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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.

Mission

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

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

BRI progress; China to hold extensive course for Pakistanis

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

BEIJING: The International Cooperation Centre (ICC) of China National Development and Reform Commission will organise an extensive course on BRI Progress for Pakistan from August 3 to August 23. As many as 25 government officials, scholars and businessmen will take part in the online classes, a document states, China Economic Net (CEN) reported. The participants will learn from China dev..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

Biden, Xi faceoff

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

The ensuing confrontation between the United States and China is quite unnerving. It took a new plausible new height as President Joe Biden had a tête-à-tête with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in a virtual talk a couple of days ago. The conversation primarily revolved around the status quo over Ukraine, where Washington finds itself deep in quagmire as it has not been able..... [more >>](#)

Unnecessary visit

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-04

CONSIDERING the combustible state of Sino-American relations, it was hoped that US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi would put off her visit to Taiwan. However, the seasoned American politician chose optics over rationality, landing on the island on Tuesday and meeting the Taiwanese president a day later before jetting out of Taipei to complete her Asian tour. China — which had strongly opposed the..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

Transforming China's foreign trade

Source: [Li Bijian](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-14

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, China has expedited the building of a new system of an open economy and made historic achievements as well as transformation in terms of foreign trade. China became the world's largest trader of goods in 2013, and the world's largest trader of goods and se..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Is the West punishing Pakistan because of China?

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

The rupee against the dollar regained its value by 57 paise when markets closed on Friday. This came after the local currency was battered by the US dollar for 15 days. Since PML-N lost in the bye-elections, the rupee in the inter-bank lost its value by Rs29. Overall, since the government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took charge the rupee has lost Rs56 or 30% of its value. This happened de..... [more >>](#)

PLA, PA relationship to contribute towards safeguarding 'collective interests': COAS

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Monday said that the relationship between China's million-plus Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) and the Pakistan Army will continue to contribute to safeguarding the 'collective interests' of the two nations. The army chief, speaking at the 95th anniversary of the founding of the PLA which was commemorated at the Gene..... [more >>](#)

Formation of Pak-China research centres proposed

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ISLAMABAD: Formation of a consortium of Pakistan-China research centres has been proposed to foster strong collaboration among the academic sector to promote educational ties between the two countries. This was proposed during a webinar titled '71 years of China Pakistan Research and Development Cooperation: Way Forward'. It was proposed that consortium members would be from China and..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan supports China's 'all efforts' in safeguarding its sovereignty, says Ambassador Haque

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-07

BEIJING: Pakistan's Ambassador to China Moinul Haque on Saturday said that Islamabad firmly believes in the one-China principle and supports 'all efforts' of the neighbouring country in safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity. In an interview with Global Times, the ambassador maintained that Pakistan will continue to extend full support to its 'iron brother' while..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China Agree To Enhance Business And Economic Relations

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-13

Pakistan and China have agreed to enhance the business and economic relations and industrial cooperation for joint ventures. The consensus was reached at a meeting between the Board of Investment delegation led by Additional Secretary and the Chinese Consul General, Li Bijian in Karachi. The Consul General, Li Bijian appreciated BOI for meeting the Chinese and Pakistani associations in Karachi, [more >>](#)

Chinese Cultural Centre Celebrates Pakistan Independence Day

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-13

Peshawar – Legendary former British Open Champion Qamar Zaman on Friday said that every Pakistani including the players feel proud whenever the national flag of Pakistan is hoisted at the top of the playing fields. He was addressing at a colourful ceremony organized in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of Pakistan Independence in China Window, a Chinese Cultural Centre in Peshawar. Among..... [more >>](#)

China, Saudi Arabia on way to expanding ties

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-15

China and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) have a history of mutually beneficial friendship. Friendship is based on the principles of mutual respect, non-interference, and regard for the sovereignty. Both countries also tried to support each on their core interest. For example, Saudi Arabia clearly supported the stance of China on Taiwan and Xinjiang, and never fell for the propaganda. China reciproc..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China trade

Port Qasim coal-fired power plant: Chinese propose use of RMB

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

ISLAMABAD: Chinese coal power producers have shared their concerns with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and proposed use of RMB by Port Qasim coal-fired power plant to buy coal to release pressure on dollar, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The overdue amount of Chinese coal-fired power plants is over Rs 350 billion due to which they are unable to buy coal - a commodity whose price..... [more >>](#)

