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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.

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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.

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- Pak-China Foreign Relations
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- Regional integration under China’s Belt & Road (B&R)
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China & America trade conflict

Janet Yellen in Beijing
Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-17
Secretary of State Anthony Blinken’s visit to Beijing laid the ground for other high-level contacts between the senior leaders of the two countries. Janet Yellen, Treasury Secretary, followed the Secretary of State to the Chinese capital arriving there for a four-day visit that began on July 5, 2023. The Chinese leadership was aware of the fact that hers was a more moderate voice in the Bid..... more >>

Pakistan in the middle
Source: Imran Malik, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-23
The US’ grand strategic design for Asia is aimed solely at retaining its unopposed hegemony at the regional and global levels. It feels that China is challenging the global order so painstakingly contrived to serve its vital national interests. The US and its allies are thus moving to circumscribe China’s extra-regional ambitions. To that end, the US appears to be following an essent..... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

Chinese bank rolls over $2.4bn loan
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-28
The Export-Import Bank of China (EXIM) has rolled over $2.4 billion to Pakistan, a private TV channel reported. In a tweet, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said the bank has rolled over the amount for two years, which are due in the next two fiscal years – $1.2 billion in FY24 and the same amount in FY25. “Pakistan will make interest payments only in both years,” the finance minister,..... more >>

Pak-China floriculture cooperation to boost Pakistan’s economy
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-28
Pakistan is a country of small farming households with a long history and rich experience in floriculture. There is a huge potential for cooperation between China and Pakistan in the flower industry, said Naem Iqbal Cheema, Political Counsellor at the Embassy of Pakistan in China. Pakistan’s floriculture exports could also be enhanced by targeting global markets through the Belt and Road I..... more >>

China dominates Pakistan’s FDI with $432.7m in FY 23
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-25
In the Financial Year 2023 (from July 2022 to June 2023), Pakistan received the highest Foreign Direct Invest (FDI) worth US$ 432.7 million from China, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday quoting the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)’s latest figures. In FY 2023, Pakistan received $1.4377 billion in FDI with China leading with 30.09% of the total FDI coming to the country. As per SBP, the FDI inflows/..... more >>

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Pakistan to develop green hydrogen in collaboration with China
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-25
There are good prospects for Pakistan to develop green hydrogen in collaboration with China. Right now, on the side of Jambhir, the Sindh government has set up a project with China in which they are producing hydrogen, but it has
not yet reached a mature level that we can use it in the whole of Pakistan as a fuel. Pakistan has taken the initiative, this is a good thing and, in the future, they wi..... more >>

**History, Language & Culture**

**Confucius Institutes in Pakistan-an important role to spread Chinese culture**
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-16
“The Confucius Institutes in Pakistan are critical and will have an important role to spread Chinese culture and to enhance understanding between our countries; Similarly, Urdu language centers and Pakistan Study Centers in China are playing a similar role.” This was stated by Mumtaz Zehra Baloch, Spokesperson and Additional Foreign Secretary at Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was Chi..... more >>

**Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs**

**China helped avert default, says premier**
Source: Zulqernain Tahir, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-07-16
LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said that default has been averted primarily with the financial help of China. Speaking to a delegation of members from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry and renowned businessmen at the Governor House, the premier discussed the financial assistance provided by friendly countries, especially China, to help save Pakistan from default. &ld..... more >>

**Pakistani delegation to embark on China visit today**
ISLAMABAD: A 15-member delegation from Pakistan, representing a diverse range of fields, is set to embark on a landmark visit to China today. Invited by Fudan University in Shanghai, the delegation, led by Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Director General ISSI, aims to strengthen bilateral ties and foster greater academic and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries. Comprising diplomats, ..... more >>

**Pakistan, China aim to counter information warfare: Mushahid**
ISLAMABAD: Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Defence Committee and Pakistan-China Institute, said on Wednesday that Pakistan and China firmly reject any new cold war and instead aim to address common challenges with a collective strategy. He stressed Pakistan's solidarity with China in building a peaceful and prosperous Asia during the ‘Asian Century.’ Spea..... more >>

**Bilawal greets Wang Yi on reappointment as Chinese FM**
Source: Shafqat Ali, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-26
ISLAMABAD - Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari yesterday congratulated Wang Yi on his reappointment as China’s Foreign Minister. On his Twitter handle, the FM praised Wang Yi as ‘an astute and seasoned diplomat' with whom he had the distinct pleasure of interacting twice last year. “I’m confident that under his watch our all-weather strategic ..... more >>

