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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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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
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- Social development
- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
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- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
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China Study Centre

China & America trade conflict

Message from Beijing
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-06
China has reached out to the US with an olive branch. Its offer for a dialogue on all contentious issues has come at an opportune moment. The Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore had already seen a lot of divisive approach from high-profile security umbrella-bearing states and, thus, Beijing’s softening of tone is a welcome development. Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu informed leaders at the... more >>

Confrontation or coexistence?
Source: Maleeha Lodhi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-12
WHILE there has been a recent flare-up in military tensions between the US and China in the Taiwan Strait, efforts have also been underway by officials of the two global powers to stabilise the world’s most consequential relationship. That Taiwan remains a dangerous flashpoint in their confrontation was laid bare last week when there was a near collision between a Chinese warship and an Amer..... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

Pak-Sino collaboration in PV sector moves ahead for sustainable development
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-03
China’s leading solar solutions provider LONGi officially released here the sixth annual corporate sustainability report, providing an elaborate summary of its practices and achievements in the field of environment, society and governance (ESG) in the past year. Pakistan, as an indispensable international market for LONGi, poised to show more competitiveness in global PV market. “Sin..... more >>

Belarus to modify charging stations to adapt to Chinese electric vehicles
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-04
About 200 charging stations run by Belarusian oil company Belorusneft will be modified to adapt to Chinese electric vehicles by the end of 2023, a senior manager of the company said on Friday. They account for about 30 percent of all existing charging stations of Belorusneft in the country, said Deputy General Director for Construction, General Matters and Ideological Work of Belorusneft Andrey Ko..... more >>

IUB signs MoU with Nepali institutions for Chinese medical treatment
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-06-07
A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Nepali educational institutions for the promotion of Chinese medical treatment. The University College of Conventional Medicine the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Nepal Educational Institutions Safal Health Home Private Limited and Acupuncture, Moxibustion Acupressure Association Nepal have agreed on mu..... more >>

China’s export container shipping index up in May
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-09
China’s export container shipping index edged up in May, data from the Shanghai Shipping Exchange showed. The average China Containerized Freight Index (CCFI) stood at 952.11 in the period, up 0.4 percent month on month, according to the exchange. The sub-reading for the South America service led the expansion with a month-on-month jump of 16.8 percent. This growth was followed by that of t..... more >>
Honduran president says relations with China bring development opportunities
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-11
President of the Republic of Honduras Iris Xiomara Castro Sarmiento arrived in Shanghai and started her China visit on Friday, expressing her expectations for the visit that will run until June 14. Noting that her visit to China is expected by the Honduran people, Castro said that recognizing the one-China principle, establishing diplomatic relations with China and cooperating with China can bring more development opportunities.

China’s Zhejiang sees robust foreign trade in Jan-May
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-15
East China’s Zhejiang Province saw its foreign trade volume rise 8.4 percent year on year to 1.98 trillion yuan (around 278 billion U.S. dollars) in the first five months of 2023, according to Hangzhou customs authorities. Zhejiang’s exports totaled 1.46 trillion yuan in the period, up 8.8 percent year on year, and imports totaled 518.16 billion yuan, up 7.4 percent. The province’s foreign trade showed a surplus of 930.87 billion yuan.

Xi supports ‘just cause’ of Palestinian statehood
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-15
Chinese President Xi Jinping reiterated to Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas on Wednesday his call for a state of Palestine to become a “full member” of the United Nations, state media reported. "China supports Palestine in becoming a full member State of the United Nations," Xi said during a meeting with Abbas in Beijing, according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

China’s Unipec boosts Oman crude sales, caps oil prices despite Saudi cuts
Source: Reuters, Daily Times, 2023-06-13
China’s Unipec, the trading arm of top Asian refiner Sinopec (600028.SS), has emerged as a major seller of August-loading Oman crude this month, a move that has helped to cap benchmark prices despite Saudi Arabia’s plans to cut output next month. Unipec, according to trade sources and data collated by Reuters, has sold 8 million barrels of Oman crude since the start of June on S&P.

