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## About SDPI

SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

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To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

## Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

## 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:**

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

## **Editor Note:**

*Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).*

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

## **Subjects Covered**

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

# China Study Centre

## China & America trade conflict

### China says it will 'optimize' rare earth export controls

Source: [Anadolu](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-10-17

China said Thursday that it will "optimize" its latest rare earth export controls, arguing that the measures are not targeted against any third party, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Chinese Commerce Ministry spokeswoman He Yongqian made the remarks during a news conference in Beijing, in the face of a 100% tariff threat by US President Donald Trump for its rare earth exp..... [more >>](#)

### China says US waged cyberattacks on national time centre

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-10-21

BEIJING: China on Sunday accused the United States of conducting cyberattacks on Beijing's national time centre that could have caused severe damage to critical financial and telecommunications infrastructure. Beijing has stepped up espionage warnings in recent years as relations with the United States and other Western nations have worsened. Chinese authorities found "irrefutable..... [more >>](#)

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### China-US trade war

Source: [Dr Imran Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-21

The world's two largest economies are once again locked in a familiar dance of brinkmanship. On October 9, China expanded its export controls on rare earth minerals, which are crucial for everything from electric vehicles to fighter jets, adding five more elements to a list that had already been tightened in April. This move, effective December 1, targets foreign products containing even tr..... [more >>](#)

### China, US to hold trade talks in Malaysia in coming days

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-10-23

China said on Thursday it will hold a next round of trade talks with the United States in Malaysia, as the world's two biggest economies seek to avoid further escalating a damaging tit-for-tat tariff war. "As agreed by both China and the United States ... Vice Premier He Lifeng will lead a delegation to Malaysia from October 24 to 27 and hold economic and trade talks with the U..... [more >>](#)

### Trump hopeful of China deal after rekindling tariffs war

Source: [Afshan Hussain](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

KARACHI: US President Donald Trump has confirmed plans to visit Beijing "fairly early next year," but said he expects to meet his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping earlier – on the sidelines of the upcoming APEC summit in Gyeongju, South Korea – to secure a "fair" trade deal. High on his agenda will be China's latest export restrictions on rare-earth minerals as w..... [more >>](#)

**Trump says strikes deal with China's Xi on tariffs, rare earth exports**

Source: [Reuters/ AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-30

US President Donald Trump said he had struck a deal to reduce tariffs on China on Thursday in exchange for Beijing resuming US soybean purchases, keeping rare earths exports flowing and cracking down on the illicit trade of fentanyl. His remarks after the face-to-face talks with China's leader Xi Jinping in the South Korean city of Busan, their first since 2019, marked the finale of Trump&r..... [more >>](#)

**Trade War Lost**

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-31

It is indeed very unfortunate that Pak-Afghan talks co-hosted by Qatar and Turkiye, spanning over lengthy sessions for four days, have ended without any definitive result, reportedly due to the reluctance of the Afghan delegation to agree on firm commitments on Islamabad's core demand for clear and verifiable action against terrorist groups using Afghan soil to launch attacks inside Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

**Xi says reached 'consensus' with Trump on trade**

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-31

Beijing - President Xi Jinping said China has reached a consensus with the United States on economic and trade issues, state media reported, after meeting Thursday with US leader Donald Trump. Trump and Xi met for the first time since 2019 in Busan, South Korea, engaging in closely-watched talks, as their two countries remain locked in a blistering trade war. The tussle between the world's..... [more >>](#)

**The rare earth race**

Source: [Mirza M Hamza, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-22

Bill Emmott in his 2017 book "The Fate of the West" argued how America's collapse almost certainly triggers the collapse of Western civilization, though he concludes that America will reassert its dominance through US alliances (NATO, Five Eyes) and innovation. China then genuinely lagged behind, having only Pakistan as an all-weather ally and lagging far behind the United States..... [more >>](#)

## Economic Growth &amp; Governance

**China's 14th development plan: rise of a new superpower**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, The News, International](#), 2025-10-20

When China announced 14th Development Plan, experts and policymakers argued it was too ambitious. Anti-China groups labeled it wishful thinking or an attempt to appease Communist Party and the public. They specifically criticised China's goal to address climate change without compromising its development objectives or needs of its people. They believed it was impossible to accomplish both at..... [more >>](#)