**Pakistan highly values traditional friendship with China: Air Chief**
Source: News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-27
ISLAMABAD - Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber met with Chinese State Councilor and Defense Minister Gen. ..... more >>
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<td>Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng — who arrived in Pakistan a day earlier on a three-day visit — was accorded a welcome on Monday as he arrived at the Prime Minister’s House in Islamabad to meet PM Shehbaz Sharif. The premier received the foreign dignitary at the main entrance of the PM House. Upon He Lifeng’s arrival, the prime minister introduced his delegation compris..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng arrived in Pakistan on a three-day visit to Pakistan on Sunday and he would attend the 10th anniversary celebrations of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and hold meetings. He was received by the Minster for interior Rana Sanaullah, Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal and special assistant to Prime Minister Tariq Fatemi. An officia..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Senator Mushahid Hussain said on Wednesday that a delegation, representing 6 political parties from all four provinces, visited China with the aim to reaffirm Pakistan’s commitment to promoting Pakistan-China friendship as the pillar of Pakistan’s foreign policy. While briefing the media on the visit, he said the delegates also aimed to learn from the Chinese experience of..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: China has rolled over a $600 million loan to Pakistan, helping shore up Islamabad’s foreign exchange reserves after the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a long-awaited deal earlier this month, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Tuesday. “We have received another $600m from our friend China,” he said at an event in Islamabad. China had already r..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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**Ishaq Dar says China has rolled over $2.4bn loan for two years**
Source: Reuters, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-07-27
Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on Thursday that China has rolled over a $2.4 billion loan to Islamabad for a period of two years, a boost to the country’s economy as it tries to build its foreign reserves after clinching a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). “Chinese Exim bank rolled over principal amounts totaling $2.4bn which are due in [the] next two fiscal years,"r..... more >>

**China’s help key to Pakistan avoiding default: Dar**
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Acknowledging China help in preventing default, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on Sunday that Beijing knew in February that International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) was delaying its deal with Islamabad because some other reasons. Dar, who is also the leader of the house in Senate, told a session, chaired by Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani, that the last 10 months of the government..... more >>

**Pakistan ready to contribute towards President Xi’s vision of shared progress: PM Chinese Vice-Premier He Lifeng receives warm welcome at PM House**
Source: *APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that “Pakistan is absolutely ready to contribute towards Chinese President Xi Jinping’s vision of the shared destiny of progress and prosperity.” The premier made these remarks during the signing ceremony of six agreements and MOUs for the promotion of bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan. PM Shehbaz said th..... more >>

**Pakistan seeks Chinese investment to upgrade agri, IT, mining, housing sectors: Ahsan**
Source: *Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-17
BEIJING-Federal Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Minister Prof Ahsan Iqbal has said that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) will provide an opportunity for Chinese investments to take advantage of incentives that Pakistan offers to foreign investment with concessions. “We are working on nine special economic zones. The first Rashakai Special Economic Zone will be inaugurated late..... more >>

**Pakistan gets green light to export cherries to China after 12 years**
Source: *APP, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-25
ISLAMABAD - Minister of National Food Security and Research, Tariq Bashir Cheema Monday said that the government had succeeded to resolve 12 years long pending issue of market access of cherries exports from Pakistan to China. General Administrations of Customs China (GACC) confirmed the Department of Plant Protection (DPP), Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R), that Paki..... more >>

**Xinjiang and Gilgit Baltistan Customs deepen trade cooperation**
Source: *Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-27
BEIJING-The customs authorities of Xinjiang, China, and Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan held an online meeting to discuss and strengthen trade cooperation between the two regions and explore new avenues for economic collaboration. Hao Weiming, Director General of Urumqi Customs, led the meeting from the Chinese side while Syed Fawad Ali Shah, head of the Customs Administration of the Gilgit Baltistan..... more >>
Rs1tr China-funded project okayed
Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-28
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan pushes through the approval of a Rs1 trillion China-funded Chashma nuclear power project on Thursday, aimed at generating 1,200 megawatts of electricity, without first securing necessary initial tariffs and other approvals. The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the project of Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), known as “Chash... more >>

Conference highlights viable drone industry in Pakistan Envoy says China-Pakistan collaboration to see launch of digital corridor
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-28
BEIJING: The Pakistan Embassy in Beijing hosted a China-Pakistan drone conference on Thursday, focusing on the establishment of a robust drone industry in Pakistan. Pakistan’s Ambassador to China, Moinul Haque, emphasised the significant role unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) play in various industries, such as disaster management, smart cities, policing, and agriculture. He highlighted the ..... more >>