Saudi Pragmatism
Source: Ambassador Muhammad Haroon Shaukat, Daily Times, 2023-06-01
Just weeks after Saudi Arabia and Iran agreed to resolve their differences and restore diplomatic relations under China’s mediation, Riyadh decided to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as a dialogue partner, an organization built around two anchors, China and Russia. Under its forward-looking leadership, Saudi Arabia’s worldview has undergone a gradual transformation.

Agricultural Bank of China issues bonds for rural development
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-11
The Agricultural Bank of China, one of the country’s largest commercial lenders, has issued 20 billion yuan (about 2.8 billion U.S. dollars) of special financial bonds to support rural development. Raised funds will mainly be used to strengthen grain security and the integrated development of primary, secondary and tertiary industries in rural areas. The bonds were well-received by investors.
Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Musk talks ‘new energy vehicles’ with industry minister during China visit
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-01
Elon Musk and China’s industry minister discussed ways to develop new energy vehicles Wednesday, a day after the Tesla CEO flew into Beijing and declared he wanted to expand his business in the world’s second-largest economy. The mercurial billionaire, one of the world’s richest men, is on his first trip to China in more than three years. On Wednesday he met Jin Zhuanglong in Be..... more >>

Philippines expects Chinese investments in renewable energy projects
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-06
The Philippines looks forward to seeing Chinese investments pouring into renewable energy which remains to be the priority sector of the Philippine government, the Department of Trade and Industry said in a statement released over the weekend. During a recent forum on offshore wind, Philippine Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo Pascual expressed hope that the Southeast Asian country would attrac..... more >>

China steps up flood prevention work in central SOE projects
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-01
Chinese authorities have urged centrally administered state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to make solid efforts to guard against flooding and defuse risks during the ongoing flood season. Central SOEs in sectors including hydropower, mining and transportation should focus on the major risks in their industries, enhance the strength of rescue teams, and ensure supplies and equipment, according to a not..... more >>

History, Language & Culture

POWERCHINA participates in exhibition ‘China Culture Hour’
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-14
POWERCHINA has actively participated in the exhibition titled ‘Chinese Culture Hour’ organized by COMSATS University here at its campus. The event served as a platform for students to showcase their knowledge of Chinese culture, encompassing various aspects such as calligraphy, tai chi, kung fu, cuisine, tongue twisters, and music, POWERCHINA said on Tuesday. POWERCHINA praised and en..... more >>

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Learning from China
About three years ago I was conferred the highest science award of China, the International Science and Technology Collaboration Award by President Xi Jinping at a special ceremony in the Great Peoples Hall in Beijing. President Jinping delivered a 90 minute long extempore speech of how education, science, technology and innovation have become the key pillars of the miraculous transformation of Chi..... more >>

Pakistan honors Chinese professors with civil awards
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-08
On behalf of the President of Pakistan, Ambassador Moin ul Haque conferred Pakistan’s civil award ‘Sitara-i-Imtiaz’ upon Prof. Tang Mengsheng and Prof. Kong Julan in a special investiture ceremony held here on Wednesday at the Embassy of Pakistan, according to China Economic Net (CEN). Speaking at the occasion, Ambassador Moin ul Haque paid a rich tribute to Prof. Kong Julan and..... more >>
### Chinese official apprised of IMF ambivalence

**Source:** Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-13  
**ISLAMABAD:** Pang Chunxue, chargé d’affaires, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, called on Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar at Finance Division, said a press release issued on Monday. Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar greeted the chargé d’affaires for joining back after a break and extended good wishes to her. The Finance Minister appreciated the .... more >>

### KMC completes Pak-China Friendship Park

**Source:** APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-14  
**Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori** has said that the relationship between China and Pakistan is very strong and to further strengthen friendship, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation has completed the Pak-China Friendship Park. He expressed these views while addressing the opening ceremony of Pakistan China Friendship Park on Kashmir Road here on Tuesday. He said that we have to deal with the cyclon..... more >>