**China, Pakistan dialogue highlights vision for global governance**

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2025-10-21

Islamabad: Scholars, diplomats, and policymakers from China and Pakistan called for deeper cooperation in modernization, knowledge exchange, and global governance during the China-Pakistan Think Tank Dialogue 2025 held in Islamabad on Sunday, says a press release. The event was jointly organised by the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies (ACCWS) and the Institute of Peace and Dip..... [more >>](#)

**Consolidating One-China Consensus**

Source: [Jiang Zaidong, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-28

On October 24th, 2025, the Standing Committee of the 14th National People's Congress adopted the decision to establish the Commemoration Day of Taiwan's Restoration, designating October 25th as the Commemoration Day

of Taiwan's Restoration by legislative means, and stipulated that the state will hold commemorative activities in various forms on this day. 80 years ago, all Chin..... [more >>](#)

### **Commemorate 80th anniversary of Taiwan's restoration to China and consolidate One-China consensus of international community**

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-28

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### **China's success in poverty reduction a lesson for Pakistan: Sherry**

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-29

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan-China Friendship Group in Parliament convened its inaugural meeting at the Parliament House, chaired by Senator Sherry Rehman, reaffirming the "all-weather, time-tested, iron-clad friendship" between Pakistan and the People's Republic of China. The session brought together senior parliamentarians from across Pakistan and a high-level Chinese delegation le..... [more >>](#)

### **China's Five-Year Plan a model for Pakistan**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-29

ISLAMABAD: China and Pakistan are committed to enhancing economic growth and improving the well-being of their citizens as Beijing's success in implementing Five-Year Plans offers a model for governance that can be valuable for Islamabad, which is working on its own Uraan five-year plan. These remarks were made by China's Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong following conclusion of the f..... [more >>](#)

### **New Journey of Modernisation We are pleased to note that Pakistan is also advancing its "Uraan Pakistan" Five-Year Plan.**

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-30

From October 20th to 23rd, 2025, the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) convened its fourth plenary session in Beijing. The most significant outcome of the meeting is the deliberation and adoption of the Recommendations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China for Formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development, which provides a top..... [more >>](#)

### **Envoy reiterates Beijing's unwavering support**

Source: [Sardar Sikander Shaheen](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-29

ISLAMABAD: China's Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has said that Beijing's support to Islamabad remains unwavering "in all times and under all circumstances." He shared these views at the first meeting of Pakistan-China Friendship Group here on Tuesday. "Both countries remain united in safeguarding sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity. C..... [more >>](#)

## History, Language & Culture

### **China Window team back from Beijing**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-28

PESHAWAR: The two-member delegation representing China Window Peshawar has returned home after participating in the 2025 Beijing International Week of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) held in Beijing. Professor Dr Gulzar Jalal and Dr Muhammad Ayub were in the delegation and showcased the intangible cultural heritage. Held under the theme "Intangible Cultural Heritage: Together for a Better..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan, China celebrate cultural diplomacy**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-30

Islamabad: In a landmark moment for Pakistan-China cultural collaboration, the grand private premiere of 'Ne Zha 2', the world's highest-grossing animated film was held at Centaurus Cineplex, here. The historic event, marking the first-ever theatrical screening of a modern Chinese animated blockbuster in Pakistan, underscored the deepening of cultural and creative ties between the..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

**Old allies, new assurances**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-22

In an era defined by strategic realignments, it is quietly reassuring that Pakistan and China continue to act with a sense of shared trust even amid the world's deepest rivalries. Beijing's confirmation that Islamabad kept it informed of mining cooperation with the United States reflects a maturity of engagement that goes beyond transactional diplomacy. Both sides understand that strat..... [more >>](#)

**Faryal praises time-tested Pakistan-China friendship**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-24

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) central leader Faryal Talpur has stated that the Pakistan-China friendship is much more than affinity between two neighbouring countries as it is a bond of common dreams of peace, progress and equality, which has weathered the test of time. She said this while speaking at a special event organised by the Chinese consulate in Karachi on the theme of women empowerment, ..... [more >>](#)

