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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 Nation
- Pakistan Observer
- China Daily
- The News
- Business Recorder
- Pakistan Today
- The Express Tribune
- Daily Times
- 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

Linking global powers
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-10-01
Pakistan has once again stated the obvious hinting at an indispensable rapprochement between China and the United States — the two global superpowers. Islamabad’s policy-perspective is to stay aloof from camp politics, and be free from the power blocs that had literally pained in the past decades. After being part of various Cold War alliances with Washington, as well as its allied-all..... more >>

‘Geopolitical football’
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-10-02
THE US-China rivalry is by all measures one of the globe’s most dangerous competitions for power and influence. And while it is unlikely both states actively seek war, the potential for conflict certainly exists, especially if the brinkmanship and unrestrained combative rhetoric continue. The American establishment sees the rising People’s Republic as its number one global economic, mi..... more >>

A sagacious suggestion
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-04
Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has urged China and the United States, the two most economically powerful countries in the world today, to set aside their differences and work together to improve global climate. There is overwhelming evidence of a seismic geopolitical shift within developed countries and the focus clearly is on one upmanship, be it in the form of sanctions or withdrawal fr..... more >>

Pakistan: a football or a bridge?
Source: Najm us Saqib, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-10-11
Is Pakistan a geo-political football between China and the US? No one knew of this term until FM Zardari revealed it while commenting on the recent statements issued from Washington and Beijing. Secretary Blinken had urged Islamabad to engage China on issues of debt relief and restructuring so that Pakistan could recover from floods quickly. China retorted angrily to this out-of-context statement..... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

73 years of achievements, major powers following China
Source: Khawar Abbas Sandhu, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-10-02
The People’s Republic of China finally seems to be quite successful in convincing some of the world’s powers that development and prosperity can be used as weapons to conquer the world. No need to intervene, no need to take someone’s life, and there is no need to make a country occupied. It is the order of the world “Do well and have well”. To whom you do good, he wil..... more >>

Dar seeks Chinese envoy’s help for rollover of $2bn SAFE deposits
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has sought the support of the Chinese ambassador for securing the rollover of State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) deposits of $2 billion due in March 2023. Pakistan will have to secure a rollover of $2 billion in SAFE deposits to materialise financing requirements under the IMF programme for the current fiscal year. According to an official announcement made by th..... more >>
CPEC energy projects generate 46,000 job opportunities
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2022-10-05
Some 46,500 Pakistanis have been employed so far in the energy projects (completed and under-construction) under the umbrella of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Considering the various economic fissures prevailing in Pakistan (i.e., inequitable underdevelopment, low energy access, low human capital, and accompanying low productivity), the CPEC power plants have performed commendably in rai..... more >>

China: developing a strong socialist culture
Source: Li Bijian, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-09
Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has attached great importance to the development of culture and tourism. With great care for the field, General Secretary Xi Jinping has made a series of important expositions and instructions, bringing about historic achievements and transformations in culture and ..... more >>

XI-CPC for China’s Rejuvenation
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, Daily Times, 2022-10-05
Under the extraordinary leadership of President Xi Jinping, China has made significant advances in the development of the Chinese nation and society. With the remarkable vision and vigour of President XI, China is rapidly moving towards its big objective of constructing a completely modern socialist nation. President Xi has made a significant contribution to the development of a new style of inter..... more >>

Diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era
Source: Li Bijian, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-15
“—the fifteenth and last part of the “China in the past decade” series Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core, China’s foreign service has forged ahead against all odds on the historical journey of advancing the great cause of socialism with Chin..... more >>

China pledges over $90m for flood-hit Pakistan
Source: NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-02
BEIJING: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong has asserted that China has so far pledged over $90 million in assistance to Pakistan after the devastating floods triggered by heavy monsoon rains. In a videotaped address released on Twitter, the Chinese ambassador reaffirmed his government’s continued support to Islamabad to help flood-affected people. “China is the most re..... more >>

National Day; PM greets Chinese leadership, people
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-02
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday greeted Chinese President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang, and the Chinese people on the National Day of China. The prime minister took to Twitter to convey his greetings to the Chinese leadership and people on the country’s national day. “The peaceful rise of China as the second largest economy and a paramount global power ..... more >>

Pakistan-China friendship an example for whole world: CM
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-10-02
LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi Saturday felicitated the Chinese leadership and their people on the National Day of the People’s Republic of China. The CM stated that the Punjab government express its good
wishes to the Chinese leadership and their people on their National Day. He said that the Chinese leadership attained the destination of progress by hard work and det..... more >>

**Bilawal remarks attest to mutual trust: China**
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-10-01
Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Friday said that Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari’s comments on China’s assistance to Pakistan for flood relief efforts attested to mutual trust and friendship between the two countries. FM Bhutto’s comments attest to mutual trust and friendship between our two countries, Mao Ning said in response to a question during her regular brief..... more >>