### Chinese firm to fix PSCA cameras: IGP

**Source:** News Desk, The News, International, 2023-06-14  
**LAHORE:** Inspector General Police (IGP) Punjab Dr Usman Anwar held an important meeting with the officials of a private Chinese company in which the company took responsibility for fixing the non-functional cameras of the Punjab Safe City Authority (PSCA) installed on the highways. IG Punjab said that the equipment of private company was arriving by cargo ship on June 21. He said the Chinese compa..... more >>

### Pakistani handicrafts shine at cultural industries fair in China

**Source:** APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-11  
**The dazzle of Made-in-Pakistan handicrafts** – including wood and bronze carving, and carpets – won the hearts of visitors with its beautiful and artsy look and the deeply rooted tradition behind it at the 19th China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair (ICIF) this week. Kicked off in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China on June 7, the 5-day national-level fair is expected to inject n..... more >>

### Pak-China Trade

**Economic, other areas; Pakistan & Iran to discuss framework of cooperation with China**

**Source:** Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-13  
**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan and Iran are all set to discuss the framework of trilateral cooperation with China in economic and other areas including Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT, well informed sources told Business Recorder. An Iranian Investment delegation of Organization for Investment, Economic & Technical Assistance of Iran (OIETAI) will be reaching Pakistan to discuss different options o..... more >>

### Flights resume between Lahore and Urumqi

**Source:** Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-14  
**LAHORE - China Southern Airlines resumed its flight operations from Lahore to Urumqi on Tuesday with flight number CZ6018, which will provide greater convenience for businessmen and tourists traveling to China from Lahore and neighboring provinces. The route will have three return flights per week with a capacity of around 177 passengers per flight, according to China Economic Net (CEN)..... more >>

### TEXPO ’23: Milestone for Pak-China collab

**Source:** China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-01  
**KARACHI:** The recently concluded TEXPO 2023, witnessed a remarkable presence of major Chinese e-commerce giants, signalling a promising future for Pakistan’s export industry. Ali Baba, JD.com, and Douyin, prominent players
in the Chinese e-commerce market, actively engaged with Pakistani companies during the event, according to Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistani Embassy in ..... more >>

**Chinese trade delegation visits FPCCI**  
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-01  
A high powered Chinese trade delegation led by Luan Xiangjie, President of Ruzhou Foreign Trade Enterprises Association visited the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Regional Office here on Wednesday. They discussed the matters pertaining to various bilateral trade and economic related matters between Pakistan and China with FPCCI President Irfan Iqbal Shiekh, Regio..... more >>

**Pakistani cherries poised to debut in Chinese market**  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-02  
This year, for the first time ever, Pakistani cherries are poised to make their entrance into the Chinese market, marking an important step in the international expansion of Pakistan's cherry industry. “[The cherry in] our Pakistani market is too cheap…So if we have this opportunity to export our cherries to China, then we and the orchard owners, they can earn much more,”..... more >>

**Truck carrying seafood from Pakistan arrives in Xinjiang**  
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-03  
A truck loaded with cold chain containers from Pakistan has arrived at Kashgar city in Northeast China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region via a cross border land route. This is the first time that seafood containers from Pakistan have been transported by road from Karachi to Kashgar city along the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Global Times reported on Friday. A representative fr..... more >>

**Pakistan holds great potential to develop its economy: Zhao Lijian**  
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-03  
Former Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said on Friday that Pakistan as a resilient country has great potential to develop its economy. Being a time-tested and iron-clad friend, China is always holding the hand of Pakistan firmly. Given the regional and international challenges, Pakistan is not alone because China is standing by Pakistan to grow and progress together. Zhao Lijian mad..... more >>

