**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.

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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 dailies.*

**Newspapers Covered:**

- Dawn
- The Nation
- Pakistan Observer
- China Daily
- The News
- Business Recorder
- Pakistan Today
- The Express Tribune
- Daily Times
- Urdu Point
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
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- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
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## China Study Centre

### Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

#### China’s GWR 2022
China has announced the growth target of the national GDP as around 5.5 per cent for the year 2022 in a recently released China’s 2022 Government Work Report. Apart from this important announcement, the report explains the government policies for the long stabilization, boost investment, consuming, spending plans, climate and environment policy, and measures to support the elderly and child .... more >>

#### Chinese airline thanks PIA chief for condolence letter
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-03-26
RAWALPINDI: The chairman of China Eastern Airlines Co Ltd has thanked Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) CEO Arshad Malik for his condolences extended to the families of the victims of a plane crash in China earlier this week. A China Eastern Airlines Boeing 737-800 with 132 people on board crashed in mountains in southern China on Monday after a sudden plunge from cruising altitude at about t.... more >>

#### Muslim Ummah’s Partnership with China
Source: Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, *Daily Times*, 2022-03-26
Mr Wang Yi, State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China, explicitly mentioned that China desires to build sustainable partnerships with Muslim Ummah. While attending the OIC meeting in Islamabad, he said that China was looking for a mutually beneficial and respectable partnership. It is not the first time that China has expressed its desire to build a close relationship with the Muslim Ummah. Ch..... more >>

#### China cornerstone of our foreign policy: Qureshi
BEIJING: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Wednesday held a bilateral meeting with Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Tunxi District, Huangshan, China. The Foreign minister is visiting China to attend the Third Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan’s Neighbouring Countries. He is accompanied by the Foreign Secretary and Pakistan’s Special ..... more >>

#### Wasa signs agreement with Chinese firm for installation of smart meters
Source: Staff Reporter, *Daily Times*, 2022-03-16
LAHORE: Xiang Lahore Water Metering Company and Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) on Tuesday signed an agreement to install 711,000 smart water meters in Lahore under a public-private partnership initiative. Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, who was the chief guest at the agreement signing ceremony said on the occasion that the Chinese company would install 93 percent domestic and 7pc commercial smar..... more >>

