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Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah

"Pakistan is the Pivot of the world, placed on the frontier on which the future position of the world revolves."



Chairman Mao Zedong

"Nothing is hard in the world if you dare to scale the heights."



Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman PCI and Chairman Senate Foreign Affairs Committee was conferred with the "Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence Friendship Award" by Chinese President Xi Jinping, during a simple but elegant ceremony in May, 2015. President Mamnoon Hussain was also present on the occasion.

Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) was founded on October 1, 2009 under the Chairmanship of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed. It is the primary organization devoted to promoting people-to-people connection between Pakistan and China. Although, state-to-state relations have always been strong between the two countries, there is a lack of people-to-people contact and communication. Pakistan-China Institute, has therefore, endeavored to bridge this gap by providing a platform for the people of Pakistan and China to come together in all areas of human endeavors.

The institute has emerged as a key player for fostering multilateral dialogue, promoting cultural and economic connectivity. It has been a bridge between Pakistan and China to develop a closer, strategic partnership. PCI's theme of 'Cultures, Corridors & Connectivity' (CCC) is closely aligned with the intricate link of Belt & Road with cultural engagement, which was also emphasized upon by President Xi Jinping during the Belt & Road Forum, in May 2017. The role of PCI was recognized by President Xi Jinping, who personally awarded the Founder and Chairman of PCI, Senator Mushahid Hussain, the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-Existence Award, the first of its kind to be given to any politician in Pakistan, on 21st April 2015.

In the Asian Century, the need for a platform that fosters people-to-people contact in the region is crucial. Pakistan-China Institute, as a think tank, is committed to continue its role as being the focal platform in Pakistan for taking the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) forward, along with playing its role in supporting cultural engagement across the region. On its course to implement this vision, Pakistan-China Institute is leading rigorous discussions and in-depth analysis by undertaking multi-faceted initiatives including information portals, conferences, lectures, exchange of visits, journals, and documentaries on BRI and CPEC.

**about** the institute

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# CHAIRMAN'S VISION

It is with immense pleasure that I present the Annual Report of Pakistan China Institute for the year 2017. As the first and only non-political and non-governmental organization devoted completely to the task of promoting people to people ties between Pakistan and China, PCI has hosted events, delivered publications and taken out-of-the box initiatives to highlight and further strengthen friendship between the two countries.

During this year, Pakistan China Institute has taken several landmark initiatives in its commitment to promote people to people ties between Pakistan and China. In April, the first volume of President Xi Jinping's book, "The Governance of China" was translated in Urdu and published in Pakistan. The event was attended by Minister Jiang Jianguo, Chairman of the State Council Information Office. The aim was to make the vision of President Xi accessible to a wider population within Pakistan. The book was well received by all. I must mention here that PCI has been nominated as the authorized publisher for the second volume of President Xi's book on "Governance of China".

A couple of other key events must also be mentioned here regarding the role played by our organization. In November this year, we held the 3rd CPEC Media Forum. It was marked by the attendance of the new Chinese Ambassador Mr. Yao Jing, the event being his first diplomatic engagement since his arrival in Islamabad. The 3rd CPEC Media Forum had representation of the journalist community from both Pakistan and China, conversing about their experiences in the profession with relation to CPEC.

In December this year, PCI hosted the Briefing Session of the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) presented by Mr. Wang Yajun, Assistant Minister of International Department of CPC. The briefing was attended by parliamentarians, members of Pakistani and Chinese corporations, think tanks, academia, media and students.

We must understand that with the growing public interest in CPEC, dissemination of authentic and factual knowledge regarding this initiative is extremely important. Pakistan China Institute, honouring its pledge to act as a non-partisan think tank, published its 4th monograph in the series on Corridors, Cultures and Connectivity. "CPEC: Facts vs Fiction" is a report which uses both primary and secondary research to present facts and necessary data about CPEC.

In another successful publication venture, Pakistan China Institute, in collaboration with Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) of Pakistan, jointly published the report: "The Economic Benefits of the Modern Silk Road". The report focuses on effects of CPEC on the economy of Pakistan. The report was also translated in Mandarin, making it accessible for the Chinese readers. This report has been recognized as an important addition to the policy debate regarding CPEC and has been selected for publication by Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, one of the top policy research institutes in Asia.