**China launches Asia’s largest carbon capture project for coal-fired power sector**  
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-03  
China Energy Investment Corporation (China Energy) on Friday announced that it has put Asia’s largest carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) facility for the coal-fired power generation sector into operation in east China’s Jiangsu Province. The facility, attached to a generation unit at China Energy’s Taizhou coal-fired power plant, will capture 500,000 tonnes of carbon ..... more >>

**Locked-up shares worth 108.9bn yuan to become tradable in China**  
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-04  
Locked-up shares worth 108.9 billion yuan (about 15.35 billion U.S. dollars) will become eligible for trading on China’s bourses next week. From June 5 to 9, about 11.37 billion shares of 76 enterprises will become tradable, according to data from financial information provider Wind. Under China’s stock market rules, major shareholders must wait one to two years before they are perm..... more >>
China welcomes quality agricultural products from Pakistan: spokesperson
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-08
China welcomes quality agricultural products from Pakistan into the Chinese market, said Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Wang Wenbin at a regular press conference according to Gwadar Pro. He made the remarks while commenting on Pakistan’s first-ever land containerised seafood cargo, which successfully arrived in Xinjiang, China through Karakoram Highway last week. As Wang Wenbin put .... more >>

China to work with Pakistan to boost bilateral trade through land transportation: Wang Wenbin
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-07
China on Tuesday welcomed quality agricultural products from Pakistan to enter its market and stands ready to continue to work with Pakistan to boost bilateral trade through land transportation. As all-weather strategic cooperative partners, China and Pakistan have engaged in close cooperation in trade and other fields, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said in response to a quest..... more >>

Pakistani mangoes to embark on first land journey to Xinjiang this year
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-07
A Karachi based logistic enterprise will transport mangoes from Pakistan to Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region through land route this month. “We are planning to export [Pakistani] mangoes after 10th June this year to Xinjiang via land route,” Tayyab Khan, CEO of logistics company Sadequain Shipping Line, told China Economic Net (CEN) in an interview. Having succeeded in shipping the f..... more >>

PIA offers low fares with free baggage allowance for Islamabad-Beijing flights
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-10
BEIJING - Pakistani International Airlines (PIA) has offered low fares with a free baggage allowance for Islamabad-Beijing flights from August 6, to further facilitate passengers travelling between Pakistan and China. The national flag carrier has offered new reduced fares with 50 kg free baggage allowance for the economy and 60 kg for executive economy class passengers respectively, an official to.... more >>

Land route; Pakistan eyes $1b export to China
Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-11
BEIJING: After successful transportation of seafood cargo container to Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region through Karakoram highway, Pakistan will be targeting $1 billion of trade with China through land route in coming years, Commercial Counselor, Embassy of Pakistan, Ghulam Qadir said on Saturday. In an interview, he said that it is very heartening that export of food items especially seafood from Pakistan to China has started .... more >>

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**Sinosure reduces coverage for Pakistan’s projects to 70pc from 95pc**
ISLAMABAD: Chinese national insurance company M/s Sinosure has reduced its coverage for Pakistan’s projects to 70 per cent from 95 per cent and banks are now asking for 25 per cent coverage from third party. This was revealed by the representative of CHIC Pak Power (Private) Company Limited (CPPCL) at a public hearing which continued for nearly two hours and 30 minutes. The company inte..... more >>

**Chinese firm to repair PSCA cameras 6,500 cameras to be fully functional by August 14**
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-06-14
LAHORE: A Chinese company has reportedly consented to fix the dysfunctional cameras installed on the main roads of the provincial capital by the Punjab Safe City Authority (PSCA) and 6,500 cameras will be fully functional by August 14. In this regard, Inspector General Police Punjab Dr Usman Anwar held a meeting with Huawei officials, along with Chief Operating Officer of Punjab Safe Cities Auth..... more >>

