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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.

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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
### Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

**China-Central Asia Summit versus G7 meet**

Source: Shazia Anwer Cheema, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-05-27

At a time when, on May 19, the Western allies of the US were deliberating their shared future at the 49th G7 summit in Hiroshima, Japan, and reaffirming their support for Ukraine which is thousands of miles away from Japan, Chinese President Xi Jinping was speaking at China-Central Asia Summit in Xian, offering economic grants for enhancing the financial capacity of Central Asian States. Western m..... [more >>]

### China & America trade conflict

**US-China rivalry**

Source: Touqir Hussain, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-05-17

PAKISTAN, like much of the world, is worried about how the worsening US-China rivalry would impact its relations with both countries. There are no clear answers. While this rivalry may mirror traditional great power competition, there are also important differences. Analogies like ‘a new Cold War’ are misleading. The Soviet Union was America’s adversary; China is a rival. The ..... [more >>]

**Understanding China-US Strategic Competition**


The world’s balance of power is shifting as China establishes itself as a powerful competitor to the current superpower, the USA. China is a rival of the USA on two dimensions; influence and ideology. The tension between two rivals may be termed a ‘repeat’ of Cold War-era dynamics. A more apt comparison may be the years preceding World War I when much of Europe was sitting on a p..... [more >>]

**Finding the Strategic Equilibrium**

Source: Ali Imran Atta, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-31

China is going to experience an increase in national socioeconomic and public health concerns in 2023. If history is any guide, it is reasonable to anticipate China’s leaders to respond to settle their external environment to focus on domestic concerns. To counteract criticism of their political record, they will try to project to their people the image of being treated with dignity and resp..... [more >>]

**Seven Days to the Global Crisis**

Source: Juan Abbas, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-23

It’s the last full week of May, which means June is just around the corner and America is just days away from a full-fledged debt crisis. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill have extensively sought to reconsider the US government’s spending bill and avoid a re-do of the 2008 financial crisis. Negotiations so far have hit a stalemate with democrats signalling an inclination towards President Bide..... [more >>]

### Economic Growth & Governance

**Stability, Cooperation and Development**

Source: Zhao Shiren, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-05-21

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| China’s industrial output up 5.6% in April |
| Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-17 |
| China’s value-added industrial output, an important economic indicator, went up 5.6 percent year on year in April, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed Tuesday. The growth rate was 1.7 percentage points higher than that of March, the bureau said. In April, the industrial production was generally stable, and the equipment manufacturing sector saw rapid growth, said the bureau. A.....  more >> |

| UN forecasts China’s economic growth of 5.3% in 2023 |
| Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-18 |
| China’s economic growth is forecast to increase by 5.3 percent in 2023, said the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in its mid-2023 report on economic expectations released on Tuesday. Global economy is expected to grow by 2.3 percent in 2023, up 0.4 percentage points from a January forecast, and the prediction for 2024 has dropped to 2.5 percent, according to the UN report. The Un.....  more >> |

| Chinese college expressing interest in sharing expertise with Balochistan |
| Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-19 |
| Zhangjiakou Vocational and Technical College has expressed interest in extending its expertise to the Pakistani province of Balochistan, providing Pakistani students with valuable skills and education, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday. Naseem Khan Achakzai, Advisor to the Speaker of Balochistan Assembly, visited Zhangjiakou Vocational and Technical College and was briefed about a program designed .....  more >> |

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| China’s exports to North Korea surge in April |
| Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-21 |
| China’s exports to North Korea soared in April from a year earlier, with wigs and fertiliser among major shipments, Chinese customs data showed on Saturday. Chinese outbound shipments to the isolated country surged 69 per cent year-on-year to $166 million in April, data released by China’s General Administration of Customs showed. The top export items in terms of value were processed h.....  more >> |

| Chinese economy keeps upward momentum: report |
| Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-21 |
| China’s remarkable economic revival continues to gather momentum, as evidenced by official data released here, according to a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Saturday. As per the report, domestic consumption, industrial production, and fixed asset investment in the country all exhibit a strong upward trend in the first four months of this year. Notably, China’s major industrial enterpr.....  more >> |
China rolls out preferential policies to spur tourism
Source: Internews, Daily Times, 2023-05-21
China’s tourism sector rolled out lots of preferential policies this month to fuel tourism growth across the country. The policies include issuing vouchers for cultural and tourism activities, providing assistance for the elderly and the disabled during their trips, and offering free performances. The preferential activities will run throughout May, according to the Ministry of Culture and T..... more >>