Chinese companies invited to set up drone industry in Pakistan
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-28
Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque on Thursday invited the Chinese drone manufacturers to move in Pakistan and set up unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) / drone industry and production units in the special technology zones which were being set up in the country. The present government is offering special incentives and tax exemptions with a focus on civil application of drones, he sai..... more >>

Ahsan inaugurates historic ‘FUTURE E-Commerce Operations Center’
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-27
Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday inaugurated a historic ‘FUTURE E-Commerce Operations Center, calling upon the younger generation to embrace e-commerce and information technology as pivotal components of Pakistan’s economic growth. The event marks a significant milestone for Pakistan, as it celebrates the 10th anniversary o..... more >>

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90 orchards, 15 cold treatment facilities to export cherries to China
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-26
Now, 90 cherry orchards and 15 cold treatment facilities and Packhouses can export cherries to China. This is a huge achievement of Pakistan government where Department of Plant Protection under the MNFSR in close collaboration with Ministry of Commerce, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), Gilgit-Baltistan Rural Support Programme (GBRSP), Agriculture Department Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), ..... more >>

Pakistan’s sugar exports to China top $18m in first half of 2023
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-25
Pakistan’s exports of sugars and sugar confectionery crossed $18 million in the first six months of 2023. Quoting General Administration of Customs of China, Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing said on Monday that this export achievement this year demonstrates the country’s commitment to economic growth and trade diversification. According to Gwadar P..... more >>
**Pakistani pink salt witnesses growing popularity in Chinese market**

Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-25

“In recent years, the popularity of Pakistani Himalayan pink salt products, including salt lamps and bath salt, has been growing in China. Pakistan can further expand its export to China by enhancing its marketing and packaging,” said Hussain Haider, Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. According to General Administration of Customs of China, Pakistani .... more >>

**China approves 60 more G-B orchards for cherry import**


BEIJING: General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has approved sixty more orchards from Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) to export cherry to China, said Commercial Counsellor Ghulam Qadir at the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing on Friday. Ghulam Qadir said that the approval of the Pakistani cherry orchards by Chinese customs holds significant potential for the agricultural sector in Gilgit Baltist..... more >>

**Over 130 Chinese firms to exhibit products in FoodAg 2023 in Karachi**


BEIJING: Over 130 Chinese entrepreneurs will participate in the first international food and agriculture exhibition being held in Karachi from August 10 to 12, Commercial Counsellor, Pakistan Embassy Beijing, Ghulam Qadir said on Sunday. We are getting an overwhelming response. So far, 130 Chinese businessmen have been registered with the Pakistan embassy and Trade Development Authority of Pa..... more >>

**Pakistan gets green light to export cherries to China after 12-years**

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**Xi’an city agri enterprises invited to collaborate for advanced agriculture in Pakistan**

Source: Agencies, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-18

BEIJING-Pakistani Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistan embassy in Beijing, Ghulam Qadir has visited Xi’an, a Chinese city known for its advanced agriculture. The visit aimed to understand the region’s cutting-edge agricultural enterprises and pilot projects, and to foster agricultural ties between the two countries. Impressed by the progress and potential for collaboration, Ghulam Qa..... more >>

**China agrees to reschedule $2 billion debt ECC approves revised terms of agreement**

Source: Shahbaz Rana, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-21

ISLAMABAD: China has agreed to reschedule over $2 billion publicly guaranteed debt of Pakistan for a period of two years, providing a major relief to the government that is in the process of rebuilding foreign exchange reserves through fresh loans and rolling over maturing debt. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Thursday approved the revised terms of the agreement reach..... more >>

**PM Shehbaz inaugurates China Expo Center in Gwadar**


Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday inaugurated the China Expo Center in Gwadar. During his visit to the coastal city, he also laid foundation stones and inaugurated several development projects, including Basima-Khuzdar
PM urges Balochistan to ‘look after’ foreign investors
Source: Behram Baloch, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-07-28
GWADAR: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said that the huge mineral and natural resources of Balochistan belong to its people, but stressed that locals must support and take care of foreign investors who were striving for the betterment of the province. “Balochistan is rich in huge minerals and other natural resources that need to be explored, and the fruits of the area..... more >>

Chinese media delegation’s visit to Orange Train reflects CPEC co-op, friendship
LAHORE - A delegation of Chinese state media representatives, comprising eight members, recently embarked on a two-day visit to Pakistan to explore the agricultural cooperation between the two countries under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). During their visit, the delegation was pleasantly surprised to witness the seamless collaboration and friendship between China and Pakistan in..... more >>