**Beijing lauds Islamabad for supporting 'One-China' principle**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-28

ISLAMABAD: China's Ambassador in Islamabad Jiang Zaidong has lauded Pakistan as China's "ironclad brother" and praised its "consistent and firm support" for the one-China principle, while announcing Beijing's decision to formally establish October 25 as the Commemoration Day of Taiwan's Restoration. In a statement issued in Islamabad, Ambassador Jiang said the..... [more >>](#)

**Long live Pakistan-China friendship**

Source: [Zahid Maqsood Sheikh](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-30

Pakistan's decision to ship rare earth minerals to the United States has sparked a lot of conversation around the world. It seems surprising to many that a country so closely connected to China would send such an important resource to Washington. After all, rare earth minerals are one of China's strongest economic tools in its ongoing rivalry with the United States. But this move ..... [more >>](#)

**CPC's 4th plenary session and its impact on China-Pakistan relations**

Source: [Zhao Shiren](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-31

The 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China concluded its fourth plenary session successfully in Beijing on October 23, marking a significant milestone and defining moment in China's ongoing evolution of governance and global engagement, and carrying the Chinese modernization forward. The Plenum, deliberated and adopted the recommendations for the 15th Five-Year Plan to be pr..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-China parliamentary friendship group holds inaugural session**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-30

ISLAMABAD - The inaugural session of the Pakistan–China Parliamentary Friendship Group was held at Parliament House, with Senator Sherry Rehman, convenor of the group, welcoming Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong and members of his delegation, according to Gwadar Pro. Sherry Rehman reaffirmed Pakistan's "all-weather, ironclad partnership" with China, describing i..... [more >>](#)

### **The China-Pakistan All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership defies geopolitical noise.**

Source: [Huang Yunsong](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-31

Geopolitical smokescreen — separating fact from fear: In recent months, as Pakistan rightly diversifies its diplomatic outreach and navigates complex regional dynamics, a surge of speculative reporting has attempted to fundamentally redefine its deep relationship with China. We've seen familiar anxieties resurface: the perennial 'debt trap' narrative, alarmist talk of &lsqu..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

### **Pakistan seeks China's support for BRICS-backed bank membership**

Source: [Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-17

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb met with China's Deputy Finance Minister Liao Min in Washington and sought Beijing's support for Pakistan's membership in BRICS' New Development Bank (NDB), the Ministry of Finance said on Friday. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the plenary meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) in Washington, DC..... [more >>](#)

### **'Pakistan-China Love Festival' begins on 18th**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-17

LAHORE: Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) collaborated with Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Lahore, Information and Culture Department Government of Punjab and ARQ Group of Companies to organize the Pak-China Love Festival a two-day cultural and trade festival from 18th October to 19th October, 2025 at Hall # 1, Expo Centre Lahore. The..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab agri dept signs four MoUs with Chinese firms**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-18

LAHORE: The Punjab Agriculture Department has signed four memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with Chinese technology and agricultural machinery manufacturing companies for improving farming in the province. The MoUs were signed during the recent visit of the department's officials led by Minister Syed Ashiq Kirmani. Under one agreement with the Piesat Technology Company, crop monitoring wil..... [more >>](#)

### **'Pak-China Festival'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-19

LAHORE: The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI), in collaboration with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Lahore, Information and Culture Department, Government of Punjab, and ARQ Group of Companies, organized the Pak-China Love Festival 2025 at Hall #1, Expo Centre, Lahore. The grand inaugural ceremony was graced by Mian Mujtaba Shuja-..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-China fashion show held at Great Wall of China**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Embassy Beijing, in collaboration with China International Cultural Communication Centre (CICCC), organised the maiden Pakistan-China Fashion Show at the Great Wall of China. Pakistani designers,

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### **Chinese team calls on SAPM to discuss FBR's camera installation policy in tiles, ceramics sector**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-22

ISLAMABAD - A delegation from the Chinese tiles industry called on Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan on Tuesday to discuss the Federal Board of Revenue's camera installation policy in the tiles and ceramics sector. During the meeting, Haroon Akhtar Khan clarified that the cameras are being installed only on the production line..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's seafood exports to China surge in first three quarters of 2025**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-22

BEIJING - Pakistan's seafood exports to China surged in the first three quarters of 2025, reaching over \$153 million, up from \$121.93 million in the same period last year, according to data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). The steady growth reflects the deepening agricultural and fisheries cooperation between the two countries under the China-Pakistan Eco..... [more >>](#)