China-Iran Relations in the Age of Globalization
Source: Rashid Mehmood, Daily Times, 2023-05-22
The relationship between China and Iran can be traced back earlier; since the 13th century, the Mongol Empire consumed both countries. Both countries have undergone successive dynasties for more than two millennia. Both countries witnessed a revolution in the 20th century; present, China emerged as a revolutionary power in 1949, while Iran transformed its power in 1979 into international order dom..... more >>

China’s non-financial ODI up 26.6% in Jan-April
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-23
China’s non-financial outbound direct investment (ODI) rose 26.6 percent year on year to 289.29 billion yuan in the first four months of the year, official data showed Monday. In U.S. dollar terms, the ODI stood at 42.19 billion U.S. dollars in the period, up 17.6 percent from a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Commerce. ..... more >>

Xinjiang sees significant trade growth with Central Asia in Jan-April
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-23
Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region saw its foreign trade with the five Central Asian countries increase by 92.2 percent to 75.11 billion yuan (about 10.7 billion U.S. dollars) in the first four months of the year, according to Urumqi customs. The figure accounts for 43.4 percent of the country’s total trade volume with the five Central Asian countries, namely, Kazakhstan..... more >>

Xi urges efforts to promote garbage sorting as new fashion for low-carbon life
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-23
Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sunday replied to a letter from volunteers who have been helping with garbage sorting in a residential community in Shanghai, expressing his keen hope to advance garbage sorting. In the letter, Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, said he was deeply impressed by the volunteers&r..... more >>

Experts discuss Chinese governance model
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-24
The experts at an international seminar on Tuesday discussed the Chinese governance model, reforms, global developments advancing the concept of a Community with Shared future, dialogue of civilization, and socio-economic transformation under Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and most specifically China – Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The seminar was jointly organized by School of Politic..... more >>

Australian wool industry boosted by demand from China
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-26
Australia’s wool industry has welcomed increased demand in the Chinese market, an Aussie wool enterprise head said. John Roberts, chief executive of Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), has returned to Australia after “a productive week” in China, meeting senior industry figures in Shanghai, Zhangjiagang, Tongxiang, Nanjing and Beijing. He said that increased demand for wool and a..... more >>
PCJCCI inked MoU with Dongying Sino-German to boost trade ties
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-31
The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) signed MoU with Dongying Sino-German (European Exchange and Cooperation Association) for the promotion of trade and investment here at PCJCCI Secretariat on Tuesday. The PCJCCI also organized business-to-business (B2B) meeting with 10 high profile members and multi-sector Chinese trade delegation with Pakistani investors, and entr..... more >>

Gwadar Port desilting operation takes pace
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-27
Gwadar port desilting operation has picked up momentum after ministry of planning urged to accelerate the work on the special directives of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Desilting mega process has been galvanized in order to restore original depth of navigational channel at Gwadar Port offering heavyweight ships to float well. It will ensure seamless movement of all type of vessels, facilitating..... more >>

6th CIIE to attract more Kiwi exporters
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-27
More than 20 Kiwi exporters have signed up for the 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE), the China Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand said Friday. More Kiwi exporters are welcome to join this year’s CIIE, said Ning Feng, President of the Shanghai National Exhibition and Convention Center during a roadshow for the event. Chen Zhiyang, Minister Counselor of the Chinese Embassy in New Ze..... more >>

2023 Yangtze River tourism overseas promotion season kicks off
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-05-18
The opening ceremony for the 2023 Yangtze River Tourism Overseas Promotion Season took place in Yichang, in Hubei Province of Central China, on May 5. The 2023 “Yangtze River Tourism Overseas Promotion Season” is jointly organized by the Network of International Culturalink Entities in cooperation with the competent departments of culture and tourism in ten provinces (municipalities), ..... more >>

Seminar held on China’s Global Development Initiative
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-28
China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), organized a seminar here on China’s “Global Development Initiative” aimed at development cooperation for achieving sustainable development goals. The chief guest at the seminar was Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairperson Senate Defense Committee. Former Ambassador to China Masood Khalid..... more >>