2017 has also been important for the consolidation of CPEC. In May 2017, the first Belt & Road Initiative convened in Beijing, where the Pakistan China Institute was fully represented. And in October 2017, the PCI made a presentation on CPEC to the New York Stock Exchange, the first such presentation before an American business audience. Given this context, 2018 promises to be an exciting and wonderful year for Pakistan-China relations and PCI as the premier non-governmental platform on China, will play a proactive role in this regard, more so, as non-governmental interaction in Tourism and Culture are now accepted against the 7 pillars of CPEC in the Long Term Plan for CPEC announced in December 2017.



Chairman Parliamentary Committee on CPEC  
Chairman Defence Committee  
Chairman Pakistan-China Institute







## From the Executive Director's Desk

I am pleased to showcase in this Annual Report the long-lasting and consequential impact of the Pakistan-China Institute in 2018-19. The Pakistan-China Institute, as the oldest and only think-tank devoted exclusively to Pakistan-China relations, has played a pivotal role in disseminating and articulating the impact, importance and benefits of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor for Pakistan and the region as a whole. In this past year, we launched a joint report with ACCA on the Economic Benefits of CPEC, published and held the launch ceremony of our Monograph "Role of Women in CPEC, organized the 4th CPEC Media Forum bringing together journalists from both China and Pakistan, amongst other dialogues and initiatives. This year we also had the honor of launching the "Friends of Silk Road" initiative which aims to foster a better understanding of the challenges that Pakistan and China face as partners, as well as how to optimally harness the mammoth opportunities that are in store for us, particularly in the context of the BRI and CPEC.

With increased polarization and lack of well-researched and accurate information on important issues, the role of think-tanks is growing more critical in providing informed and in-depth perspectives, research, and investigative reports, on issues that have affect foreign policy, public lives, and a country's role in the international arena, all three of which are intertwined. With its crucial geographic location in a volatile neighborhood, Pakistan's relationship with China is growing more significant and it is imperative that the people of Pakistan are able to better conceive their understanding of the same. I am hopeful that our work will be able to match the rapidly changing developments in the Pakistan-China relationship and regional developments and cater to the ever-growing challenges and opportunities presenting themselves before us.

Furthermore, I would like to express my gratitude to the Chairman, Senator Mushahid Hussain, who has supported our initiatives and ideas at every step, with unwavering encouragement and leadership, and set the bar high for the Institute to accomplish tasks which are otherwise difficult for independent think-tanks with limited budgets to achieve. I would also like to express my gratitude to the young and dynamic team of the Pakistan-China Institute that has worked passionately and steadfastly to make sure that we continue to trump the thresholds of success and deliver the fruits of the unique Pakistan-China friendship to the people of Pakistan.

I am confident that the Pakistan-China Institute will continue to play an unparalleled role as a think-tank, to provide informed policy recommendations to our policy makers, intellectuals, business leaders and students, so as to enrich and add value to discourse and dialogue which will ultimately result in consequential policy impact.

**Mustafa Hyder**

Executive Director, Pakistan-China  
Institute

# HIGHLIGHTS

# 2018-19

1. Round Table Discussions
2. Diplomacy

# ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

"For Pakistan, through Afghanistan's inclusion in CPEC and BRI, there would be free access to Central Asia, which will help Pakistan in the fulfillment of its energy needs, and in turn will supply its manufactured products to Central Asian Republics (CARs). This way, Pakistan's GDP growth can more than double with increased linkages with Central Asia."

-Former Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan,  
H.E. Dr. Omar Zakhilwal.



*4th Trilateral Dialogue China-Pakistan-Afghanistan*

(From Left to Right) H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and The Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, H.E. Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan





(From Left to Right) H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Dr. Chen Wenling, Chief Economist of China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), Lt. Gen. (R) Asad Durani, Ex-DG ISI.



### ***Dr. Chen Wenling***

Chief Economist, China Center for International Economic Exchanges

Director General of the Comprehensive Research Department of the State Council Research Office, Research Fellow, Doctoral Supervisor of Nankai University and Beijing Normal University, Professor of Peking University and University of International Business and Economics. She is also Vice Chairman of China Marketing Association, China Business & Economic Association and China Logistics Association. As a distinguished economist, she has achieved outstanding accomplishment in the research fields of modern circulation, modern logistics, modern business, modern social credit theory, foreign capital and macro-economy.



# DIPLOMACY



Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister of Norway, Founder and current President of the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights, called on Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.



