industries' transfer to Pakistan: PM allows JV project**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-27

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has given approval to the joint venture project between Chinese and Pakistani companies regarding the transfer of Chinese industries to Pakistan. The approval was given by the prime minister while presiding over the important meeting on the matter pertaining to the Board of Investment (BoI) on Wednesday. He said the promotion of internal and exter..... [more >>](#)

### **New Industries**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-27

Engagements with China have been very constructive for Pakistan, and the government is eyeing Chinese investments to boost Pakistan's economy. In the latest move, the Prime Minister has signaled the relocation of Chinese industries to Pakistan, including leather, textiles, and footwear. While this is not a sudden development, it is one agreement among many that seeks to expand the already ex..... [more >>](#)

### **TAGSM of China likely to make investment**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-16

LAHORE: In a significant development for Pakistan's footwear industry, the Association of Guangdong Shoes Manufacturers, (TAGSM) of China has expressed its intention to invest billions of rupees in Pakistan's shoe industry. Suilong Liu, Chairman TAGSM visited Lahore along with 10 Chinese Delegates from 3 - 8 June 2024. PFMA host the Chinese delegation, arranged their B2B meetings ..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese industries**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

PRIME MINISTER Shehbaz Sharif appears to be pushing the rusty bureaucratic machinery hard to turn nearly three dozen MoUs, signed with Chinese companies during his recent visit to Shenzhen, into real agreements and investments. Chairing a meeting to discuss Board of Investment matters, Mr Sharif said that promoting local as well as foreign investment in Pakistan was a priority. His claim that a bu..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese company; FTO asks FBR to recover multi-million unchallenged tax demand**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) has recommended the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to recover multi-million unchallenged tax demand from a Chinese company through Embassy of China and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan. It is reliably learnt that landmark order has been issued by FTO Dr Asif Jah in a public interest complaint moved by a tax lawyer Waheed Shahbaz Butt, against the..... [more >>](#)

**Cross-party consensus backs CPEC, stronger China ties as Pakistan hosts first JCM**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

All the mainstream political parties of Pakistan on Friday displayed exemplary consensus to back the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with the leaders reiterating their unwavering commitment to further strengthen the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and China by thwarting all nefarious designs. The political consensus was shown at the CPEC Pakistan-China Political Parties Forum and ..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese auto magnate to sell EVs in Pakistan**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan is gearing up to enter a new era in automotive technology following the announcement of a partnership between HUB Power Company Limited and BYD (Build Your Dreams), a Chinese auto magnate, which signifies the introduction of electric vehicles (EVs) into the Pakistani market. According to China Economic Net (CEN), the company, through its subsidiary HUB Power Holdings Limite..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Railways partners with China to enhance fleet**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

BEIJING: With China's cooperation, 820 new wagons will integrate into Pakistan Railways' system by the end of the fiscal year 2025-26. "The cooperation reflects Pakistan Railways' dedication to modernisation and efficiency, setting a new standard in the country's transportation sector," Xinhua reported, quoting a statement issued by Pakistan Railways. Last ..... [more >>](#)

**ECNEC postpones \$6.7b ML-I project**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, on Saturday, deferred approval for the \$6.7 billion Mainline-I (ML-I) project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), opting instead to sanction two other Chinese-funded schemes: building a new airport in Gwadar and completing a missing road link with multibillion-dollar investments. The decisions were made during a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National E..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&amp;R +CPEC

**Upgrading CPEC**

Source: [Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-06-16

PRIME MINISTER Shehbaz Sharif recently visited China to further strengthen the 'Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership'. Besides a three-hour meeting with President Xi Jinping and another one with

Premier Li Qiang, dozens of MoUs and agreements were signed. A joint statement described the bilateral relationship “as unshakable as a mountain”, &ldqu..... [more >>](#)

### **COAS Munir pledges full support for successful implementation of CPEC**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

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### **All political parties back CPEC, call it game changer**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman declared that there is a national consensus on CPEC in Pakistan. Addressing the Pakistan-China joint consultative session, Maulana remarked that China always unconditionally supported Pakistan on the Kashmir issue, and Pakistan similarly supported China on the Taiwan issue. He stressed the need to complete suspended projects with China and ..... [more >>](#)

### **Crucial talks on CPEC; High-level Chinese team set to arrive**

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: A high-level Chinese delegation is set to arrive in Pakistan to hold crucial talks regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Federal Minister for Information Attaullah Tarar, on Thursday, announced that the delegation's visit underscores the enduring and resilient friendship between the two nations, which transcends politics. The meetings will be co-chaired ..... [more >>](#)