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Int’l joint lab established to strengthen China-Pakistan horticultural collaboration
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-17
The signing ceremony of the International Joint Laboratory on Horticulture Research, a collaboration between Huazhong Agricultural University (HZAU), China and University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Pakistan, was held at HZAU. The joint laboratory will focus on horticultural research, with an emphasis on improving crop productivity, developing new varieties and promoting sustainable agr... more >>

PM Shehbaz Sharif to inaugurate Polan-Gwadar transmission line today
Source: ABC, Daily Times, 2023-05-18
Enabling Pakistan to import additional 100mw electricity from Iran and feed its Mekran region region, including Gwadar port. According to the officials of National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC), the
company has been able to complete 30Km line on Pakistan's side in record time of four months and has activated the line as well. Pakistan and Iran had inked an agreement in J..... more >>

**Lol on China-Pakistan agricultural S&T collaboration signed**

*Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-23*

A LoI (Letter of Intent) on China-Pakistan agricultural science and technology collaboration between Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences (SAAS) and University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) was signed. According to China Economic Net (CEN), this significant event marks a new chapter of agricultural collaboration expansion and enrichment between Pakistan and China. As per the LoI, both in..... more >>

**China’s coal-rich province plans to promote intelligent coal mines**

*Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-23*

North China's coal-rich province Shaxi recently rolled out a plan to promote the development of intelligent coal mines and internet platforms for the coal industry. The plan includes building various digital platforms, cultivating talent, conducting research in key technologies and core equipment, increasing favorable financial policies and advancing the development of coal information ind..... more >>

**Laos begins to prepare for ASEAN Tourism Forum 2024**

*Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-16*

Lao tourism authorities are preparing to host the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum in 2024, which will take place in the Lao capital Vientiane on Jan. 22-27. The theme of the forum will be "Quality and Responsible Tourism — Sustaining ASEAN Future", Lao News Agency on Sunday quoted Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism Suanesavanh Vignakket as saying at a meeting last Friday to d..... more >>

**Pakistan Cultural Week concludes in Chengdu**

*Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-27*

The 2023 Pakistan Week, started from May 18 came to a successful close in Dujiangyan, Chengdu, Sichuan region, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday. Themed "Working hand in hand for a closer China-Pakistan bond under the Belt and Road Initiative", the 7-day event showcased traditional Pakistani clothes, dazzling jewelry and hand-made rugs copied from ancient Chinese artists, wh..... more >>

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**History, Language & Culture**

**Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs**

**72nd anniversary of Sino-Pak diplomatic relations observed**

*Source: Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-05-21*

PESHAWAR: The Pakistan-China relations are exemplary and we should learn from the China’s Leadership and Peoples dedication and devotion for their loving home land and their vital role in China’s stand on international stage with pride. The recent past China’s global positive role for peace and economic development is a guideline for us. This was stated by former Justice Irshad Q..... more >>

**72 years of diplomatic ties; Punjab CM visits Chinese Consulate**

*Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-05-22*

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi on the eve of 72nd anniversary of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations visited the Chinese Consulate. He met with the Consul General of China Zhao Shiren and felicitated him on completion of 72 years of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations and also cut a cake. The Chinese Consul General thanked the Caretaker CM and expressed good wishes..... more >>
Pakistan, China enjoying ideal relations: Minister
Lahore-Punjab Caretaker Minister for Local Government Ibrahim Murad has said that the government believed the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and China, the two neighbouring countries, is characterised by feelings of mutual trust, respect and goodwill towards each other. Both the countries are enjoying ideal relations. He was speaking as chief guest in a function to celebrate the 72nd ann..... more >>

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Pak-China ties a role model for world, says CM
LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on the eve of 72nd anniversary of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations visited the Chinese Consulate here Sunday. Provincial Minister for Industries SM Tanvir, famous industrialist Gohar Ejaz and Mian Ahsan also accompanied him. Caretaker CM met with the Consul General of China Zhao Shiren and felicitated him on completion of 72 years of Pakistan-Chin..... more >>

China, Pakistan celebrate 72nd anniversary of diplomatic ties
Source: ABC, Daily Times, 2023-05-22
On the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan, Chinese Embassy held the reception on “China-Pakistan Unbreakable Friendship and the Bright Future” on May 19. H.E. Ms. Pang Chunxue, Charge d’Affaires of the Chinese Embassy, the chief guest, H.E. Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Mazhar Ja..... more >>