#### PCJCCI to hold 2-day ‘Pakistan Tech Festival’
LAHORE: Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry is going to hold PTCL Business Solutions ITCN Asia - Pakistan Tech Festival in collaboration with Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd from 16th March 2022 till 17th March 2022 at Expo Centre, Lahore. The ceremony attended by Wang Zihai, President PCJCCI, Dr. Khursheed Nizam, President Ecommerce Gateway, Ehsan Chaudhry, Senior Vic..... more >>
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<td>Source: Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-18</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China agreed to execute the much-awaited mega ML-1 Pakistan Railway Up-gradation Project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on a priority basis. The agreement was reached at a virtual held meeting between the CPEC Authority and the National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC) of China to follow up on the decisions taken during the recent visit of t.....</td>
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<td><strong>Footwear industry offers opportunities for China</strong></td>
<td>Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-20</td>
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<td>SHANGHAI: Pakistan’s footwear exports achieved a double-digit growth. The footwear exports of the country in the first eight months of fiscal year 2021-22 reached $104 million, a year-on-year increase of 17.7%, and the export volume was $12.09 million, a year-on-year increase of 9.08%, according to the latest data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). In addition to the incr.....</td>
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<td><strong>Potato export to China can bring $2bn: farmers</strong></td>
<td>Source: Aslam Piracha, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-22</td>
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<td>OKARA: Pakistan can earn about $2 billion through potato export to China as containers are available at cheaper rates to local exporters under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) while potato should also be exported to the markets of the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Russia. This was stated by Potato Growers Association (PGA) Pakistan president Mian Muhammad Siddique and vice presi.....</td>
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<td>BEIJING: “Plump and fragrant. I can easily peel it off without any tools, just by hand! I will definitely recommend it to my friends.” On one of China’s leading e-commerce platforms, click on the homepage of a Pakistani pine nuts shop with the highest sales volume, it is not difficult to see that the monthly sales volume exceeds 8,000 pieces, and among the more than 7,000 revie.....</td>
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<td><strong>China appears to be concerned at evolving situation</strong></td>
<td>Source: Ali Hussain, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-22</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday hoped that “various parties and factions” in Pakistan can strengthen unity and coordination by maintaining the larger interest of the country’s development and stability. Speaking at a joint news conference to the state-run media along Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi after their delegation-level talks, the Chines.....</td>
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<td><strong>‘Legitimate’ discount in coal prices; Chinese plants asked to pass on benefit to consumers</strong></td>
<td>Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-22</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has warned the Chinese imported coal-fired power plants to be ready for harsh action if “legitimate” discount in coal prices is not passed onto the consumers. This very strong message was conveyed by Chairman, NEPRA, Tauseef H. Farooqi to the Chinese companies at a hearing about a couple of weeks ago which was attende.....</td>
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<td><strong>ML-I upgradation is of great significance to Pakistan</strong></td>
<td>Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-24</td>
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<td>BEIJING: On March 17, China and Pakistan agreed to execute the mega ML-1 railway up-gradation project under the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on a priority basis. This is a major development and also the implementation of the important consensus of Prime Minister Imran Khan’s meeting with Chinese top leaders during his recent visit to China. The agreement was reached.....</td>
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Gwadar Free Zone phase-II set in motion  
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-24
BEIJING: In a major development, Gwadar Free Zone (phase-II) goes into formal action in true letter and spirit after the initiation of land allocation process and soil testing rolled out by registered companies. Gwadar Free Zone (phase-I) is already completed and functional. The get-going makes a headway within 32 weeks after Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurated the Gwadar Free Zone (p..... more >>

Sino-Pak dairy cooperation to result in industrial upgrade  
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-25
BEIJING: “We have learnt that Pakistan is the most important exporter and producer of dairy products in South Asia,” Bright Dairy and Food Company Limited Overseas Business Manager Li Yunjie told China Economic Net. “I think Pakistan’s high-quality dairy products will be of great strategic significance to us and we are willing to explore more the Pakistani dairy industry ..... more >>

Proposals made to attract Chinese investment  
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-25
ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Energy has prepared four proposals to attract billions of dollars’ investment from China, which include coal gasification for fertilizer plant, Strategic Underground Gas Storages (SUGS) and Gwadar Petrochemical Industry Park, well informed sources told Business Recorder. These proposals will be made part of the agenda to be discussed in the Joint Working Group (JW..... more >>

Closed since 2019, Khunjerab to reopen for trade from 1st  
Source: Jamil Nagri, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-27
GILGIT: After remaining closed for more than two and a half years, a key land border crossing between Pakistan and China at Khunjerab is being reopened for trade activities from April 1. Khunjerab Pass was closed in November 2019 to contain the transmission of the coronavirus between the two countries. The pass was temporarily opened in July and September 2020 and again in November 2021, only to..... more >>

China becomes main export destination for Pakistani pine nut  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-03-22
Pakistani pine nuts not only enjoy a high price premium in China but at present, China has become one of the main export destinations for Pakistani pine nuts. According to the Agriculture Marketing Information Service (AMIS), in FY 2018-2019 (July 2018-June 2019, a good year) and FY 2019-2020 (a small year), Pakistan exported 692 tons and 73.9 tons of pine nuts to China respectively, worth 820 mi..... more >>

Chinese firm offers to help in 5G rollout  
Source: Kashif Hussain, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-29
DUBAI: A Chinese technology giant has expressed interest in supporting 5G rollout in Pakistan by sharing its expertise to enhance social sector development and economic growth in the country. Responding to The Express Tribune queries at the Huawei Cloud Middle East and Africa 2022 roundtable in Dubai on Monday, Huawei Vice President of Global Communications Karl Song said that alongside many oth..... more >>