### **Parties show unity for CPEC, stronger China ties**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-22

ISLAMABAD: All the mainstream political parties of Pakistan on Friday displayed strong support to back the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as leaders reiterated their commitment to further strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two countries at the CPEC Pakistan-China Political Parties Forum and 3rd Meeting of CPEC Political Parties Joint Consultative Mechanism, held jointly by ..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC Consensus**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

In a rare display, political consensus and unity were evident at the third meeting of the Pakistan-China Joint Consultative Mechanism of political parties on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). All parties not only participated but expressed the shared opinion that CPEC must be carried forward. This marks a good start to phase II of the project, where both sides are aware of shortcomings ..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC 2.0: Can Pakistan learn from Shenzhen?**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recently praised the remarkable success story of Shenzhen, heralding its evolution into the city of the future. Once a modest fishing village, Shenzhen has emerged as a dynamic hub of modern technology, development, and innovation. With its GDP growing steadily, Shenzhen's journey of transformation commenced in 1978 with a modest GDP of \$40 million, ..... [more >>](#)

**BNP-A chief seeks launch of CPEC's 2nd phase from Gwadar**

Source: [PPI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

QUETTA: Balochistan National Party-Awami (BNP-A) Chief, MPA Mir Asadullah Baloch said on Sunday said if the second phase of CPEC started from Gwadar instead of Lahore, it would be acceptable to the people of Balochistan; otherwise not. The first phase of CPEC could neither benefit the people of Balochistan nor the province as all the projects under the first phase were executed in Punjab, he ..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC to bolster Pakistan's 5E initiative: Ahsan**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

KARACHI - The CPEC 2.0 will bolster Pakistan's 5E initiative, said Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal while addressing a seminar held here by KASB Ktrade Securities. The 5Es initiative is centred around five key pillars, which include exports, E-Pakistan, environment and climate change, energy and infrastructure and equity and empowerment. The seminar themed "CPEC 2.0: Business Colla..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC 2:0**

Source: [Imran Malik](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-30

The importance of the BRI-CPEC, in the regional-global contexts, can not be overstated. Whereas the CPEC is Pakistan's economic lifeline of the future and crucial to its potential prosperity, it is simultaneously, the flagship project of the BRI and its logical launch pad into the Greater Middle East Region (GMER) and beyond. It portends to promote regional interconnectivity and prosperous e..... [more >>](#)

**Experts call for effective policy reforms for success of CPEC's phase 2**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-30

ISLAMABAD - As Pakistan gears up for the second phase of the CPEC, experts are emphasising the critical need for comprehensive policy reforms and strategic coordination to ensure its success. Mustafa Haider Syed, Executive Director at the Pakistan-China Institute, has outlined key areas where Pakistan needs to focus to navigate the evolving landscape of CPEC under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)..... [more >>](#)

**China's concerns**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

RUMOURS had been swirling that China was less than enthusiastic about forging ahead with new CPEC schemes, primarily due to concerns about the security of its people and assets in Pakistan. Some media reports had hinted that little of substance was achieved during the prime minister's tour of China earlier this month, particularly where the CPEC file was concerned, even if official statem..... [more >>](#)

**Diplomatic fact check**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-21

Political fights, propaganda, a bit of exaggeration – this is all part and parcel of politics. But misstatements or false attributions that tend to affect a country's diplomacy are a territory that should ideally be avoided. It is in this context that Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal has accused "a political party" of spreading misinformation about Pakistan-China r..... [more >>](#)

**Developing geo-economic dexterity**

Source: [Saddam Hussein](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-30

Pakistan's geographical location holds immense potential for economic growth while at the same time presenting some significant challenges. Afghanistan remains unstable and lacks a government recognised by the global community; relations with India are fraught and confrontational; and Iran is burdened by international sanctions. While China has..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **'Huawei to provide IT training to 200,000 youth'**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja announced on Monday that the training of young Pakistanis in information technology and artificial intelligence, with assistance from Huawei, will commence next month. During the budget debate, she highlighted that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China led to an agreement wherein Huawei ple..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab Police officers to visit China for advanced training**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

LAHORE - Punjab Inspector General Police (IGP) Dr Usman Anwar has said that a delegation of eleven officers from Punjab Police will embark on a 12-day training visit to China next month. Addressing a meeting of the selected officers for the training programme at the Central Police Office here on Thursday, he said that these officers will undergo training from July 1 to 12, will receive advanced..... [more >>](#)

### **China, Pakistan form digital education alliance**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-30

BEIJING: A milestone in educational cooperation between China and Pakistan was achieved last week with the formation of the China-Pakistan Digital Education Alliance. The alliance, jointly initiated by ITMC Technology Co Ltd and UNI International, along with over 160 Chinese and Pakistani technical and vocational education and training (TVET) partners, aims to strengthen Pakistan's TVET ..... [more >>](#)