**‘Whole process democracy’ and Communist Party of China**
China is gearing up for the 20th National Congress of Communist Party of China (CPC). National People’s Congress, which is being held after every five years, is a key pillar of CPC. Leadership from all over the country gathers at Beijing and evaluates past performance and deliberates on future course of actions. Although, it is a permanent feature of CPC, but 20th National Congress is attra..... more >>

**PM thanks China for flood relief assistance**
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is “deeply obliged” to the Chinese government, the Communist Party of China (CPC), the Red Cross Society of China, sister provinces and the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) for their continuous assistance in flood relief. The sentiments were expressed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif after an interaction with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong. According ..... more >>

**PM’s upcoming China visit likely to deepen economic ties**
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-11
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is to visit China next month with a wide-ranging agenda starting from project financing to financial support, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Chief Representative of Power China, Pakistan Yang Jianduo in a letter to Prime Minister has sought time for a meeting of Chairman Power China, Ding Yanzhang during his forthcoming visit to Beijing...... more >>

**20th CPC National Congress**
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, Daily Times, 2022-10-13
Whether one agrees or not, the fact remains that the world seeks hope from the 20th CPC National Congress, taking place on October 16, with an understanding of what is to be hashed out and laid down as blueprints for the future. What China decides to do with its policies will leave a lasting imprint on the geopolitical, geo-economic and geostrategic landscapes. Given the conspicuous cognizance re..... more >>

**Pakistan, China FO spokespersons hold virtual dialogue**
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-10-12
Pakistan-China Spokespersons’ Dialogue was held virtually on Tuesday between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan and China in which the both sides emphasized the strength of time-tested bilateral relationship that had been nurtured by successive generations of leadership and the peoples of two countries. Pakistan delegation was steered by spokesperson Asim Ittikhar Ahmad, Additiona..... more >>
Chinese experts to conduct survey of flood-hit areas
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-10-15
Chinese Consul General in Karachi Li Bijian on Friday briefed Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah about their rehabilitation activities after the recent floods in the province. Li Bijian informed that a team of their experts is scheduled to visit the flood-affected areas of Sukkur division to survey the collapsed houses and then select the areas to reconstruct the houses, said a spokesperson more >>

Pakistanis laud China's support for country: survey
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-10-15
Almost all Pakistanis have a very positive view of Iron Brother China and its consistent support to Pakistan and they consider China as their trusted friend, a survey revealed, according to Gwadar Pro on Friday. As part of the Sinophone Borderlands public opinion survey in Pakistan in June 2022, over 1,200 Pakistani respondents were asked two open-ended questions about their perception of China. R..... more >>

Chinese CG donates $100,000 cheque to CM for flood-affected people
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-10-15
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CPHGC seeks revision in Nepra’s coal price notification
Source: Mubhtaq Ghumman, BOL News, 2022-10-02
ISLAMABAD: China Power Hub Generation Company (CPHGC) has sought revision in coal price notification of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to reimburse part of local procurement as international coal prices are now less than local coal. In a letter to Secretary Power, Chairman NEPRA and other concerned authorities, the company’s CEO has updated them about procurement o..... more >>

Pakistan hails refinancing of $2.24 billion by China
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-10-01
Finance Minister, Ishaq Dar on Friday appreciated the support extended by the Chinese leadership in refinancing of syndicate facility of RMB 15 billion (US$ 2.24 billion) to Pakistan. During a meeting with Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China, Nong Rong, who called him, the finance minister further sought ambassador’s support in facilitating roll-over of SAFE China deposits o..... more >>

Gwadar MNA Aslam Bhootani takes Chinese firms to task
Source: Amir Wasim, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-10-09
ISLAMABAD: An independent lawmaker from Balochistan sitting on the treasury benches on Friday decried “ongoing exploitation” by the Chinese companies working on various power projects in the province, accusing them of destroying environment and marine life in the coastal areas, besides denying jobs to locals. Speaking on a point of order in the National Assembly, the lawmaker represen..... more >>

Chinese investment quite helpful for Balochistan, says BEF president
KARACHI: The President, Balochistan Economic Forum (BEF), Sardar Shoukat Popalzai has said that Chinese investment is a major milestone on improving socioeconomic development in the province of Balochistan. He
expressed concern over recent statements from a National Assembly Member from the province of Balochistan, in which he has used very harsh words for Chinese companies making investments..... more >>

**Lubricant oil industry ready to set foot in Gwadar Free Zone Phase II**

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-10-11

In a major development, Chinese lubrication Oil industry is ready to enter in Gwadar Free Zone Phase II as an affiliate of China’s enterprise “Hengmei Technological Grease Company” has agreed to establish lubricant blending plant in Gwadar. According to a Gwadar Pro’s report on Monday, Hengmei Technological Grease Company has already been registered and incorporated in Sec..... more >>

**Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC**

**Gwadar University to set up CPEC Study Centre**

Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-10-03

QUETTA: The University of Gwadar has decided to establish a CPEC Study Centre and a Centre for Marine Affairs and Marine Sciences, as provided in the approved PC-1, among many other key decisions. The second meeting of the syndicate was held at the university’s conference hall in which many important decisions were taken. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir chaired the meeting..... more >>