Stability, Cooperation and Development
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Sichuan-Punjab business platform to be set up soon
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-18
CHENGDU: A platform will be set up soon between Sichuan and Punjab to connect the business community of the two places, announced Pakistan’s Ambassador to China Moinul Haque and invited China’s private sector to become part of the new platform. The ambassador made the remarks recently in a meeting with entrepreneurs from 50 enterprises in Sichuan and Chongqing areas at the China-Paki..... more >>
### More exports from Pakistan to boost confidence of Chinese: Envoy
ISLAMABAD - More exports from Pakistan will boost confidence of Chinese enterprises, said Moin-ul-Haque, Pakistani Ambassador to China during his meeting with traders and businessmen from 50 enterprises in Sichuan and Chongqing area here at the China-Pakistan Economic and Cultural Exchange Incubation Centre. "We will soon set up a platform between Sichuan and Punjab to connect the busi..... more >>

### More exports from Pakistan boosts confidence of Chinese enterprises: envoy
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-18
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### Trade avenues explored
Source: APP, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-05-21
BEIJING: Acting Consul General of the Pakistan Consulate in Guangzhou, China, Sardar Muhammad embarked on a three-day visit to the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to bolster trade and investment cooperation between Pakistan and Guangxi Zhuang. Sardar Muhammad attended the 12th China-ASEAN Mining Cooperation Forum and Exhibition, where he met with regional business leaders to explore potential b..... more >>

### MoUs to facilitate cherry exports to China signed
Source: Jamil Nagri, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-05-22
GILGIT: Eleven members of a business delegation from China returned home on Sunday, while three others will fly from Islamabad, after a successful visit to Gilgit-Baltistan where they signed several MoUs with officials, businessmen and representatives of chambers of commerce to facilitate cherry trade. The 14-member delegation of Chinese businessmen had arrived in Gilgit-Baltistan last week for a..... more >>

### Pakistan showcases high quality products at China-ASEAN Forum exhibition
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-21
Acting Consul General, Pakistan Consulate, Guangzhou, China Sardar Muhammad paid a three-day visit to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China and attended the 12th China-ASEAN Mining Cooperation Forum and Exhibition and met the leadership of business organizations of the Region. The meetings were aimed at exploring potential business opportunities and enhancing trade and investment cooperation ..... more >>

### Two air cargo routes to China opened
NANNING: In a milestone move to bolster trade ties between China and Pakistan, two new air cargo routes have been inaugurated recently between the two countries, according to a statement released by Nanning Customs District of China. The new air routes will operate between Nanning, the capital of China’s southwest autonomous region of Guangxi, and Pakistani cities of Karachi and Lahore. F..... more >>

### Beijing looking to import ‘quality’ mangoes
Source: APP, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-05-25
LAHORE: In a think-tank session held at the Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) Secretariat, President of PCJCCI, Moazzam Ali Ghurki, emphasised the need for collaborative efforts between China and Pakistan to capitalise on the immense potential in the mango sector. The PCJCCI president acknowledged China as a significant market for Pakistani mangoes and stressed the im..... more >>
Gwadar Port starts first-ever direct export to China
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-26
ISLAMABAD - In a major development, Gwadar Port started its first-ever direct export to China on May 24, as five containers carrying pharmaceutical raw materials left the Gwadar Free Zone for the Chinese port city of Tianjin, Hangeng Trading Company told Gwadar Pro. The shipment will reach China within 30 days. Describing it as a major breakthrough, the company’s CEO Andy Liao said, … more >>

China for closer cooperation in diverse fields
ISLAMABAD: Pang Chunxue, charge d’affaires of the Chinese Embassy, on Friday, called for close cooperation between Pakistan and China in the domains of agriculture, industry, technology, and all other areas of mutual interest. The Chinese diplomat was speaking at a seminar, titled, “Global Development Initiative – Catalyst for Development Cooperation”, organised by th….. more >>

Chinese enterprises’ role commendable in Pakistan socio-economic uplift
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-29
ISLAMABAD - Chinese enterprises in Pakistan have made important contributions to local sustainable development while actively improving people’s livelihood, an eight-member delegation organized by the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore said during a visit to the headquarters of PKM contractor China Construction Third Engineering Bureau (CCTEB), Gwadar Pro reporte….. more >>