Islamabad needs to curtail imports, says Chinese envoy  
Source: Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-30
KARACHI: China’s Consul General Li Bijian said on Tuesday Pakistan should reduce imports from the largest Asian economy as the bilateral trade is highly skewed against Islamabad. At a ceremony to mark the beginning of the local assembling of Chinese home appliances brand Midea, Mr Li said the “heavy imbalance” in the bilateral trade is a “problem” that Islamabad shou..... more >>
Chinese home appliances brand enters Pakistan
Source: Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-30
KARACHI: Pakistan has introduced one more Chinese brand in the home appliances category, as a local company which is engaged in assembling and marketing brands of the neighbouring country, has expanded its assembly line with two new products. Speaking at the launching ceremony of Midea (a Chinese brand) in Pakistan on Tuesday, Consul General of China in Karachi Li Bijian voiced hope that the new..... more >>

Pakistan eyes China to boost potato industry
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-30
BEIJING: Pakistan plans to increase potato production and grab a share in the Chinese market through modern Chinese technology and high-quality seeds, said Pakistani authorities. Commercial Counsellor of Pakistan Embassy in Beijing Badaruz Zaman said that Pakistan was one of the largest potato producers in the world. *Local consumption is around 4 to 5 million tons. We will have a good su..... more >>

Ties with China termed cornerstone of Pakistan’s foreign policy
Source: APP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-31
HUANGSHAN (China): Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met here on Wednesday and discussed various issues of regional and international importance. The two foreign ministers exchanged views on bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation, Covid-19 pandemic, peace, stability and development in Afghanistan and regional and interna..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

For a smooth transition
The system installed in 2018 is now falling apart due to its inherent contradictions, with its embarrassed architects choosing to take refuge behind ‘neutrality’ – essentially a constitutional imperative – and temporarily sit on the sidelines. The conservative, populist, and authoritarian government of Prime Minister Imran Khan has undoubtedly miserably failed to deliver o..... more >>

Political stability to fetch $30bn investment at Gwadar: SAPM
ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on CPEC Khalid Mansoor has said if the political stability remains intact, the Chinese commitment of $20 to $30 billion investment for establishing a petrochemical complex and relocation of refineries at Gwadar could be materialiaed. “If we ensure political stability, Chinese companies are going to make huge investments ranging from $20 ..... more >>

Walking a tightrope
China’s expanding global footprint has become a significant geopolitical policy challenge for the US. This has significant financial, strategic, militaristic, and perception implications for the established and widely accepted hegemony. The US has long enjoyed unparalleled supremacy in the world, both in economic and martial terms, and its number one export around the world has been the Ame..... more >>

CPEC projects under stress
The government has reportedly failed to convince the Chinese government to restart suspended work on 300MW coal-fired power project at Gwadar as M/s Sinosure, the Chinese loan insurance company, is unwilling to cover
governmental breach risk under the medium and long-term buyer credit insurance largely due to delayed payments to CPEC projects in the power sector and delay in opening of a revolving..... more >>

Payment in form of PIBs, Sukuk; CPPA-G likely to negotiate with CPEC IPPs
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-03-19
ISLAMABAD: Central Power Purchasing Agency- Guaranteed (CPPA-G) is likely to negotiate with CPEC IPPs to accept payment of Rs 50 billion in the form of Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs) and Sukuk based on the terms and conditions of currently available offers by the Ministry of Finance, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said the Prime Minister held two ..... more >>

Gwadar power project paralysis
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-03-20
It is unfortunate that the government has failed to convince the Chinese to restarted work on a 300MW coal-fired power project in Gwadar because without it its energy requirements will not be met and the once sleepy fishing village will not be able to take its trumpeted, and marketed, place as the jewel in the crown of CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor). It turns out that M/s Sinosure, a Chin..... more >>