China rolls over another $600m Pakistan loan: PM Shehbaz
Source: *Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-18
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Tuesday that China has rolled over a $600 million loan to Pakistan, helping shore up the country’s foreign exchange reserves. Launching the Prime Minister’s Youth Sports Initiative in Islamabad today, the prime minister said the Exim Bank of China provided the rollover, increasing the country’s foreign exchange reserves by $600m. &ldquo..... more >>

Chinese power giant shows renewed interest in KE Deal faces obstacles due to debt-laden balance sheets
Source: *Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-22
KARACHI: China’s Shanghai Electric Power Company (SEP) has expressed renewed interest in acquiring K-Electric (KE), the integrated power firm based in Karachi, Pakistan. This latest submission comes after the previous intention to buy the company lapsed in June, due to unresolved issues that have persisted for eight years. SEP had first expressed its intention to buy KE in 2016 and has sin..... more >>

‘Pakistan will not bear Sinosure cost of C-5’: minister
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has claimed that Pakistan will not bear the Sinosure cost of Chashma Nuclear Power Plant-5 (C-5) as the Contractor will bear the cost of Sinosure. In written comments on a summary of Strategic Planning Division on C-5, Ahsan Iqbal said that Committee constituted by Prime Minister Office (PMO) on February 1, 2023..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Regulating private security sector
Finally, the interior division has decided to do something about the fact that “the current regulatory regime governing private security agencies is not comprehensive”, as its representatives put it before the federal cabinet in a recent meeting, and proposed to design and implement a framework “on the pattern of the UK (United Kingdom) and other developed countries”. This ..... more >>
PM to inaugurate first phase of Rashakai SEZ in Nowshera today
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will reach Nowshera on a day-long visit today (Friday). Prime Minister will inaugurate Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ) First-Phase. According to sources, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali, Caretaker KP Chief Minister Mohammad Azam Khan and some federal and provincial ministers will also attend the inaugural ceremony. Sources said that the concerned au..... more >

Gwadar Sea Port to become one of the best in the world: PM
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad , 2023-07-28
Shehbaz Sharif says true implementation of SIFC vision will bring in revolution in country n Visits Expo Centre in Gwadar, performs groundbreaking of several development projects n Says prosperity of Pakistan depends upon stability and mainstreaming of Balochistan n Regrets negative and sick mentality marred the situation in mineral-rich province. GWADAR - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday..... more >

CPEC brings Chinese companies, technologies to Pakistan: Dastgir
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad , 2023-07-16
BEIJING -Thanks to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistan is now slowly moving from imported fuels to local fuel for power generation and from outdated technology to new Chinese technology, Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan has said. “This shift is happening and Chinese companies are much more visible now. They are bringing their technology, their management to Paki..... more >

10 years of CPEC: a success story?
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2023-07-17
The governments of Pakistan and China celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) in a big way recently. There is no doubt that the Chinese lent a helping hand when Pakistan needed to develop critical infrastructure — roads, energy security, etc. Unfortunately, however, this South Asian country is still finding it extremely difficult to attract attention of..... more >

KP takes lead by completing first CPEC originated project
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2023-07-17
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KP-EZDMC), a public sector company of the KP government, has taken the lead by completing the first phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) flag-bearer Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ), at District Nowshera. Talking to APP here Sunday, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Javed Iqbal Khattak said that the completi..... more >

CPEC and power dynamics
Source: Amna Ejaz Rafi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2023-07-18
Ten years have passed since the launch of CPEC — a ray of hope for Pakistan mired in militancy for more than a decade. The project will open the province of Balochistan to international trade, with the Gwadar seaport being a trading hub. These credentials point towards a prosperous future for Pakistan. In the regional and global context, CPEC — which is a part of the larger BRI &mda..... more >

International moot to mark ‘CPEC decade’ today
ISLAMABAD: A two–day International Conference on “Decade of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) from vision to reality” will kick off today (Monday) to mark the 10- year celebration of CPEC. The conference is being organized by the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives in collaboration with Chinese Embassy. The..... more >
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CPEC remains at core of Pakistan-China relationship: Ambassador Sohail
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-24
The transformational China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship project of President Xi Jinping’s visionari Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), remained at the core of Pak-China relationship and was pivotal to Pakistan’s future economic progress and prosperity. This was stated by Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Director General, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), while ...... more >>