Senator Mushahid Hussain leads a Senate Delegation to the 2nd Conference of Parliamentarians for Al-Quds Association

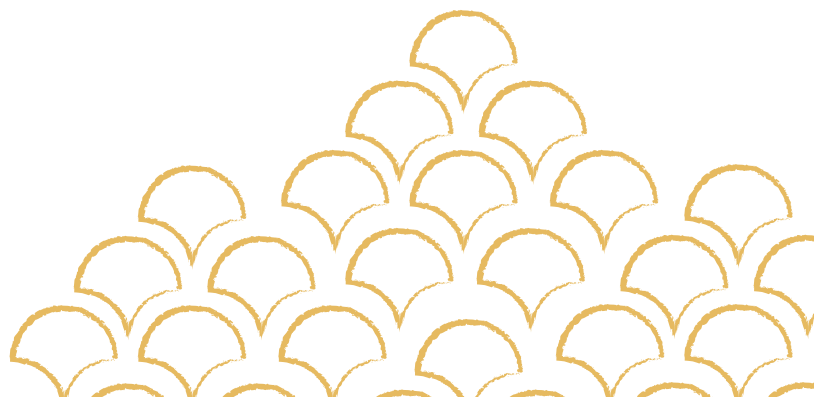




Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee meeting with Mr. Han Sun, Prime Minister of Cambodia



Senator Mushahid Hussain meeting Russian Prime Minister, Dmitri Medvedev, with a group of Asian leaders in Moscow, October 2018





***KEY***

**EVENTS**

**2018-19**



# PCI LAUNCHES CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES IN LAHORE AND MONOGRAPH "CPEC: FACTS VERSUS FICTION"

Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) celebrated the launch of the monograph "CPEC: Facts versus Fiction" and Chinese Language Classes in Lahore on 19th February, in Islamabad. The event was organized in collaboration with JS

Group, where Chairman Senate, Senator Raza Rabbani graced the event as the Chief Guest. While addressing the audience, Raza Rabbani said that Pakistan China relations are a demonstration of the "Asian Dream". He also termed the Pakistan China relationship as a bulwark against hegemonies in the region since there had been attempts at regime change and to impose India as the regional policeman by the U.S. He welcomed the launch of the Chinese language classes by PCI, saying it will facilitate business ties between Pakistan and China.

**"Pakistan China relations are a demonstration of the Asian Dream."**

**-Senator Raza Rabbani**

Pakistan China Institute aimed to identify and address the information gap that prevails regarding the scope of CPEC, through the launch of monograph "Facts vs. Fiction". The monograph was prepared by undergoing thorough research and public surveys, to understand the perceptions of general public regarding CPEC. The report aimed to highlight the actuality of the project through highlighting the progress made on the projects under CPEC since its inception, insights of significant stakeholders, and highlighting the opportunities arising from CPEC.

Similarly, considering the increase in the scope of CPEC and the increasing number of stakeholders' involvement in the Chinese projects, there was immense need to overcome the language barrier for enhanced cooperation and collaboration. As a result, Pakistan China Institute introduced Chinese language classes in Lahore after pioneering a successful program in Islamabad.

The Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing, addressed the audience at the event saying that Pakistan China relations were achieving new heights and CPEC was the manifestation of this bond in the present era. He said that China has always stood by Pakistan just as Pakistan has stood by China.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Pakistan-China Institute, Senator Mushahid Hussain said that there had been deliberate attempts to create misconceptions about CPEC, in which India and its Western patrons were playing a prominent part. The reason for this was

geo-political since there was an attempt to build up India as a counterweight to China with baseless propaganda about the "China Threat". He said that Pakistan welcomes the peaceful rise and development of China which is a source of strength for Pakistan. Responding to a question about CPEC, he said that when CPEC was launched in 2013, Pakistan was perceived to be isolated, terror stricken and a 'failing state'. China helped counter this false narrative by its massive investment of \$50 billion plus on CPEC which gave a boost to the Pakistan people and it is a vote of confidence in the future of Pakistan and an investment in the future prosperity of Pakistan and its people.

Chairman PCI said that CPEC was already producing results: Pakistan's international image had changed, Pakistan had become a pivotal player in the region, Pakistan had registered the highest growth rate in 10 years, projects like Gwadar port and Thar coal had not only been revived but were thriving and the Western Route was being built on schedule.

He said that CPEC was translating into reality what the father of the nation, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah had correctly predicted 70 years ago in an interview with an American publication that "Pakistan would be the pivot of the world placed on the frontier where the future geo-politics of the world will revolve".

The function of the Pakistan-China Institute was held in collaboration with the J.S. Group whose Chairman, Jehangir Siddiqui was also present while the CEO of JS Global, Kamran Nasir also spoke and said that they plan to organize conferences in Pakistan and China where they would provide a platform for Chinese and Pakistani companies to mix and mingle and to promote Chinese language classes in Karachi as well. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between JS Group and Pakistan-China Institute.