PM Imran underlines CPEC’s significance for economic growth
Source: Iftikhar A. Khan, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-03-23
ISLAMABAD: Noting that the ongoing second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would reinforce Pakistan’s efforts towards economic development with an enhanced cooperation in diverse areas, Prime Minister Imran Khan invited Chinese investors to benefit from the lucrative investment opportunities in Pakistan. The PM made these remarks during a meeting with..... more >>

Economic development; CPEC’s 2nd phase to reinforce Pakistan's efforts, Wang told
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-03-23
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Tuesday said the ongoing second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would reinforce Pakistan's efforts for economic development with enhanced cooperation in areas such as industrial development, agriculture, and information technology. The prime minister, in a meeting with Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the ..... more >>

China says willing to extend CPEC to Afghanistan
Source: Agencies, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-03-25
KABUL: Beijing welcomes Afghanistan’s active participation in the Belt and Road Initiative, a global infrastructure plan proposed by China, and is willing to push for extending the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Thursday as he made a surprise visit to Kabul. Wang met acting Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi to di..... more >>

Sorghum cooperation to enter CPEC
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-03-27
Sorghum is a multi-purpose crop that can play an important role in food and fodder provision. By tapping its potential jointly, China wishes to bring sorghum cooperation into the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and benefit the people of both sides. These views were shared by experts in the Symposium on Sorghum Industry Development of China and Pakistan, organised by the Belt and Road Inte..... more >>
China willing for extension of CPEC to Afghanistan
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-03-26
China appreciated and welcomed Afghanistan’s active participation in the joint construction of the “Belt and Road”, and is willing to promote the extension of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan in order to make the country a bridge for regional connectivity, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Wang Wenbin said on Friday. “China appreciates and wel..... more >>

Pak-China to bring sorghum cooperation into CPEC
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-03-27
“Sorghum is a multi-purpose crop that can play an important role in food and fodder provision. By tapping its potential jointly, we wish to bring sorghum cooperation into China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and benefit both peoples”. These are the views shared by experts on the Symposium on Sorghum Industry Development of China Pakistan organized by the Belt and Road International..... more >>

Pakistan and China to bring sorghum cooperation into CPEC
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-03-28
Pakistan and China will bring sorghum cooperation into CPEC, says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Sunday. “Sorghum is a multi-purpose crop that can play an important role in food and fodder provision. By tapping its potential jointly, we wish to bring sorghum cooperation into CPEC and benefit both peoples”. This was stated by experts at a Symposium on Sorghum Indust..... more >>

CPEC’s second phase to help spur industrialization: Chinese CG
KARACHI: Chinese Consul General in Karachi, Li Bijian Tuesday hoped the second phase of the CPEC will help spur industrialization in Pakistan with more investors coming from his country in different sectors, vowing to facilitate the businessmen of both nations. Talking to reporters after the launch of Midea, a home appliances brand, by Tri-Angles Electronics, he said that the second phase of ..... more >>

China ties cornerstone of Pak foreign policy: FM
HUANGSHAN: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met here Wednesday and discussed various issues of regional and international importance. “The two foreign ministers exchanged views on bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation; COVID-19 pandemic; peace, stability and development in Afghanistan; and regional and internatio..... more >>

Soft power and diplomacy
The importance of ‘military diplomacy’ cannot be ignored – even though this concept is rarely addressed. The ‘Marshall Plan’ became the epitome of military diplomacy, helped achieve national objectives and played a pivotal role in improving the economic, industrial and political conditions of Europe. The US spent a total of $13 billion to achieve its objectives in we..... more >>
the Chinese market. In this way, Chinese consumers’ demands for high-quality dairy products will be satisfied. Meanwhile, Pakistan’s economic development, in..... more >>