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**PM tells Chinese firm; Priority being given to CPEC projects**

Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-07

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said that the government was completing the projects under Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on a priority, which were deliberately delayed by the previous government during last four years. The prime minister, in a meeting with a delegation of Chinese construction firm China Road and Bridge Corporation, headed by President Ye Chengyi..... more >>

**28 projects completed with cost of $18.8bn under framework of CPEC**

Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-10-15

As many as 28 projects have been completed with a cost of US$ 18.8 billion under the Framework of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) including 12 projects in the Energy sector, 10 projects of Infrastructure development and 6 projects in the Socio-Economic Development sector. In a written reply to the National Assembly, the minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqba..... more >>

**Future of CPEC projects**


The high point of roll out-of megaprojects under the CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) was in the last tenure of PML-N (Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz) government from 2013-18. During this period a number of mega projects in the energy and infrastructure sector set their footprint in all parts of the country, notably, the thermal power projects in Punjab and hydro power projects in the north o..... more >>
Research, Development & Capacity Building

**Education transforms lives, opens new doors: Chinese envoy**  
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-10-01  
ISLAMABAD: Education not only transforms people’s lives but opens new doors and creates strong societies. It is the pathway to socio-economic development of a nation and universities provide both academic and personal experiences. This was pointed out by Ambassador of China to Pakistan Nong Rong on Thursday as he spoke to participants of a ceremony organised by the Higher Education Commissi.....  
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**Pakistan to ask China to move towards ML-1 project bidding**  
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will ask China in the upcoming Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting of CPEC to move towards the bidding process of the much-awaited ML-1 (Mainline-1) for the construction of a rail-line from Karachi to Peshawar. Pakistan will also inform the Chinese side about the devastating effects of severe floods causing $32 billion to $34 billion losses with the request to find out .....  
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**SDPI s Events**

### A Report launch

**‘Environmentally sustainable’ bonds**
Source: Zafar Masud, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-10-03
Pakistan faces a significant challenge to finance its large trade deficits and external debt repayments. This is reflected in the sharp drawdown of the SBP (State Bank of Pakistan) foreign currency reserves in the last one year, from a peak of $ 20 billion in August 2021 the reserves have declined to $ 8.6 billion in September 2022. The market pricing of Pakistan’s sovereign plain vanilla E..... more >>

### Dialogue News

**Tax harmonization, policy consistency vital for investments, business environment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Experts**
Source: SABAH, SABAH News, 2022-10-01
ISLAMABAD, Oct 01 (SABAH): Tax harmonization in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is crucial to prevent misuse of government’s tax incentives and support for sustainable development of indigenous businesses, said Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) while speaking at public-private dialogue on “Business Regulatory Environment in Newly Merged Districts, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa”..... more >>

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### SDPI Articles

#### Blue economy and sustainable development
**Source:** Ahad Nazir, *The News, International*, 2022-10-09
The term, blue economy, was coined in 2012 during a United Nations conference on sustainable development and growth. According to the World Bank, it is defined as the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs while preserving the health of the ocean ecosystem." Evidence suggests that in most de.....  
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#### Issues for COP27
**Source:** Shafqat Kakakhel, *The News, International*, 2022-10-13
The UN Climate conference (COP27) to be convened on November 6-18 at the Egyptian Red Sea resort Sharm El Sheikh will grapple with a number of issues that lie at the core of global climate action against a daunting political and economic backdrop. The negotiations are likely to be protracted, contentious and acrimonious, betraying a deepening North-South divide. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.....  
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#### Impact of floods
**Source:** Attia Irshad Sani, *Daily Times*, 2022-10-15
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### SDPI's Related Articles

#### Is Pakistan becoming a dumping ground of waste?
**Source:** Ayesha Azmat Awan, *Global Village Space*, 2022-10-01
Waste Management, in its most basic form, is concerned with the management and disposal of waste in a more environmentally friendly and sustainable manner. Solid Waste Management (SWM) is a global issue that affects countries all over the world and poses a serious threat to the planet and its inhabitants. The key drivers of rising waste levels are population growth, rapid urbanization, economic de.....  
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### SDPI's Related News

#### IPRI holds seminar on China’s GDI
**Source:** Staff Reporter, *BOL News*, 2022-10-06
ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) in collaboration with China Study Centre and CIIT Islamabad organised a seminar “From Global Development Initiative (GDI) to Global Security Initiative (GSI)” on Thursday, a statement said. COMSATS Rector Dr Muhammad Tabassum Afzal opened the ceremony with introductory remarks, highlighting the concept of the Global Development.....  
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  Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-10-04  
  ISLAMABAD-The experts at a seminar on Monday said the reduction in rising population in the world in general and Pakistan in particular would ensure cuts in carbon emissions which would be permanent and achieved through positive actions improving human lives. The Sustainable Development of Policy Institute (SDPI) organised a seminar titled “Rapid Population Growth and Pakistan’s Vulnerability”... *[more >]* |

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