Pak-China ceramic cooperation holds potential to benefit Pakistan’s industry: Liza Zhou
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-25
There is a brighter future for Pak-China ceramic cooperation, said Liza Zhou, senior sales manager of a top Chinese ceramic brand. China is a major producer of ceramic, which is famous for its long history and high-cost performance. Liza Zhou told Gwadar Pro that the quality of their products is now close to that of Italian ceramic tiles, some can even surpass them. “Compared with Pakis….. more >>

Pakistan anticipates more investments from Shanghai Economic Zone
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-25
Pakistan Consul General in Shanghai Hussain Haider on Wednesday said that Pakistan actively explored trade and investment cooperation opportunities with Chinese enterprises and welcomed the direct investment. During his presentation on trade and investment opportunities in Pakistan at Pakistan International Promotion Conference in Shanghai, he provided an overview of unique Pakistani products, to….. more >>

Pakistan pins hopes on China’s assistance in financial crunch
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-26
Pakistan expects China to roll over more than $2bn in debt due next month, but is still bracing itself for other repayment deadlines that risk tipping the country into default, Financial Times reported on Thursday. With a crucial IMF lending programme stalled, Pakistan has about $3.7bn in overseas debt due this month and in June against its current foreign reserves of just $4.3bn. Two senior Pak….. more >>

Pak-China portal launched for mango trade
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-26
Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) is planning to initiate Pakistan-China Trade Portal as Chinese people prefer online shopping. According to President Moazzam Ali Ghurki, PCJCCI, Pakistani exporters could use this platform for mango exports. Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday, China is a huge market for Pakistani mangoes and there is a dire need for joint efforts from Chi….. more >>
China-Pak aviation industry coop embracing new highs
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-31
As a major aviation power, whether in civilian or military fields, China has cooperated closely with Pakistan in the field of aviation for decades. According to a Gwadar Pro’s report, the Gwadar International Airport under construction, as an outstanding example of China-Pakistan aviation cooperation, is located 26 kilometers northeast of the port. So far, most of the infrastructure has been... more >>

Pak-China infrastructure construction leading to fruitful achievements
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-30
China-Pakistan infrastructure construction is leading to fruitful achievements, mainly because of China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) which entered the Pakistani market in 1984 long before CPEC. Many major projects in Pakistan have been constructed by this company, which showed the quality and professionalism of this corporation, according to an article carried by Gwadar Pro... more >>

Chinese firms’ role laudable in Pakistan socio-economic development
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-29
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China, Pakistan enhance agricultural collaboration
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-23
SHANGHAI: The Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences (SAAS) and the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAFA) have signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on China-Pakistan agricultural science and technology collaboration. This milestone agreement signifies a new era of agricultural cooperation between the two countries. The LoI outlines the intention of both institutions to collaborate on joint... more >>

Pak-China MoU signed to deepen all-round agri cooperation
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-05-24
Pak-China MoU has been signed to deepen all-round cooperation in agriculture sector, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday. The Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences and the Sindh Agriculture University of Tandojam officially signed a memorandum of understanding for the China-Pakistan flax research and innovation hub. Start from September 2020, Lanzhou, the capital of Gansu Province, has... more >>

China a potential market for Pakistan’s textile products
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-27
ISLAMABAD-There are huge prospects for unique and high quality made-in-Pakistan products like bedding, bed sheets, quilts, pillows, pillowcases, towels, curtains, stationery items, bags and sports-wear articles in China, said Mian Kashif Ashfaq, CEO of Pakistan Furniture Council. Talking to INP-WealthPK following his participation in the Canton Fair 2023 held in Guangdong province of China, Kas... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC creates 155,000 jobs for Pakistanis
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-19
BEIJING: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which has reached its 10th anniversary this year, has played an important role in bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan and created over 155,000 local jobs...
for Pakistani people, said China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). At a press conference, an NDRC official said CPEC, including the development of Gwada..... more >>

**CPEC creates over 155,000 local jobs in Pakistan: NDRC**  
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-19  
The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which is marking its 10th anniversary this year, has played an important role in bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan and created over 155,000 local jobs for Pakistani people, China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) has said. During a regular press conference, the NDRC said the CPEC had achieved fruitful results, inc..... more >>

**Chinese tech upgrading Pakistan’s agri industry: envoy**  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-19  
“Agricultural projects under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor have a positive impact on improving local agricultural technology and upgrading Pakistan’s agricultural industry,” said Moin ul Haque, while visiting the headquarter of Pak-China red chili project in Sichuan Province in China. According to Chen Changwei, chairman of Sichuan Litong Food Company, which has brought its c..... more >>