**Pakistani exhibitor expresses great expectations for China Cultural Industrial Fair**
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-06-13
Pakistani and other foreign exhibitors participating in the 19th China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair have expressed great expectations for this year’s expo. The event held in Shenzhen in South China’s Guangdong province. Abduk Basit Khan, a Pakistani exhibitor participating in the expo for the second time, also expressed high expectations for the fair. He showcased..... more >>

**Pakistani heat-treated beef granted access to Chinese market**
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2023-06-14
In a landmark decision to build China-Pakistan economic partnership, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has granted access to Pakistani heat-treated beef to enter the Chinese market, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday quoting an official statement. The imported Pakistani heat-treated beef must originate from cattle younger than 30 months, and the meat must be boneless;..... more >>

**Beijing hosts sport event to boost Sino-Pak tourism ties**
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2023-06-13
Pakistan and China enjoy a long-standing friendly relationship, with a focus on enhancing people-to-people connections and promoting cultural and tourism cooperation between the two nations. In celebration of the Pakistan-China Year of Tourism, a Chinese company named Dong Fang Yi organized a one-day sports event, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. The event, titled “Beijing Big Hitters – ..... more >>

**China to donate food packages for Balochistan flood victims**
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2023-06-09
Continuing their support for the victims of the devastating 2022 floods in Pakistan, the people of China’s Henan province generously donated 9,000 food packages to be distributed among the affected individuals in 25 districts of Balochistan. To commemorate this gesture, a ceremony took place in Quetta, attended by Balochistan’s Home Minister, Meer Zia Ullah Langau, who is also in char..... more >>
**Chinese-Urdu calligraphy competition promotes Sino-Pak ties**  
*Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-10*  
A Chinese-Urdu calligraphy competition was held to promote Sino-Pak cultural exchanges. It was arranged by the Karachi branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of China-Pakistan diplomatic relations. According to Gwadar Pro, it was aimed at promoting friendship and harmony among its staff members, they organized a Chinese-Urdu calligraphy competition. More >>

**China’s agriculture sector witnesses greener development: report**  
*Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-09*  
China’s agriculture sector has continuously deepened the green transformation and seen higher-level green development between 2021 and 2022, according to a report released by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and China Agricultural Green Development Research Society (CAGDRS). The report said the country modernized 505 large and medium-sized irrigation districts and restored... More >>

**CPEC brings about green revolution in Pakistan**  
*Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-01*  
ISLAMABAD-China has been assisting Pakistan in modernizing its agriculture sector by sharing advanced farming technologies, promoting agricultural research, and facilitating knowledge exchange. This cooperation has helped enhance agricultural productivity, improve crop yields, and optimize resource utilization in Pakistan, said Adnan Khan, a representative of the CPEC Authority. Talking to Weal...... More >>

**Chinese delegation hands over CPEC camp building to AUST**  
*Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-03*  
On the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a delegation from China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) visited the Abbottabad University of Science and Technology (AUST) Havelian. The delegation handed over the building of the Chinese camp at Haza..... More >>

**PSDP; Govt takes firm step to revive certain CPEC initiatives**  
*Source: Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-08*  
ISLAMABAD: Amid the planned revival of different initiatives under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework, the federal government has proposed around Rs22 billion for different projects in the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for 2023-24. Budget documents revealed that the government has proposed Rs5 billion for the improvement and widening of Chitral-Booni-Mastuj-Sha..... More >>

**China extends cooperation to Pakistan to develop dairy industry**  
*Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-07*  
China is extending cooperation to Pakistan to develop its dairy industry through the production of high milk-yielding cows, the Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (AAUR) said. The goal of the cooperation is to improve genetic variations of cows being used in Pakistan for dairy farming. This can be achieved by breeding elite animals with high yields and long lives, and with better embryos, accordi..... More >>

**China striving to develop high-quality port at Gwadar: CG**  
*Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-09*  
KARACHI: The newly-appointed Consul General of China in Karachi Yang Yundong has said that China is striving for high-quality development and providing opportunities to develop high-quality Gwadar Port in Pakistan. Speaking...
at a dinner hosted by Karachi Editors’ Club in collaboration with AdPulse in his honour, the Chinese CG said the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would improv.....  more >>