The MOU signing ceremony was followed by a panel discussion on "CPEC: Facts vs. Fiction". The session was moderated by Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute and the panelists were: Mr. Kamran Nasir, CEO of JS Global Capital Ltd; Mr. Hassan Daud Butt, CPEC Project Director, Ministry for Planning, Development and Reform and Mr. Yasir Masood, Deputy Director Media and Publications, CPEC Centre for Excellence. The panel discussion aimed to address the issue of misinformation on CPEC. Speaking about PCI's research report, Kamran Nasir said that it is of critical importance as it attempts to address all the concerns of the private sector regarding the SEZs under CPEC. Speaking on the occasion, Mustafa Hyder stated that criticism with negative intentions should be countered, and a report like this was a manifestation of PCI's efforts in countering the negativity prevailing in the media against CPEC and the BRI.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, addressing the audience at the report launch ceremony



Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute with Kamran Nasir, CEO of JS Global Capital Ltd

# PCI AND ACCA PAKISTAN LAUNCH RESEARCH REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF CPEC

Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Pakistan successfully launched a joint report on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), titled "The Economic Benefits of the Modern Silk Road: China-Pakistan Economic Corridor" in both English and Chinese Languages, on 1st March, 2018 in Islamabad.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Pakistan-China Institute, Mushahid Hussain Sayed, highlighted the importance of the report saying that CPEC, the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, is now moving forward very successfully. He said that CPEC's benefits are going to be evident to the people of Pakistan in the years ahead. He also talked about the 7th Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting, where it was agreed that the content and vision of CPEC would be expanded and three more pillars, Agriculture, Poverty alleviation, and People to People exchanges would be added to the existing four pillars, which are Energy, Infrastructure, Transport and Railway, and Gwadar Port. He further said that CPEC is the way forward for building a prosperous and a progressive Pakistan. Chairman PCI quoted Quaid-e-Azam as saying, "Pakistan will be the pivot of the world placed on the frontier around which the future geopolitics of the world will revolve."

The Chief Guest of the event was the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Khawaja Asif, who said that as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, CPEC is one of the most significant and transformative projects in modern history. He said that the initiative was a harbinger of shared dreams, common prosperity and win-win cooperation between two old friends, Pakistan and China. He also thanked Chairman PCI, for the efforts of PCI in enhancing the existing literature on CPEC.

**"As the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, CPEC is one of the most significant and transformative projects in modern history."**

**-Khawaja Asif**

H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, was also present at the event. In his keynote speech, the Ambassador termed CPEC as a successful cooperation between the two countries and highlighted the importance of such research initiatives, which are helpful for further enhancing the capabilities of both governments. While talking about the SEZs, he mentioned that local manufacturers will be encouraged to produce goods which can be exported to China as well as other countries.

Arif Masud Mirza, head of ACCA Pakistan, mentioned that CPEC is not only gaining momentum in Pakistan, but also in the region as Belt and Road aims to rebuild the ancient Silk Route. He was of the view that the success of this major project was largely dependent on the mutual collaborative efforts of public and private sector. The writers of the report, Malik Mirza, FCCA and Ahmed Lodhi, representative of the Pakistan-China Institute, gave an overview of the report and its findings. They elaborated on the overall economic impact expected of CPEC, the skills needed by finance professionals to benefit from CPEC in the years ahead and the perception of CPEC among finance professionals.



(From Left to Right) Ms. Ayla Majid, Managing Director, Khalid Majid Rehman Chartered Accountants, Mr. Arif Mirza, Head of ACCA Pakistan, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Former Foreign Minister, H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan



Panel discussion underway at the report launch ceremony

# PCI LAUNCHES MONOGRAPH: ROLE OF WOMEN IN CPEC

**P**akistan-China Institute (PCI) launched the 6th monograph, titled "Role of Women in CPEC" which highlighted the significant contribution of Pakistani women in CPEC.

The launch event was organized in collaboration with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), at the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS), on the 22nd of October, 2018. Dr Shireen Mazari, the Federal Minister for Human Rights, embraced the occasion as Chief Guest. The function was largely attended and acknowledged by representatives of think-tanks, women organizations, university professors, students, parliamentarians and media personnel.

Executive Director of PCI, Mustafa Hyder Sayed, during his inaugural speech mentioned the role PCI has played in disseminating information on key issues pertaining to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He discussed the key aspects of women issues in Pakistan, and how important a role CPEC will play in empowering women in the country.

Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad, His Excellency Mr. Lijian Zhao, speaking at the event said that the women in China have transformed over time attributing to the economic changes in the country and women in Pakistan are going through a similar transformation. He further added that he is very confident that CPEC is a game changer for Pakistan and so it will be a game changer for the women of Pakistan as well.

The chief guest, Dr. Shireen Mazari, Federal Minister of Human Rights, while addressing the audience at the event, appreciated the efforts of Pakistan-China Institute in producing the report on the "Role of Women in CPEC". She said, "The report is a comprehensive study, which is very well researched and drafted." Talking about the role of women in CPEC, she expressed gratitude over the increasing opportunities women are getting under CPEC and said that she hopes to see women being included in the vocational and technical trainings being conducted under CPEC. She further added that training women will help them in attaining more employment opportunities within CPEC and this way CPEC will truly be a game changer for Pakistan.

**"The report is a comprehensive study, which is very well researched and drafted."**

**- Dr. Shireen Mazari**

The Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute and the Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, stressed on the importance of regional connectivity and peace, and said that CPEC has not only become a part of the socio-economic landscape of Pakistan but of the entire region. He said, "Quaid-e-Azam, in an interview to the Life Magazine in January 1948 said that Pakistan is the pivot of the world, placed on the frontier on which future position of the world revolves. This region is the most important region in the world in terms of geopolitics, geo-economics and geo-strategy, and therefore CPEC should no longer be confined to Pakistan and China, rather there should be regional expansion. The success story of CPEC is evident from the results as 22 early harvest projects have been initiated with 9 already been completed and 13 under construction, 70,000 jobs have been provided to Pakistanis because of CPEC, and the highest growth rate of 5.8% in the last 13 years is attributed to CPEC. 26000 Pakistani students are studying in China and 22000 Pakistani students are learning Chinese language."

The launch event hosted a panel discussion on 'Enabling Women Empowerment through CPEC', which was chaired by Ms. Ambreen Shah, Vice President China Power Hub Generation Company, while the panelists were inclusive of Mr. Naseer Memon, GM CSR, Public Affairs and Communication, Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company and Ms. Du Xiao, Director Public Affairs Department, Grandview Institution, China". The speakers spoke largely on the role women play in the economy of any country, and their contributions to the GDP growth.



(From Left to Right) Former Senator Afrasiab Khattak; Ms. Du Xiao, Director Public Affairs Department, Grandview Institution, China; Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee; Air Vice Marshal (R) Faaiz Amir, Vice Chancellor Air University; H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad; Ms. Farukh Khan, Member National Assembly



(From Left to Right) Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director Pakistan China Institute; Ali Nawaz Gilani, Secretary General, Pakistan China Friendship Association, Peshawar; Amir Ghauri, Resident Editor, The News; Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee; Ms. Shireen Mazari, Federal Minister for Human Rights; H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad; Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Senior Journalist.

# PCI ORGANIZES THE 4TH TRILATERAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN CHINA-PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN, WHERE CPEC WAS REGARDED AS THE KEY TO PEACE AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

**P**akistan-China Institute (PCI) in collaboration with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) hosted the 4th Trilateral Dialogue between China-Pakistan-Afghanistan on Monday 12th November, at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The initiative was first launched in 2013, with the first dialogue being held in Beijing, attributing to the need to bring the three neighbors together as the interests and destinies of the three countries are destinies are interlinked with common heritage, geography and mutuality of interest. The dialogue aimed to bring together intellectuals, top level government officials and high profile delegations under one roof to have a meaningful dialogue.

The dialogue was organized under the theme of Economics, Culture and Connectivity in the light of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), with specific attention being given to the role of China and Pakistan in facilitating the peace process in Afghanistan. The inaugural speech was given by the Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute and the Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed who addressed the audience saying, "21st century is the Asian Century, and with a decline of the West, a Greater South Asia has emerged as a geo-economic concept, driven by economy and energy, roads and railways, and ports and pipelines, and Pakistan is the hub of this connectivity due to CPEC." He further added that CPEC is not only about Pakistan and China, rather it is about regional connectivity, and Afghanistan is a natural partner in CPEC's expansion. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed further stressed that our focus should be culture, corridors and connectivity rather than conflict or confrontation.

**"21st century is the Asian Century...driven by economy and energy, roads and railways, and ports and pipelines, and Pakistan is the hub of this connectivity due to CPEC."**

**-Senator Mushahid Hussain**

The keynote speeches were delivered by H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, and H.E. Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan. The event was largely attended by representatives of think-tanks, university professors, students, parliamentarians and media personnel.