**China-Central Asia Summit, a unique event to deep friendship at regional level**  
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-05-20  
As the G7 leaders congregate in Japan, all eyes are turning to China as the country hosts the historic summit with Central Asian nations. With the formal establishment of relationships thirty years ago, this unique event is unlike any other, marking a pivotal juncture in the region’s history. According to a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Friday, the summit holds great significance for China..... more >>

**Regional Connectivity**  
Source: Nida Khattak, Daily Times, 2023-05-24  
The Fifth China-Pakistan-Afghanistan Trilateral Foreign Ministers’ dialogue hosted by Pakistan on May 6, 2023, was a comprehensive and all-inclusive addressal of the regional issues emanating from Afghanistan’s political and economic turmoil, which bears an imprint on Pak-Afghan relations and raises security concerns for China. The much-needed dialogue followed the UN conference in Doh..... more >>

**Gwadar Port starts its first-ever direct export to China**  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-26  
In a major development, Gwadar port started its first-ever direct export to China on May 24, as five containers carrying pharmaceutical raw materials left the Gwadar Free Zone for the Chinese port city of Tianjin, Hangeng Trading Company told Gwadar Pro. The shipment will reach China within 30 days. Describing it as a major breakthrough, the company’s CEO Andy Liao said, “Starting fro..... more >>

**China, Central Asia must ‘fully unleash’ potential**  
Source: ABC, Daily Times, 2023-05-20  
Xi Jinping called on China and Central Asia to “fully unleash” their potential in trade, economic and infrastructure cooperation on Friday, as he wrapped up a landmark summit with heads of state from the strategically vital region. The Chinese leader is hosting the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan at a summit in Xi’an in northern China l..... more >>
Research, Development & Capacity Building

**First Chinese student completes PhD in History from PU**  
Source: *Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-05-30  
LAHORE - Mr. Tian Shooting, a student of Punjab University, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, has completed his PhD degree in History. He is the first Chinese student to receive this honor. He completed his research paper under the supervision of Chairman Department of History Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain. The title of his research paper was ‘History of Higher Educa.....  
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Technology & Innovation

**China to promote large-scale application of 5G, industrial internet**  
Source: *APP, Daily Times*, 2023-05-18  
China will promote the large-scale application of 5G and the industrial internet, and plan for future industries such as 6G, quantum information and brain-like intelligence, an official said on Wednesday in Hefei, capital city of east China’s Anhui Province. The innovative application of 5G and the industrial internet has unique advantages in improving the efficiency of resource allocation.....  
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**Chinese company to lay 16,000 km long fiber optic cable kicks off**  
Source: *APP, Daily Times*, 2023-05-20  
A technology-based multinational private Chinese enterprise Friday kicked off a project to deploy 16,000 kilometers (km) long fiber optic cable to speed up digitalization and networking process in Pakistan. “Sunwalk Pvt Limited is focusing on fast deployment on concentrating on quality according to ITU-T Standards. We are always committed to the best services in Pakistan,” its Chief Ex.....  
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**Pakistan’s new generation geodetic datum project launched**  
Source: *Agencies, Daily Times*, 2023-05-23  
The project launching ceremony for establishing Pakistan’s new generation geodetic datum was held here, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Monday. Maj Gen Saeed Akhtar, Surveyor General of Pakistan’s State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, and Mr. Zeng Huacheng, Deputy Director General of Agency for International Economic Cooperation of MOFCOM attended the event and delivered speeche.....  
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**Pakistani wheat scientists attend annual meeting of China-Pakistan Joint Lab**  
Source: *APP, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-05-27  
BEIJING - A six-member delegation of senior wheat scientists from Pakistan participated in a 10-day training and attended the first annual meeting of the China-Pakistan Joint Lab in China. Counsellor of Science and Technology at the Pakistan Embassy, Beijing, Khan Muhammad Wazir informed APP that the China-Pakistan Joint Lab on Wheat Molecular Breeding was recently established with the support of .....  
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Technology, Trade & Innovation