### **MoU on green development signed with China**

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-24

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), the country's preeminent think tank for promoting ties with China, has become the first Pakistani institution to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Green Development with China. The MoU was signed in Beijing between the PCI and the Belt & Road Initiative International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC). The agreement aims to facil..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan, China sign MoU to enhance cooperation in quantum technologies**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-24

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in research, development, and innovation in the domain of quantum technologies. A high-level delegation from the China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (CETC)—a leading Chinese state-owned conglomerate—called on Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special..... [more >>](#)

### **Historic cultural exchange: China's \$2.2b blockbuster 'Ne Zha 2' lands in Pakistan**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

ISLAMABAD - A significant milestone in cultural and cinema exchange has been achieved as HKC Entertainment, in collaboration with Mandviwalla Entertainment, prepares to release the Chinese animated sensation 'Ne Zha 2' across Pakistan on Friday (October 31). This release marks a historic moment, as 'Ne Zha 2' is the first Chinese film to be imported and distributed in Pakis..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's home textile exports to China up 31pc in Jan-Sept**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

BEIJING - Pakistan's home textile exports to China recorded a strong upswing in the first three quarters of 2025, crossing \$4.36 million from January to September. This is a 31% year-on-year increase from the \$3.32 million recorded during the same period last year, according to the latest data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). Between January and September, Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

### **Jan to Aug 2025; Fish meal exports to China jump 17pc YoY**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

LAHORE: Pakistan's exports of flours and meals of fish, used in animal feeding have shown a notable increase of 17 percent in the first eight months of 2025. According to the recent trade data of the trade, from January to August this year, Pakistan exported goods worth USD 25.19 million in this category to China, compared to USD 21.56 million during the same period in 2024. Pakist..... [more >>](#)

### **China, Pakistan step up TVET cooperation**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-31

BEIJING: Chinese and Pakistani institutions have signed a batch of agreements for cooperation in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) at the China Annual Conference & Expo for International Education. Eight Chinese vocational colleges from provinces including Jiangxi, Sichuan, Gansu, Anhui and Xinjiang reached cooperation deals with Pakistani partners. The agreements aim to..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt vows to ease Chinese investors' challenges**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-23

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Pakistan to China, along with the newly elected presidents of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) and the Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI), met Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan in Islamabad on Wednesday. According to an official statement, the meeting discussed challenges faced..... [more >>](#)

### **China tops Pakistan's FDI chart in Q1**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-26

ISLAMABAD/ BEIJING - China emerged as the leading source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Pakistan during the first quarter of fiscal year 2026, with net inflows of \$188.6 million, accounting for 33.15% of the country's total net FDI of \$568.8 million, Gwadar Pro reported quoting the latest data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)..... [more >>](#)

### **Investors lash out at bureaucratic hurdles**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-28

ISLAMABAD: Chinese investors have complained about the lack of ease of doing business and the bureaucratic hurdles. Sources told The Express Tribune that those issues were raised by the Chinese investors and the ambassador during recent meetings with the special assistant to the prime minister (SAPM). They voiced concern over high utility bills, calling them an obstacle to investment in Pakista..... [more >>](#)

### **Rawalpindi welcomes 45 new Chinese Electric Buses**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-23

Rawalpindi - As many as 45 Chinese electric buses have arrived in the garrison city of Rawalpindi to operate on 10 routes starting this week. These buses are part of a larger fleet of 1,100 electric buses being introduced across Punjab. Each bus is equipped with air-conditioning and free Wi-Fi, along with an automated ticketing system and a flexible design to meet the needs of passengers with d..... [more >>](#)

**China eyes investing in PR under BOT model**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-29

ISLAMABAD: Secretary General of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce (ACFIC), Jiang Yi, called on Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi in Islamabad along with a high-level Chinese delegation representing leading logistics, transport, and aviation companies. The meeting focused on investment opportunities, technical collaboration, freight operations, and strengthening ..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese investors interested in railway, freight corridor projects**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-29

RAWALPINDI: Chinese businessmen expressed their interest in investing under the BOT (Build–Operate–Transfer) framework in railway and freight corridor projects. The interest was shown by a delegation of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce (ACFIC) during a meeting with the minister. They also discussed issues concerning investment, technical cooperation and regional connect..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese IPPs' woes**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