H.E. Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan, while giving the keynote speech, discussed that there is a lack of understanding in terms of development as the major bilateral relations as well as multilateral relationships between the countries are based on security rather than economic development. He further stated that being an economist by profession, he believes that there must be a line drawn between economics and politics in order for all partners to integrate in regional connectivity. The Ambassador said that Afghanistan supports CPEC and its expansion into Afghanistan as it will further develop the country internally as well as strengthen the international relations of the countries in the region.

**"Afghanistan supports CPEC and its expansion into Afghanistan as it will further develop the country internally as well as strengthen the international relations of the countries in the region."**

**-Ambassador Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal**



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, speaking at 4th Trilateral Dialogue

The Ambassador of China, H.E. Yao Jing during his keynote speech at the dialogue highlighted the inclusive nature of BRI and CPEC and stressed that all the countries in the region should have a similar chance of availing opportunities. He further added that Afghanistan has a geographical importance as it is a bridge that connects East Asia with West Asia. He stressed that Pakistan and China are to play their part in facilitating peace in Afghanistan and should use their capabilities to deal with security issues in Afghanistan.

**“Pakistan and China are to play their part in facilitating peace in Afghanistan and should use their capabilities to deal with security issues in Afghanistan.”**

**-Ambassador Yao Jing**

The 4th Trilateral Dialogue was divided into three sessions namely: BRI/CPEC and potential for cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Regional Connectivity through the Cultural Corridor and the Way Forward. While speaking for the economic cooperation under CPEC/BRI, Mr. Mirwais Yasini, Member Parliament, Afghanistan stressed that peace is imperative for the region to be restored and perform well economically. Therefore, he stressed that the Chinese and Pakistani governments should support the peace process in Afghanistan. He further added that Gwadar is a valuable opportunity for Afghanistan provided security, social activities and people to people contact is enhanced. Dr. Chen Wenling, Chief Economist of China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), further contributed to the session by saying that China and Pakistan enjoy close ties, and sharing common grounds, Pakistan through CPEC and BRI can connect Asia with the European countries, ultimately expanding connectivity. She further stressed that relations between Pakistan and China along with Afghanistan are getting better and that she hopes that the three countries can progress. The session was concluded by Former Senator, Afrasiab Khattak who said that initially we focused on geostrategic connectivity, however now we have a new kind of connectivity. He stressed that countries need to learn cooperation and interdependence, and should envision Eurasian bred connectivity.

The second session of the 4th Trilateral Dialogue comprised of cultural exchange and connectivity which was delivered by Professor. Li Xiguang, Scholar from Tsinghua University, and Mr. Afrasiab Khattak, Former Senator who shed light on the histories and culture of China and Pakistan and how it links the three countries. Mr. Afrasiab

Khattak dedicated his talk to the national poet of Pakistan, Allama Iqbal and said that Iqbal had anticipated the importance of China and Afghanistan. He said that Iqbal's poetry was reflective of rise of China and strategic importance of Afghanistan for Asia.

The third session of the dialogue comprised of the Way Forward for cooperation for the three countries, which was led by Lt. Gen (Retd.) Asad Durani, Ex-DG ISI, Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Senior Journalist, and Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Azizi, Former Provincial Governor of Lughman and Lugar provinces of Afghanistan. Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Azizi said that the three sides should encourage each other for consensus and find the 'red lines', saying that the red line stem from miscommunication and misunderstandings, in which China can play a very important role. Therefore, the need for the trilateral cooperation between China, Afghanistan and Pakistan has become very important. He also said that Afghanistan is a potential connector and is much more ambitious than anyone to promote connectivity. He appreciated the constructive role of China in meaningfully engaging Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The closing remarks were provided by Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of PCI who said that the common thread from today's dialogue is that we need to connect, enhance trade and engage in a constructive dialogue. He further added that we need to go beyond the prism of proxies and geopolitics and indulge in connectivity and interdependence.



**(From Left to Right) H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, H.E. Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan**

# PCI ORGANIZES AN ESSAY COMPETITION TITLED "TO CHINA, WITH LOVE," TO PROMOTE PAKISTAN-CHINA RELATIONS

Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) announced an essay competition on 1st September, 2018 with the Title "To China, With Love" – A letter to China, where participants were invited to

demonstrate their love and affection for China as our important strategic partner. The initiative was launched to encourage general public all around Pakistan to share their personal experiences, knowledge or opinion about China. The essays were to depict the perception of common Pakistanis about China. The essay entries were invited in both English and Urdu languages. Participants were provided a timeframe of one month to submit their entries, followed by a rigorous evaluation process of another one month. The essay entries were evaluated by a panel of 3 judges: Mr. Aamir Ghauri, Resident Editor of The News, Dr. Shazra Mansab Ali, Former Member National Assembly and Pakistan's Delegate to UNESCO, and Dr. Zhang Daojian, Head of Confucius Institute at National University of Modern Languages (NUML).