**Int’l seminar on China-Pakistan Science & Technology Cooperation held**  
Source: *inp, Daily Times*, 2023-05-16  
The first International Seminar on the theme of “China-Pakistan Science and Technology Enterprises Cooperation” was held at the China-Pakistan Science and Technology Cooperation Center in Beijing. The Zhongguancun Belt and Road Industrial Promotion Association (ZBRA) and the Embassy of Pakistan in China co-hosted the seminar where more than 30 renowned science and technology.....  
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China’s sci-tech development witnesses great progress over past decade
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-17
Over the past 10 years, China’s sci-tech strength has grown along with the development of the country’s economic strength, becoming a driving force for Chinese modernization, according to a press conference on Monday. China’s sci-tech strength and its global influence in innovation have been significantly enhanced, Wu Zhaohui, vice minister of science and technology, told a press...... more >>

China+C5 summit
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-19
Since China is taking centre stage and Central Asian states are making their marks on international and regional dynamics, the first China-Central Asia summit, being held from May 18-19, has set global interest afire. The world is buzzing with multi-dimensional undercurrents of the China-Central Asia summit as global leaders know very well the snowballing impacts of “gathering” on f..... more >>

JF-17 Thunder aircraft symbol of Pak-China special relationship: Moin
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-19
Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque has said that the joint production of JF 17 Thunder Aircraft at Chengdu Aircraft Industries Corporation has become a symbol of the special relationship between Pakistan and China. He made these remarks in a meeting with Wang Xiaohui, Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Sichuan Provincial Committee, the highest-ranking CPC official in the pro..... more >>

China, Pakistan to step up agriculture cooperation
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-22
BEIJING-China-Pakistan Apiculture Forum was held tin Changsha, China, days ahead of the World Bee Day which falls on Sunday. The forum is also a core part of the Training Course on Beekeeping and Honey Processing Technology for Pakistan which was undertaken by an agricultural group in Hunan Province, China and takes place from May 10 to May 23, 2023, China Economic Net reported. On the forum, Pang..... more >>

Chinese, Pakistani scientists co-work in wheat molecular breeding
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-24
The 1st annual meeting of China-Pakistan Joint Lab on Wheat Molecular Breeding was successfully held in Beijing on May 8. Six senior wheat scientists from Pakistan were invited to China for a 10-day training and attended the meeting. During the visit, according to China Economic Net (CEN), Pakistani researchers held meeting with senior Chinese scientists and paid visits to wheat production syst..... more >>

Vietnamese automaker, Chinese partner reveal first mini electric vehicle
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-26
Vietnamese car manufacturer TMT Motors unveiled on Wednesday the first flagship micro electric car, the Wuling HongGuang MINI EV, marking its debut in the local industry of electric vehicles with what has been known as the world’s best-selling microcar for three years in a row, TMT Motors said in an online statement. “Externally, the first Wuling HongGuang MINI EV, featuring color-coor..... more >>

China’s first home-built passenger jet makes inaugural flight
Source: AFP, Daily Times, 2023-05-29
China’s first domestically produced passenger jet, the C919, took off on its maiden commercial flight on Sunday. China Eastern Airlines flight MU9191 rose into the skies above Shanghai Hongqiao Airport just after 10:30 am (0230 GMT), footage from state broadcaster CCTV showed. The plane is carrying over 130 passengers on China Eastern Airlines flight MU9191 to Beijing’s Capital Intern..... more >>
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China has 2.73m 5G base stations; user base world’s largest
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-27
The number of China’s 5G base stations and users are both growing rapidly as the push for digital construction progress, laying a solid foundation for China’s digital economy and high-quality development, Chinese experts said. “The number of 5G base stations has reached to 2.73 million as of the end of April,” China’s Ministry of Industry and Information Technology..... more >>
SDPI’s Engagement

Public-private Partnership Crucial For Providing Relief To Poor Affected By Diseases: Experts
Source: Umer Jamshaid, Urdu Point, 2023-05-18
ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 17th May, 2023): Health experts on Wednesday emphasized the crucial role of public-private partnership in extending aid to the vulnerable section of society, as the poor grappled with the dual burden of a debilitating illness and worsening financial circumstances. The experts made the remarks at a webinar on Sehat Sahulat Program, organized by Sustaina..... more >>

Cooperation Among Public, Private Sectors Crucial To Reduce Plastic Waste: Experts
Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-05-24
ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 24th May, 2023 ) :The experts in environmental studies on Wednesday stressed the need for strong collaboration between the public and private sectors and a conducive legislative framework to reduce plastic use and shift to sustainable eco-friendly packaging. They made these remarks during a session on ‘Rethinking Plastics: Engaging Business..... more >>