## Technology & Innovation

### **40 locally-made freight trains with Chinese tech put into operation**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

ISLAMABAD - As many as 40 freight wagons were successfully produced, batched, and put into operation in Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday. These wagons were locally manufactured using Chinese technologies, as reported by Inner Mongolia First Machinery Group Co., Ltd. Through technology transfer from Baotou Beifang Chuangye Co., Ltd., a subsidiary company of First Machinery, the exce..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

### A Report Launch

#### **CPEC success story of resolve for continued Pak-China collaboration in diverse sectors, says Gilani**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-29

ISLAMABAD - Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Friday termed China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a success story and said that the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pakistan and China for 2nd phase underscored the will for continued collaboration in diverse sectors. He expressed these views while addressing the launch of the Annual Sustainability Report 2023 in..... [more >>](#)

#### **CPEC success story of development and prosperity; Yousaf Raza Gilani**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-06-29

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#### **CPEC success story of resolve for continued Pak-China collaboration in diverse sectors: Gillani**

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#### **CPEC a vision of prosperity jointly dreamed by Pakistan and China: minister**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-29

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a vision of prosperity which was jointly dreamed by the leadership of Pakistan and China. In very brief remarks at the launch of the Annual Sustainability Report 2023 here on Friday, he said that the completion of CPEC projects and the development of Gwadar port ar..... [more >>](#)

#### **CPEC spurs economic transformation, unity in Pakistan: Pakistani officials**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2024-06-30

ISLAMABAD, June 29 (Xinhua) -- Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan Yousuf Raza Gilani said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a transformative journey for Pakistan that catalyzed investment, technology transfer, knowledge sharing, and skill development with a cumulative investment of billions of dollars from China. Speaking at the launching event of the Annual Sustainability Repor..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-06-28

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## SDPI Articles

**The balancing act**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-16

Federal budgets in Pakistan have historically been interpreted differently by various stakeholders. Governments invariably claim that their budgets are pro-people and pro-growth, while opposition parties criticise them as 'anti-poor.' The general public, meanwhile, feels that the expenses that affect them the most—such as electricity tariffs, petroleum prices, gas prices and the ..... [more >>](#)

**Decarbonisation for industrialisation**

Source: [Saleha Qureshi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-16

Climate change issues confront us daily, affecting every corner of the globe, from the developed North to the developing South. The latter faces unique obstacles as limited resources hinder effective mitigation efforts. Now is the time to catalyse these efforts economically by balancing CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with job creation and t..... [more >>](#)

**Economic report card for FY24**

Source: [Misbah Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-17

Macroeconomic Stabilisation Efforts Government Policies and Fiscal Discipline: Pakistan's government initiated a series of robust policy measures to stabilise the economy amidst persistent challenges such as inflation, fiscal mismanagement, and external vulnerabilities. A renewed focus on fiscal discipline, coupled with comprehensive reforms at the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), was pivotal..... [more >>](#)

**Building a climate-resilient energy future**

Source: [Maheen Rehan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-23

The transition to green energy in South Asia is a pressing and comprehensive effort, driven by the urgent need to address climate change impacts. This transition demands moving away from fossil fuel dependency and towards sustainable resources such as solar, wind and hydroelectric power. The region faces a complex set of challenges and opportunities ..... [more >>](#)

**Budget 2024-25: balancing growth and stability**

Source: [Abdullah Khalid & Dr Maaz Maqsood Hashmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-24

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has announced Pakistan's federal budget for 2024-25, targeting a modest 3.6 per cent growth for the coming fiscal year. This budget aims to satisfy the IMF and balance Pakistan's burgeoning books with higher taxation, as the country is in talks with the IMF for a larger, long-term programme to achieve permanent macroeconomic stability. The government..... [more >>](#)

**Budget FY25 through the Laffer Curve**

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-26

The Laffer Curve, a concept named after American economist Arthur Laffer, expresses the relationship between tax rates and government revenue. This theory becomes particularly relevant in light of Pakistan's recently announced federal budget for FY25, which sets ambitious tax collection targets. The Laffer Curve suggests that there exists an optimal tax rate that maximizes government revenue,..... [more >>](#)

**Panda bonds and Pakistan's economic renaissance**

Source: [Zainab Babar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-30

The government of Pakistan has announced the issuance of Panda Bonds worth \$300 million in the Chinese market over the next fiscal year. This policy development is a part of the economic roadmap that aims to revive the economic

growth in the country over the next five years. Tapping into the Chinese capital market in the current scenario seems to be ..... [more >>](#)

### SDPI's Related Articles

#### Analysis: Ignoring inflation won't make it go away

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-16

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