The initiative was highly successful and received more than 1800 essay entries from different parts of Pakistan, including Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan. Top 22 essays were selected as the prize holders for the essay competition, out of which 15 were English essays and 7 were Urdu essays. The prize distribution ceremony was arranged at the Embassy of People's Republic of China in Islamabad, in amalgamation with the event "Open House Event and Sangam Club Gala 2018". Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of PCI and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, and Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing graced the event as the Chief Guests. The event comprised of cultural performances including Taichi and Chinese folk music. The event was attended by high profile personalities including: Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, Jamal Shah, Director General PNCA; H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of China in Pakistan, and Dr. Zhang Daojian, Head of Confucius Institute in NUML. The 500-plus diverse audience largely comprised of students from different universities and media groups, plus people from all provinces of Pakistan.

Giving the opening remarks, H.E. Yao Jing addressed the audience saying that China wishes to bring similar level of development and progress in Pakistan that it has brought in its own country. He further added that Pak-China relations are now in a new stage of enhanced cooperation with CPEC entering a higher level of development. Chairman PCI, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, said that Pakistan is fortunate to have a friend like China that always stood by us through thick and thin".

He also congratulated Pakistan-China Institute and the Chinese Embassy for organizing the essay competition that received more than 1800 essays from all over Pakistan. He highlighted that it was a great initiative to invite an essay of friendship which encouraged participation from all over Pakistan, and that will enhance people to people ties between the two countries.

**"Pakistan is fortunate to have a friend like China that always stood by us through thick and thin"**  
-Senator Mushahid Hussain

Abeera Hassan from Karachi was the first prize winner for the English Category and Tehzeeb Hussain Bercha from Gilgit Baltistan was the first prize winner for the Urdu Category, both of whom were extremely delighted to have received the award, and said that they look forward to such initiatives in the future. They further stressed that this will not only improve the grassroot level relationship between the two countries but will also serve as an encouragement to the youth. The runner ups belonged to areas such as Chitral, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Jhelum, Jhang, Karachi, Lahore, and Nowshera.



(Left to Right) Abeera Hassan - First prize winner for the English Category and Tehzeeb Hussain Bercha - First prize winner for the Urdu Category



Chinese Dance Troupe Performing at The Event



# PAKISTAN-CHINA INSTITUTE LAUNCHES THE "FRIENDS OF SILK ROAD"

The Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) officially inaugurated the Friends of Silk Road Initiative with an unveiling of the "Friends of Silk Road" plaque by Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing and Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed on 14th February, 2019 at Serena Hotel. This people's platform intends to bring together stakeholders from different segments of society, including parliamentarians, business leaders, civil society, media, and local communities with a focus on women and youth, for enhancing the understanding of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

In his opening remarks, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee of Senate, highlighted the three Cs of CPEC: corridors, cultures and connectivity. While recognizing the fruits of BRI and CPEC, he noted achievements such as speedy resolution of energy crisis, creation of thousands of jobs for locals, and the empowerment of women of Thar. "A whole new world is opening up to Pakistan because of CPEC, and we must thank the Chinese for their vote of confidence in Pakistan for launching CPEC five years ago. 'Friends of Silk Road' will take this friendship to new heights," he said.

His Excellency, Mr. Gao Yunlong, the Vice President of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), addressed the ceremony as leader of the Chinese delegation. He began by saying that the Pakistan-China friendship is based on strong public support, "We remain friends despite changes in situations on international and regional front, and thus our friendship is a model for all countries." While offering suggestions for tackling the challenges of CPEC, he stressed the importance of interactions between people on a personal level, "CPEC is not limited to certain people or groups, but is open to all Pakistani people." He concluded by saying that Friends of Silk Road will provide a sound platform for the friendly exchanges of people from all walks of life.

Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, who also graced the occasion, called CPEC a corridor with multiple areas such as culture, infrastructure and energy. He reiterated that Pakistan is committed to "hastening the pace" and "broadening the base" of CPEC. In this spirit, he explained that the last Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on CPEC had decided that 2019 will be the year of industrial cooperation. He called the Friends of Silk Road "a step in the right direction," for opening vistas of cooperation in culture.