Thar Coal Block-I; Shanghai Group urged to complete houses for affectees

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-02

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday said that the Thar Coal Block-I affected people would be settled properly by establishing their colonies to be equipped with all the facilities. "The Shanghai Group working in Block-I should expedite construction of the residential colony so that affected people could be shifted there." This he said while talking to [more >>](#)

163 Pakistani businessmen arrive in Chinese city of Yiwu

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-02

BEIJING: Hainan Airlines charter passenger plane carrying 163 Pakistani businessmen has landed at Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport, it has opened a new channel for China-Pakistan trade against the backdrop of the epidemic. Li Yiman, General Manager of Zhejiang Eman Supply Chain Management Company, and Pakistan's Honorable Investment Councillor, said that this charter flight provides great conv..... [more >>](#)

Zero duty on imports from China; FBR unveils revised list of items

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-02

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has issued a revised list of items allowing concessionary rate of customs duty or zero percent duty on the import of items from China with effect from July 1, 2022. The FBR has issued SRO1181(I)2022 here on Monday to amend the SRO 1640 (I)/2019. The FBR has issued 6,917 customs tariff lines for specifying the concessionary rates of customs..... [more >>](#)

SECP enables WeChat service

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-03

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) on Tuesday became the first-ever regulatory body and public sector organisation to enable the WeChat service. The WeChat service will help Chinese investors in making informed decisions and easily incorporate companies in Pakistan. Through WeChat, users can instantly get information from SECP personnel regarding name availabilit..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's exports to China expected to reach \$4b

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-04

BEIJING: Pakistan's exports to China have reached an 11% increase in the first half of 2022 and with this momentum it is likely to reach \$4 billion by the end of this year. The exports to the neighbouring country crossed \$1.918b in the first half of this year, up by 10.97% from \$1.728b in the same period compared to the previous year. It continues to increase on yearly basis, as per the of..... [more >>](#)

Progress on Sino-Pak collaborations reviewed

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-13

ISLAMABAD: A Board of Investment (BoI) mission on Friday held a meeting with the Chinese consul general in Karachi, Li Bijian, to review the progress on enhancing collaboration between Pakistani and Chinese enterprises. In

the ambit of the recently signed 'Framework Agreement on Industrial Cooperation' provided by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative, the two countries..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China join hands to achieve food security Chinese investors investing more and more in agriculture sector

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-13

SANYA, CHINA: Factors of production in the agriculture sector of Pakistan and China can be complementary to each other. Both countries need to strengthen cooperation in agriculture and food security to achieve a win-win solution. These remarks were made by Rabbia Nasir, Third Secretary of the Embassy of Pakistan in China, while attending the 2022 China Seed Congress and the Nanfan Agricultural S..... [more >>](#)

Resolution of key issues awaited; Chinese power companies still facing stumbling blocks

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-15

ISLAMABAD: Chinese imported-coal fired power companies are reportedly still facing stumbling blocks in resolution of their key issues with government's different organisations despite clear instructions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The overdue amount of Chinese coal-fired power plants is over Rs 350 billion due to which they are unable [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC activities resumed with renewed vigour

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

ISLAMABAD: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project is once again kicking off after a decelerated stage during previous few years as the present government reiterates resolve to resume the pace of work as witnessed during 2013-2018. The Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz (PML-N) led coalition government initiated China Pakistan economic Corridor had experienced sluggish advancement d..... [more >>](#)

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Operations of airport to start in Sept 2023; Gwadar Port to be shining pearl of entire region, says GDA chief

Source: Hassan Abbas, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-07

LAHORE: Director General of the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Mujeeb Ur Rehman Qambrani has said that the Gwadar Port is going to be a shining pearl in the entire region, as the largest Gwadar International Airport would be operational next year in Sept 2023 to connect it to the major cities of Pakistan and the world. In a presentation to the business community of Punjab provincial capit..... [more >>](#)

CPEC in Limbo

Source: Iftexhar A Khan, [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-08