**Remarkable progress achieved on CPEC: Economic Survey**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-09
The transport infrastructure sector in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has achieved remarkable success, said Pakistan Economic Survey 2022-23 released on Thursday. It added that realizing the importance of modern transportation infrastructure, the CPEC offers Pakistan a unique opportunity to integrate with the regional markets. On the Eastern Alignment (roadway projects located in Sindh.....  more >>

**Major connectivity projects under CPEC achieve success: PEC**
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-10
The Pakistan Economic Survey (PES) 2022-23 released on Thursday noted that the transport infrastructure sector in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had achieved remarkable success. PES emphasized the importance of modern transportation infrastructure, CPEC offers Pakistan a unique opportunity to integrate with the regional markets. On the Eastern Alignment (roadway projects located in Sindh.....  more >>

**Journey Towards Improvement**
Source: Ali Anwar, Daily Times, 2023-06-11
The last financial year has been a terrible one for Pakistan, with some political instability and major floods and natural calamities, as well as the incompetence of the previous government, due to which CPEC, the project that will change the destiny of the region, was neglected. But Pakistan's current military and political leadership has the foresight to start efforts to get the project ba.....  more >>

**Balochistan Needs a Healing Touch**
Source: Sikandar Noorani, Daily Times, 2023-06-11
When Balochistan appears in media reports mostly for incidents of violence and accidents, I try to evaluate the reasons behind its prolonged suffering. One cannot rule out the deadly combination of governance failure and venomous ethnic mobilization behind the bruised outlook of the province. It is more than obvious that foreign-based elements are compelling the Balochs to feel deprived and squee.....  more >>

**PPP challenged dictatorship but never attacked installations: Bilawal**
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Saturday said the PPP was a party that always challenged dictatorships, including the last one of late Musharraf, but no political party in Pakistan ever mounted an attack like the one mounted by the PTI on May 9. He said this during an interview with Al-Jazeera during his recent visit to Iraq. About PTI chief Imran Khan’s a.....  more >>

**CPEC hydropower project achieves hoisting of last rotor in Mansehra**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-12
BEIJING: The Suki Kinari Hydropower project in northwest Pakistan achieved the hoisting of a core component on Saturday, as a 413-ton rotor, crucial to turning water into electricity, was smoothly installed on the last of four generating units. The successful hoisting of the last rotor will help advance the construction progress of the power station under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor .....  more >>
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### GB to expand CPEC’s ‘smart classrooms’ concept
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-09
Taking inspiration from the remarkable achievements of the ‘smart classrooms’ established in five high schools of Gilgit-Baltistan as part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the regional government has decided to expand this concept to an additional 37 schools situated in the remote and distant areas of Pakistan’s northern region. Furthermore, they have plans to imp..... [more >>]

### Pakistani students find China's development model inspirational
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-12
Aamir Bizenjo, a 22-year-old student of Gwadar University in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, found China’s development quite interesting and inspirational, Xinhua reported on Sunday. He has been witnessing the development in the port city of Gwadar under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and has now got a vision for the development of his province during his trip..... [more >>]

### DRAP seeks Cabinet’s nod to utilise Rs4b CRF
ISLAMABAD: Federal Cabinet's approval is required for spending around Rs4 billion of the Central Research Fund (CRF), Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) officials said on Wednesday, adding that after 'widening the scope', funds could be utilised for the development and upgradation of authority’s labs. Briefing the members of Senate Standing Committee on Health, DR..... [more >>]

### China's Shenzhou-15 manned spaceship astronauts arrive in Beijing
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-05
China's Shenzhou-15 astronauts or taikonauts, Fei Junlong, Deng Qingming and Zhang Lu, who returned to Earth safely, arrived in Beijing on Sunday. The three astronauts safely returned to Earth on Sunday after an over 180-day mission in the country’s orbiting space station, CGTN reported. The re-entry capsule with the three taikonauts aboard touched down at the Dongfeng landing site in..... [more >>]