CPEC decade – A voyage to new development heights
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-24
Known as the ‘iron brothers,’ Pakistan and China resolutely reinforced their commitment to bolstering regional connectivity and economic prosperity through a decade-long struggle to elevate China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to unprecedented levels. It was ten years back, when two all-weather friends solidified their commitment by signing a multibillion-dollar CPEC Framework Agreement...... more >>

Chinese vice premier to visit Pakistan on July 30 Lifeng will be the chief guest at an event celebrating the decade of CPEC
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-29
Chinese Vice Prime Minister He Lifeng will visit Pakistan on July 30 to attend the 10th anniversary celebrations of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), said the foreign ministry spokesperson on Saturday. A member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, the vice premier will also call on President Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during his visit. Lifeng...... more >>

Situator: Refinery project is much needed but MoUs are dime a dozen
PAKISTAN has a crude oil refining capacity of roughly 400,000 barrels per day, and this has stayed at the same level for more than a decade now, while our population and demand continue to grow. A critical component for achieving growth is having access to affordable sources of energy, and necessary infrastructure to process and transport this energy. Little to no investment in refining capacity ...... more >>

To mark 10-year CPEC anniversary: Chinese vice PM arrives in Islamabad
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Vice President He Lifeng arrived on Sunday in Pakistan on a three-day visit to mark the 10 years of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. As a special gesture for a strong ally, Chinese President Xi Jinping has sent He Lifeng, Vice Premier of China and Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China, to Pakistan to attend the 10th-anniversary...... more >>

Minister sees dawn of new CPEC era
Source: Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Criticising the previous Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) regime for “rolling back” China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal on Sunday said that a new era of the corridor was set to begin with multiple projects related to agriculture, infrastructure and social-economic uplift of the country. “A number of MoUs (me..... more >>

China dignitary’s visit set to energize CPEC progress Ahsan Iqbal hails iconic corridor’s milestone achievements
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, highlighted the momentous achievements made under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) during the past decade, showcasing the
strengthening relations between the two countries, often referred to as the "Iron Brothers." Addressing a news conference ahead of the visit of the Chinese Deputy Prime M...... more >>

CPEC celebrations; Planning ministry says govt has received ‘overwhelming response’
Source: Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Planning and Development has stated that the government has received an overwhelming response over 10 year celebrations of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) across the country particularly after the two-day international conference held in the capital last week which brought together the esteemed participants with diverse expertise to delve into the socio-economic impa..... more >>

China’s He to mark 10th anniversary of CPEC
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng was due in the Pakistan capital on Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary of a mega economic plan that is the cornerstone of Beijing’s Belt and Road Initiative. Since its initiation in 2013, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has seen tens of billions of dollars funnelled into massive transport, energy and infrastructure projects. But..... more >>

Pakistan ready to contribute towards President Xi’s vision of shared progress: PM Chinese Vice-Premier He Lifeng receives warm welcome at PM House
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that “Pakistan is absolutely ready to contribute towards Chinese President Xi Jinping’s vision of the shared destiny of progress and prosperity.” The premier made these remarks during the signing ceremony of six agreements and MOUs for the promotion of bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan. PM Shehbaz said th..... more >>

Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng arrives in Islamabad to celebrate decade of CPEC
Source: Abdullah Momand, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-07-30
Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng on Sunday arrived in Islamabad on a three-day visit during which he will attend a ceremony planned to mark 10 years of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. A statement issued by the Foreign Office (FO) earlier on Saturday said that the Chinese vice premier will be in Pakistan from July 30 (today) to August 1 (Tuesday) at the federal government&rsqu..... more >>

CPEC likely to get fresh impetus
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-31
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Development Ahsan Iqbal said on Sunday that Pakistan expects speedy progress in the second phase (2030) of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) following visit of China’s Vice Premier He Lifeng. Addressing a press conference, the minister said that He Lifeng role has been very important in making CPEC successful after becoming Chairman National De..... more >>

CPEC: a decade of transformation
A momentous milestone is being commemorated this month as Pakistan and China celebrate a remarkable decade of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) – the flagship project of China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Undoubtedly, this decade has witnessed an unprecedented surge in China’s unwavering commitment to bolstering Pakistan’s economic prospects, strengthening a..... more >>
10 years of CPEC: successes, challenges and opportunities
Pakistan and China have kick-started celebrations of 10 years of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Joint Cooperation Committee held an important meeting to deliberate on the future programmes. Both the countries agreed to give a new impetus to implementation of the second phase of CPEC. It’s the right time to analyse the decade of CPEC and find what CPEC has achieved, and what th..... more >>