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Chinese companies to step up pharmaceutical cooperation with Pakistan
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-03-20
Chinese companies to step up pharmaceutical cooperation with Pakistan, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Saturday. “Having provided over 20 million doses of vaccine made in Pakistan, we expect to deepen cooperation with this country”, said Mr. Xin Chunlin from CanSino at a CPEC B2B Conference. In the conference organized by the Board of Investment (BOI), Pakistan, providers of or..... more >>

Ambassador Haque meets top Chinese manufacturer of medical devices
Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-03-22
Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque held a virtual meeting with Jason Wang, Director of Global Marketing, and Felix Xia, South Asia General Manager of Mindray as a part of the Embassy’s economic diplomacy outreach to the Chinese enterprises. The ambassador was accompanied by the economic team of the Embassy. Pakistan’s Consul-General in Guangzhou and Honorary Investment Consul..... more >>

Pak students engaged in tech transfer from China
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-03-26
Pakistani students who graduated from Chinese institutions are playing important role in technology transfer. This was stated by Dr. Abid Ali, Department of Entomology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Adjunct Professor at Shenyang Normal University and Research Fellow at Lanzhou University, China during an interview with China Economic Net (CEN). “So far, 20,000 Pakistani stude..... more >>

Gwadar university signs MoU with Chinese varsity
Source: Bahram Baloch, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-30
GWADAR: The University of Gwadar signed an MoU with Jiangsu University of China on Tuesday. Under the MoU, the two universities agreed to cooperate in research, students and faculty exchange and academic programmes. The universities intend to engage in Belt and Road Initiative PhD and Postdoc faculty members collaborative programme in the field of engineering, medicine, etc. for the interest and..... more >>

Gansu to share agricultural expertise with Pakistan
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-20
Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) discussed a roadmap for boosting agricultural cooperation in the future, with advanced Chinese technologies to be transferred to Pakistan. Gansu and Pakistan share similarities in climate, crop types and environment. According to Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences Vice President Fan Tinglu, high-yield..... more >>
SDPI's Events

**Transformation in geo-political environment**
Transformation has always been a permanent feature of international politics. Given the globalisation, a change in any part of the world quickly reverberates throughout the world. Just as societies and economies were emerging from the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic, war and dislocation have raised their heads. The inextricable nature of geo-politics and geo-economics makes international politics..... more >>

**A crisis explained**
At the onset of the pandemic, the experts warned about three challenges facing humanity: Covid-19, food crisis, and a global recession. While Covid-19 inflicted unprecedented losses, fortunately the world escaped a global recession and food crisis. However, that escape seemed short-lived. Once again, experts are warning of a food crisis and a global recession, but this time the crises will not be ..... more >>

**Pakistan’s climate action: a fact sheet**
Pakistan’s actions concerning climate change have been marked by weak political commitment, reluctance to recognize that the multi-faceted effects of climate change warrant efforts by multiple segments of the government and society and, above all, inadequate institutional arrangements. Despite our federal policy measures, coordination and coherence on climate-related initiatives between the ..... more >>

**Economy and the political uncertainty**
Economic activity declines when there is uncertainty. A climate of uncertainty negatively affects consumers, businesses, investors, financial markets and most importantly, economic policymakers. They are compelled to make short-term policies in a shortened horizon that are suboptimal. Like most developing countries, Pakistan faces great uncertainty. One may argue that these uncertainties..... more >>

**Retrograding Industrial Sectors in Pakistan: Causes and Remedies**
China-Pakistan industrial cooperation intended to develop Pakistan as a major manufacturing hub in the region, and establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) would generate tremendous investment opportunities for local manufacturers and attract huge manpower. The shifting of industries from China to Pakistan would lead to export advancement, technologies transfers, import substitution, employment..... more >>

**CONducive Business Environment in Pakistan**
Source: Sadia Satti, *Pakistan Observer*, 2022-03-17
Full text not available..... more >>