Among the national priorities, securing an IMF loan occupied the top position for the last few years. Our economy is dependent on loans. Otherwise, the threat of default looms large over the horizon. Now the terms dictated by the IMF have been met, especially by hiking the utility prices of the government. The decision hit the lower segment of the society hard and the government standing in the pu..... [more >>](#)

CPEC opens doors to Chinese auto companies

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-12

LAHORE: The automobile industry is an integral part for the development of highways, roads and other infrastructure and it has great significance in CPEC-related projects, said Wang Zihai, President Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI). "CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) projects are strategically important and beneficial for the economies of both countries [more >>](#)

Proposal to blacklist Masood Azhar's brother at UN blocked

Source: News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2022-08-12

KARACHI: China has put a hold on a proposal by the US and India at the United Nations to blacklist Abdul Rauf Azhar, the brother and senior leader of Jaish-e Mohammed (JEM) led by Masood Azhar, foreign media reported. On Wednesday, sources said China put a hold on a proposal by India and... the US to designate Azhar as a global terrorist and subject him to assets freeze, travel ban and arms embar..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Reform and development of China's financial sector

Source: Li Bijian, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-06

(—eighth part of the "China in the past decade" series) Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), China has moved further toward high-quality development, and its economy has opened further to the outside world, as a result, much progress has been made in the country's work to reform, develop and stabilize the foreign exchange market. [more >>](#)

SDPI s Events

SDPI Articles

Challenged and found resilient

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-07

As Pakistan marks its 75th independence anniversary, the whole world faces the brunt of the “triple-C” crises. The three Cs, i.e., conflict (especially in Ukraine), climate change and Covid-19, have pushed many economies to a multidecade high level of inflation, resulting in an economic meltdown if not a full-blown recession. Political uncer..... [more >>](#)

Where Pakistan stands at 75

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-13

To think about independence on its 75th anniversary, without the teething problems that Pakistan inherited due to a poorly planned and brutally carried out — rather rushed — Partition, will not do justice to the economic resilience that this nascent country and its people showed during its formative years. How far may this resilience take us in the foreseeable future? The answer to th..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

Warning sounded over US interest rate rises

Source: [XU WEIWEI](#), [China Daily](#), 2022-08-05

Fed hikes could bring more woes to Asian nations, analysts say The latest interest rate rise in the United States could increase financial misery for vulnerable developing countries, including those in Asia, making it more difficult for them to meet debt repayments, according to analysts. US rate hikes place the onus on central banks in other nations to follow suit, while increasing the risk of [more >>](#)

Seminar News

ESG gaining greater significance globally, says SECP commissioner

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-06

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) Commissioner, Sadia Khan said on Friday that the Environmental Social Governance (ESG) initiatives are gaining greater significance worldwide and the SECP has been at the forefront in addressing these sustainability issues for the corporate sector in Pakistan. She was speaking at a seminar here on Friday, organised by SDPI and N..... [more >>](#)

ESG Calls For Strict Compliance On Environmental Laws

Source: [Nazia Gulzar](#), [NEWSMAN](#), 2022-08-06

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI (August 05, 2022): Ms. Sima Kamil, Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said that ESG is a major concern as financial stability of the financial sector is paramount since banks use public funds to conduct lending operations. It is crucial for banks to be able to measure and mitigate environmental risks. Speaking at a seminar on, “Environmental, Social and Governan..... [more >>](#)

Call for strict compliance on environmental laws, ESG principles in banking, corporate sector: Experts

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-08-05

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Banks asked to adhere to ESG standards

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-06

ISLAMABAD: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Deputy Governor Sima Kamil has said that the central bank issued green financing guidelines for banks in 2017 as a footprint of their potential role in green business facilitation and impact reduction, however, these guidelines were still far from being followed in letter and spirit Speaking at a seminar titled "Environmental, Social and Governance (..... [more >>](#)

Call for strict compliance of environmental laws

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-07

Islamabad: Environmental social governance is a major concern as financial stability of the financial sector is paramount since banks use public funds to conduct lending operations, Sima Kamil, deputy governor, State Bank of Pakistan. Ms Kamal was speaking at a seminar on 'Environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices in Pakistan: progress, challenges, and way forward,' organi..... [more >>](#)

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