In a Business Recorder exclusive, Chief Executive Port Qasim Electric Power Company (PQEPC) Wang Dongfeng, in a letter to Federal Ministers Awaiz Leghari (Power), Ahsan Iqbal (Planning) and Chairman of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), has warned of a possible suspension of plant operations if the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) fails to meet its financial obligation..... [more >>](#)

**China to build hospitals in Balochistan: envoy**

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-29

ISLAMABAD: China intends to build 100 hospitals and establish economic zones in Balochistan in order to generate job opportunities and improve water resource management, China's Ambassador Jiang Zaidong said while talking to senators during a meeting of the Pakistan-China Friendship Group at Parliament House on Tuesday. Senator Sherry Rehman chaired the meeting. The ambassador also hi..... [more >>](#)

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

**CPEC entering a new phase of high-quality uplift: Chinese CG**

Source: [Mohammad Bilal Tahir](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-29

KARACHI: Through the joint efforts of Pakistan and China, the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is entering a new stage of high-quality development, marking a renewed phase of cooperation centred on sustainability, innovation, and shared prosperity. China has vowed to continue implementing the important consensus reached by the leadership of both nations — prov..... [more >>](#)

**PA debates 'Balochistan's exclusion from CPEC projects'**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-25

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly has witnessed an impassioned debate over the province's exclusion from major projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase II, as members from both sides of the aisle voiced strong concerns about the region's persistent neglect in national development planning. The session, chaired by Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, began 30 minut..... [more >>](#)

**NTDC performs live maintenance on Key CPEC Power Line**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

LAHORE - The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has successfully conducted its first-ever live-line maintenance on the crucial ±660 kV Matiari-Lahore HVDC transmission line, a flagship project under the China-

Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The operation was performed on Tower 1885 near Lahore while the system remained fully energised, ensuring no disruption to the nati..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **NUTECH holds farewell for students departing for China**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-10-19

Islamabad: The National University of Technology (NUTECH) held its farewell ceremony to honor 23 students from the Dual Diploma Program proceeding to China, says a press release. This marks a significant milestone in the University's international academic collaboration with China. These students, enrolled in the Diploma of Associate Engineering (DAE) in Software Technology, successfully c..... [more >>](#)

### **China's emerging prominence in high-grade education**

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-27

Writing about China's rapid advancement in training its youth in high-grade science and technology takes me back to 1976, when I was appointed to lead the World Bank's rapidly developing programme. The Bank's involvement covered both policy reform and financing of projects, the Chinese considered vital for the development of their economy. The dam on the mighty Yangtze River at a place..... [more >>](#)

## Technology & Innovation

### **New Journey of Modernisation**

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-31

In the context that peace and development remain the underlying trend of our times, development is always the master key to solving all problems for developing countries including China and Pakistan. In this connection, the Recommendations have laid out a comprehensive plan for China's economic and social development in the next five years, highlighting two keywords, namely "faster&rdq..... [more >>](#)

### **China plans to have a Pakistan astronaut on short-term missions**

Source: [Reuters / Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-10-30

China has announced it will arrange for a Pakistan astronaut to perform short-term missions as part of China's space station missions, state news agency Xinhua said on Thursday. The astronaut from Pakistan will be arranged to perform short-term mission as a payload expert, Xinhua reported China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) as announcing at a press conference. It further reported that the..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## A Report

### Experts call for coordinated “Country Platform” for clean energy transition

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-10-29

ISLAMABAD, Oct 29 (APP): Leading energy and climate policy experts called for establishment of a well coordinated government-led “country platform” on urgent basis to mobilize financing, align policies, and accelerate the nation’s transition to clean energy. The recommendations were unveiled during the report launch event, titled “Exploring Country Platforms to Advance Pa..... [more >>](#)

### UNFPA–SDPI launch report on gendered impacts of floods and droughts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-10-30

ISLAMABAD, Oct 30 (APP):Pakistan must urgently improve its public services climate-proof to safeguard women and girls from worsening impacts of floods, droughts, and other extreme weather events, said Minister of State for Climate Change Dr Shezra Mansab Ali Kharal at the launch of a joint report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here..... [more >>](#)

### UNFPA–SDPI Launch Report On Gendered Impacts Of Floods And Droughts

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