**Digital Financial Services in Pakistan: Opportunities, Challenges and Suggestions**
Research Article6 Journal of Finance & Economics Research-Volume 6, Issue 2201 By Rabia Manzoor, Asif Javed, Vaqar Ahmed, Abdul Rauf 10.20547/jfer2106201 Keywords: Digital finance, financial inclusion, financial services digital trade. This study examines how the financial services accessed and delivered through digitalization in Pakistan. Digital infrastructure refers to Internet, mo..... more >>
SDPI News

**Experts demand end to toxic mercury lighting**
Islamabad: In developing countries, the import and export of mercury-based fluorescent lighting are still going on despite the fact that the developed world has shifted to clean lighting to save itself from the poison of mercury. This was stated by experts at an awareness-raising campaign jointly launched by Sustainable Development Policy Institute and other partners including Clean Lighting Coal. ..... more >>

**Pakistan To Save $6.5 Billion In Electricity Bills Between 2020-50 After Shifting Over LEDs**
Source: Faizan Hashmi, UrduPoint, 2022-03-16
ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 15th Mar, 2022) : The experts at an awareness raising session to phase out mercury use on Tuesday said Pakistan could save upto $6.5billionin lieu off electricity bills between 2020-50 after shifting over eco-friendly LED lights as in the developing countries, the import and export of mercury based florescent lighting was still going on despite the fact that. ..... more >>

**Call for considering social implications of economic policies**
Dr Vaqar Ahmed, joint executive director of the Social Development Policy Institute (SDPI), has said any economic policies should not be devised in isolation but social implications should be taken in its utmost consideration for promoting the welfare of the public at large. He was speaking at a dissemination meeting of a research on ‘Social Footprint of Monetary Policy in Pakistan’. ..... more >>

**Meeting of research on ‘Social Footprint of Monetary Policy’ held**
KARACHI: The Department of Economics in collaboration with the Social Development Policy Institute (SDPT) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) organised a dissemination meeting of research on “Social Footprint of Monetary Policy in Pakistan”, at University of Karachi. Dr Niels Hegewisch, Country Director FES, while addressing in his opening remarks said that monetary policy is rarely de..... more >>

**Monetary Policy Should Set Inflation Target of 5% Per Annum: Economist**
Source: ProPK Staff, ProPakistani.com, 2022-03-30
Pakistan needs a central bank and monetary policy which, while delivering its formal mandate of price stability, is considerate of the pressing challenges currently faced by the country, including extreme poverty, widespread joblessness, precarious employment, and burgeoning inequality, said renowned economist, Dr. Sajid Amin. Speaking at the seminar, “Social footprint of monetary policy in..... more >>

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**Amid swaying situation, economy sticks to growth path**
Source: Ashraf Wani & Shams-ur-Rehman, APP, 2022-03-21
ISLAMABAD, Mar 20 (APP): Amid the current swaying political situation at home and challenges faced at external front, one thing that is certainly encouraging is the growth of economy as demonstrated by positive progress of various economic indicators, owing to prudent policies introduced by the incumbent government. The indicators, including large-scale manufacturing (LSM), agricultural productio..... more >>
Data points
Source: From the Newspaper, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-21
Forgoing the resume for jobs When Health Data Research UK, a public-health research nonprofit, sought to improve the industry’s track record of recruiting Black women by starting a new internship program, it removed a key aspect of the screening process: the résumé. Instead of looking at the educational or professional experience to choose finalists from the 159 applicants for..... more >>

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ACCA Pakistan Holds ‘Pakistan Leadership Conversation 2022’ to Discuss Key Drivers for Sustainable Growth
Source: Sponsored, ProPakistani.com, 2022-03-17
ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) Pakistan, in collaboration with SEED Ventures, successfully hosted the inaugural Islamabad chapter of its flagship conferences Pakistan Leadership Conversation (PLC 2022). Shaukat Tarin, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, was the Chief Guest and shared his thoughts on rethinking public financial management and how the government le..... more >>

Webinar News

Speakers favour evidence-based data in trade to depoliticise economy
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-03-21
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