### China to expand 5G application scenarios, boost R&D on 6G
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-06
China’s Industry and Information Technology (IIT) Minister Jin Zhuanglong on Monday said that his country would speed up the construction of virtual private networks in the 5G industry and enrich the 5G application scenarios. “China will improve the coverage of high-quality networks such as 5G and gigabit optical networks by continuously optimizing the infrastructure layout, and buildi..... [more >>]
## Technology, Trade & Innovation

### C919 aircraft marks China’s rise as global player in aviation: report
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-01
The first successful commercial flight of home-made?C919 passenger aircraft on May 28 marked a new start of China’s civil aviation commercial operation. When the world is influenced by Airbus and Boeing’s duopoly in decades, C919 took the first step to challenge the existing situation. The strenuous?devotion that led to the development of the C919 aircraft has been a demonstration of ..... more >>

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Source: Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-05
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### China’s software industry expands in first four months
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-06
China’s software and information technology service industry reported double-digit growth in revenue and profits in the first four months of the year, data from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology showed. Profits of the sector expanded 13.8 percent year on year to 367.4 billion yuan (about 51.77 billion U.S. dollars) in the period, while revenue grew by 12.8 percent from a ye..... more >>
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Call to mobilise investments towards renewable energy in Pakistan
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Energy transition partnerships key to phase out coal, mobilize finances for renewable energy transition: Experts
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GAIN, SDPI sign agreement
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-06
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SDPI, GAIN Sign Collaboration Agreement To Further Cause Of Nutrition In Pakistan
Source: APP, UrduPoint, 2023-06-05
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SDPI organizes media persons’ training on increasing trends of violent extremism in Pakistan
Source: News Desk, Pakistan Observer, 2023-06-13
Print, electronic and social media journalists from different media organizations at an interactive media training were briefed about the increasing violent extremism in the society and how a wider mass mobilization campaign by media can save the country from further radicalization by enhancing societal resilience. The training workshop was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SD... more >>

SDPI’s CRRN Apprise Journalists On Increasing Mass Mobilization Against Extremism
Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-06-13
ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point/Pakistan Point News - 12th Jun, 2023): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)’s Community Resilience Research Network (CRRN) apprised the journalists from different media organizations and mediums on increasing mass mobilization on enhancing societal resilience to violent extremism. The SDPI held the media training workshop here to raise awareness of the ..... more >>

Experts say mass mobilisation needed to build resilience against violence
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-13
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Barter trade useful tool but not magic solution
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International, 2023-06-05
John Connally, who ran the US Treasury under President Richard Nixon five decades ago, once opined to his international counterparts that “the dollar is our currency, but it’s your problem.” The US dollar is estimated to be used in 88 per cent of all international transactions, and almost half of the world’s trade. Approximately 60 per cent of global foreign-exchange reserv..... more >>

Just beat it
Led by the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Environment Day has been celebrated on June 5 since 1973. This year’s World Environment Day is hosted by Côte d’Ivoire and supported by the Netherlands. The theme this year focuses on the issue of plastic pollution and the possible best ways to beat it. According to Statista, China was the biggest plastic producer ..... more >>

Beat The Plastic: World Environment Day
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, World Echo News, 2023-06-05
Plastic, the game-changing synthetic stuff that has become an essential part of our daily lives, started in the nineteenth century. In 1869, celluloid (made of cellulose nitrate and camphor) was introduced to replace ivory in billiard balls and eventually made its way into photography and everyday products. The first fully synthetic plastic Bakelite (made of phenol and formaldehyde) was invented i..... more >>

Budget: With or without IMF?
Source: Dr Sajid Amin Javed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-07
Peek-a-boo between Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is almost as old as the country. Both sides appease their audience and the recent exchange of statements by the two has to be seen in this light. IMF’s Mission
Chief to Pakistan Nathan Porter, responding to some questions, said: “We take note of the recent political developments, and while we do not comment on ..... more >>