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Sino-Pak Drone Conference held in Pakistan Embassy Beijing
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-28
A China-Pakistan drone conference held here in Pakistan Embassy on Thursday with theme of building a viable drone industry in Pakistan. Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said that unmanned aerial vehicle (UAVs) is being used in many industries to ease the life of people. For instance, disaster Management, smart cities, policing, and agriculture sector are using these technologies. &q... more >>

Technology, Trade & Innovation

Pak-China seminar held to secure Pakistan’s cotton yield
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-22
BEIJING - China Cotton Association, together with relevant experts from China’s cotton breeding, production, and processing sectors, held an online seminar via Zoom video conference with the All-Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA). During the conference, Wang Jianhong, Executive Vice President and Secretary-General of the China Cotton Association, provided an overview of the associati..... more >>

SDPI’s Engagement

Universal Access To Clean, Affordable Energy Crucial For Socio-economic Justice, Inclusive Growth
Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-07-21
ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 20th Jul, 2023): Research Fellow and Advisor, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr Hassan Daud Butt remarked that increasing access to clean affordable energy remains the biggest challenge for the government. Energy access has crucial linkages with all aspects of human security and without reliable, clean energy the health, educat..... more >>

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Source: APP, APP, 2023-07-20
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Source: TCL, The TatchLine, 2023-07-20
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**Economics of Energy Efficiency**
Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-22
In the quest for a greener and more sustainable future, the imperative to enhance energy efficiency and conservation has taken centre stage. As the world grapples with the challenges posed by the poly crises of climate change, conflict and trembling economies, the urgency to adopt comprehensive policies and practices of energy efficiency and conservation that embrace democratization, inclusiveness..... more >>

**Trade facilitation through Single Window**
The global economy is going through a recession caused by the global supply chain disruptions due to the Ukraine-Russia conflict, and recovery from the reverse shock due to the pandemic. Developing countries, such as Pakistan, face multiple effects of these global shocks. The politico-economic uncertainty at home has brought Pakistan to a difficult s..... more >>

**Public debt management vital to meet govt’s financing requirement**
Source: Agencies, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-16
ISLAMABAD-Public debt management is vital to meet the government’s gross financing requirements at the lowest possible cost while ensuring a prudent degree of risk. Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation (FRDL) Act 2005 defines “Total Public Debt” as the debt owed by the government serviced out of consolidated funds and debts owed to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). A..... more >>

**Gandhara symposium paves way for enhanced religious tourism**
Source: Zubair Qureshi, *Pakistan Observer*, 2023-07-17
Despite marks of rich Gandhara culture and the relics that boast of an ancient civilization dominated by the Buddhist traditions in this part of the world, currently there is not a single Buddhist monk living in Pakistan. This disturbing fact was pointed out by Most Venerable Anil Sakya, Honorary Rector World Buddhist University Thailand, during his interaction with the media before departure for..... more >>

**BISP board; Alvi approves appointment of five private members**
ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has approved the appointment of five private members of the board of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). Dr Muhammad Amjad Saqib and Barrister Ayesha Haqare appointed as members of the BISP board. Appointment of Dr Qaiser Bengali, Haris Ghazdar and Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri as private members of the BISP board was approved. The appointment was..... more >>
Pakistan’s $8bn green shift
KARACHI: Pakistan's energy sector could save more than $8 billion over the next decade by adopting more efficient and cleaner power generation strategies, a study released on Tuesday said. The study, conducted by the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED) and the Renewables First, a consultancy firm, analysed the government’s Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion P.... more >>

'Pakistan’s energy sector can save over $8b in 10 years'
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-26
ISLAMABAD: An independent study conducted by the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED) and Renewables First, both Islamabad-based research institutions, has shed light on the potential for substantial cost savings in Pakistan’s energy sector. The study indicates that by implementing enhanced power production strategies, the country can save more than $8 billion over t..... more >>

Interview: CPEC generates sustainable development in Pakistan, says Pakistani economist
Source: Badia Shaukat, Xinhuanet, 2023-07-30
ISLAMABAD, July 30 (Xinhua) -- The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has delivered infrastructure, trade and employment to Pakistan, resulting in sustainable development in the country, a Pakistani economist said. The enhancement in infrastructure through roads, railways and airport is not just going to provide connectivity within Pakistan but in the region and beyond, Badiea Shaukat, an ec..... more >>