Holistic gender policy integral for economic development: experts
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-28
Special Assistant to Prime Minister Romina Khurshid Alam on Saturday said gender inequality is an international issue which requires targeted policy interventions with a bottom-up approach. She was addressing a consultative workshop on “Gender Policy and Economic Development: Applying the Disaster Resilience Lens” organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collabo..... more >>

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Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-05-27
ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 27th May, 2023): Special Assistant to Prime Minister Romina Khurshid Alam on Saturday said gender inequality is an international issue which requires targeted policy interventions with a bottom-up approach. She was addressing a consultative workshop on “Gender Policy and Economic Development: Applying the Disaster Resilience Lens” organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collabo..... more >>

Experts term gender inequality global issue
Source: Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-05-28
ISLAMABAD: Experts at the consultative workshop highlighted that gender inequality was an international issue which required targeted policy interventions with a bottom-up approach. The consultative workshop titled ‘Gender Policy and Economic Development: Applying the Disaster Resilience Lens’ held on Saturday was organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in co..... more >>

Insufficient gendered data hinders effective policy implementation to address climate disaster, inequalities: Romina
Source: APP, APP, 2023-05-29
ISLAMABAD, May 29 (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and Convener Parliamentary Taskforce on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Romina Khurshid Alam on Monday said lack of gendered data hinders effective policy implementation to address climate disaster issues and inequalities. Speaking at the consultative workshop titled “Gender Policy and Economic Development: Applyin..... more >>
**Energy Transition in Pakistan and the Role of Minerals**  
Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-16  
In the pursuit of a cleaner, greener, and sustainable energy future, Pakistan, faces new challenges in terms of transition towards modern and renewable energy sources. The increasing prominence of clean energy technologies brings to the forefront the critical role of minerals in ensuring energy security. Therefore, the action plan in Pakistan must address the unique demands and vulnerabilities arising from this transition. more >>

**Food security is national security: Pakistan’s looming crisis**  
Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, *Arab News*, 2023-05-17  
The Pakistan Business Council's latest report on the agricultural sector highlights three significant issues. Firstly, the increasing food inflation rate is causing food to become less accessible to low-income groups. Secondly, there is a risk that inadequate foreign exchange reserves may restrict the government's ability to import food promptly and address any deficits. Thirdly, while the.... more >>

**Anatomy of a protest**  
No sane person can condone the violence and arson attacks that rocked Pakistan in reaction to former prime minister Imran Khan’s arrest on May 9, 2023. These acts of vandalism are utterly indefensible and entirely unacceptable, and those guilty of carrying them out must be brought to book. This, however, does – and should – not preclude a level-headed analysis of the factors that..... more >>

**Pakistan’s Economic Crisis Deepens as Political Infighting Takes Priority**  
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, *World Echo News*, 2023-05-17  
Pakistan is flirting with an economic meltdown, but it’s politicians and constitutional institutions are too busy fighting each other to care. The country has been facing a huge budget deficit, weak currency, stagflation (sky-high inflation and slowed economic growth), and historically high-interest rates for a while now. With the depreciation of the rupee, food and energy is getting more ex..... more >>

**3Es Crises**  
Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-30  
According to Pakistan’s Bureau of Statistics (PBS), inflation has surged to a record 36.4 per cent, driven primarily by soaring food and energy prices. This makes the inflation rate the highest in South Asia, with rural areas experiencing food inflation reaching 40.2 per cent. Despite contractionary monetary policy by the central bank, inflation has not decreased. However, the finance minist..... more >>

**Political rifts disastrous for economy**  
Source: Ahmad, *TodayNews*, 2023-05-29  
KARACHI: The decisions made by Pakistan’s politicians to maintain popularity during times of political uncertainty have contributed to the country’s current economic devastation, according to businessmen and economists. Pakistan is currently facing a severe economic crisis marked by a budget deficit, a weak currency, stagflation, and historically high-interest rates. The rapid deplet..... more >>
PBHF arranges seminars to create awareness among growers
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-05-22
Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation (PBHF), a consortium of Basmati rice exporters, arranged seminars to create awareness amongst the growers and other stakeholders of the rice value chain for improving productivity and food safety through the usage of certified seeds and judicious application of pesticides. The seminars held at Narowal and Mandi Bahauddin were attended by the farmers, exporters..... more >>

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Source: Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-28
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