Budget 2023-24: Little room for populist relief
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International, 2023-06-08
The federal budget document serves as an estimate of income and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year, with fiscal deficit arising when expenses exceed income. In a normal year, Pakistan’s budget is typically presented by inflating income and deflating expenditures to meet the predetermined fiscal deficit target. However, during election years, the government tends to inflate both income and ..... more >>

Before budget: Why Pakistan’s economic salvation lies in political wisdom?
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Geo News, 2023-06-09
In a normal year, Pakistan’s federal budget is typically presented by inflating income and deflating expenses to meet the predetermined fiscal deficit target. However, during election years, the government tends to inflate both income (and pro-people) expenditures to present a “pre-election” budget that focuses on being “pro-poor,” and providing “relief” to t..... more >>

The Problem of Plastic and Coal
Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-09
In our current era, the well-being of our planet hangs in the balance, making it imperative to discover creative solutions to combat plastic pollution and reduce emissions. The undeniable truth is that plastic waste wreaks havoc on our oceans, wildlife, and ecosystems while the greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants continue to contribute to climate change and air pollution. Although..... more >>

What’s in Budget 2023-24?
The editorial published in this paper yesterday (‘Budget 2023-24: nobody’s budget’, June 9) correctly pointed out that the finance minister’s attempt to please everyone while preparing the federal budget for 2023-24 ended up displeasing everyone. Let us see why. First and foremost, the objectives of this budget. Here I am setting aside political economy considerations for ..... more >>

Empowering Pakistan: Overcoming Challenges, Building a Better Future.
Source: Dawn.com, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-13
The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has decided to keep the policy rate unchanged at 21 per cent for the next two months, according to a press release issued on Monday. The announcement came after a meeting of the bank’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). “The MPC assessed inflation is more likely to have peaked in May 2023. Weak domestic demand; ease in inflation expectations of cons..... more >>
### SDPI's Related News

#### Pakistan outlines process for barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran, Russia
**Source:** Ariba Shahid & Asif Shahzad, *Reuters*, 2023-06-05
KARACHI, Pakistan, June 2 (Reuters) - Pakistan has passed a special order to allow barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia for certain goods, including petroleum and natural gas, the Ministry of Commerce said on Friday. Left with barely enough foreign exchange reserves to cover one month's imports, Pakistan's government is desperately trying to manage a balance of payments crisis a.....  
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#### Pakistan gives green signal to barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran, Russia
**Source:** PiPa News, *PiPa News*, 2023-06-04
Pakistan gives green signal to barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran, Russia. In another move to ease the burden on the country’s dwindling foreign exchange reserves, Pakistan has agreed to allow barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia for certain commodities including petroleum, LNG, coal, minerals, metals.....  
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#### Pakistan Takes a Bold Step: Trading Goods with Afghanistan, Iran, and Russia to Ignite Economic Growth
**Source:** Reporter, *Mashriq*, 2023-06-03
In a game-changing move, Pakistan has paved the way for trade exchanges with Afghanistan, Iran, and Russia, including the barter of goods such as petroleum and natural gas. The Ministry of Commerce has issued a special order to permit this trade, aiming to address the challenging foreign exchange reserves crisis, restore fiscal balance, and combat inflation that soared to a staggering 38% last mon.....  
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#### Pakistan has untapped potential of over 350,000MW generation, moot told
**Source:** Shazia Hasan, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-06-09
KARACHI: The impact of rising energy prices on households was examined by experts during a webinar on Wednesday. The event, ‘Energy Affordability amid the Economic Crisis,” was organised by The Knowledge Forum (TKF) in collaboration with the Renewable Energy Coalition. Prof Dr Qais Aslam of the University of Central Punjab (UCP) Business School, Lahore, said energy is now the differe.....  
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