Left to Right: Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Yao Jing, Mr. Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, Representative of Prime Minister in the Senate of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong, Vice Chairman of the China People's Political Consultative Conference and Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman PCI.



Mr. Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House for Senate of Pakistan, gave some historical context of the friendship between China and Pakistan. He noted that our friendship has only improved with time, and there are no parallels of this in the rest of the world. He identified the primary challenge for CPEC is that it's not being widely understood by the people. However, as the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) draw closer, CPEC will directly benefit the masses, and thus an initiative like Friends of Silk Road is timely.

The opening session was followed up by a round-table discussion, which went into detail regarding the "Impact of CPEC on Pakistan's socio-economic development." It was presided over by Senator Lt Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence Production.

Mr. Hassan Daud, Project Director of CPEC Division in the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, began the discussion by thanking PCI and Senator Mushahid Hussain for coming up with novel ideas for bringing the people of the two countries together. He re-emphasized the government's commitment towards CPEC by highlighting previous and current projects, and concluded by calling CPEC, "the primary platform

Mr. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy, updated the audience on the outcomes of the JCC meeting, which took place on December 20th, 2018. He informed the young people in the audience that from 2010 to 2017, the number of Pakistani students in China increased from 2,000 to 23,000, which means that the opportunities for Pakistani students in China are endless. With regards to the future, he identified the two priorities of CPEC as establishing SEZs, and the socio-economic development of Pakistan. Furthermore, he called upon the audience for their help in countering false propaganda against CPEC.

The discussion concluded on a light note when Mr. Li Ruogu, Vice President of the China Peace and Development Foundation and Ex-President of China EXIM Bank, highlighted the importance of learning each other's language for improving people to people connectivity, and Mr. Zamir Ahmed Awan, professor at NUST University, came forth with his comments in fluent Chinese. His Chinese language skills left the Chinese delegation pleasantly surprised, as he appraised them about the graduates and current students of Chinese language in Pakistan.

A question and answer session was held for interaction between the panelists, the Chinese delegation and the audience. Shields were awarded to the Chinese delegation to commemorate the beginning of the Friends of Silk Road. The event was attended by parliamentarians, senators, civil society members, business leaders, intellectuals and journalists.



The VIPs unveiling the plaque of "The Friends of Silk Road."

# THE SECOND ANNUAL BELT AND ROAD FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN BEIJING

**T**he second annual Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) took place in Beijing from April 25th to April 27th, where 37 heads of states ensured their participation. The purpose of the BRF was to enhance

China's development, expand cooperation with global partners, and move forth with the progress of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The BRF is part of the 'Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road' initiative, launched by President Xi Jinping in 2013. The BRF was attended by 37 heads of states and governments, including Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, along with federal ministers and other senior officials.

## Day 1 of the BRF

Day one of the BRF comprised of the Thematic-Forum on Think Tank Exchanges under the theme of "people-to-people connectivity", which was organized by the publicity department of the CPC Central Committee. More than 300 think tank and media representatives from over 60 countries and regions attended the forum. Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) and Chairman Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, represented Pakistan at the Thematic Forum, where he said that the BRI launched by President Xi Jinping was undoubtedly the most important developmental and diplomatic initiative of the 21st century, connecting countries, cultures and civilizations. Talking about the importance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), he said, "We in Pakistan are proud of the fact that CPEC is the flagship and the pilot project of the BRI." He further stressed on the importance of people to people bonds under BRI. "On 14th May 2017, during the first Belt and Road Forum, President Xi Jinping said that the Ancient Silk Road was not about trade only; it constituted the flow of knowledge and connected lands of Buddhism, Christianity and Islam. Therefore, the BRI is not just about brick and mortar projects, but is also about people to people contacts."

In order to improve connectivity among the BRI countries, he called for a special portal that shows historical stories of the Silk Road about the tales of travelers. He also called for an eco-friendly BRI, saying that a BRI green prize should be introduced and awarded each year to eco-friendly projects of the BRI.

Earlier, the keynote speech was given by the Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPC, Song Tao, who stressed on the importance of people to people bonds. He said that 310,000 international students are now studying in China, which will ensure high quality BRI and enhance people to people bonds.



President Xi Jinping, addressing the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

## Day 2 of the BRF

The President of China, Xi Jinping, delivered a keynote speech at the opening of the second annual Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) on April 26th. In his speech, he said that the BRI is focused on inclusiveness and equality to achieve win-win outcomes, "A large number of cooperation projects have been launched, and the decisions of the first BRF have been smoothly implemented. More than 150 countries and international organizations have signed agreements on Belt and Road cooperation with China." Further commenting on the infrastructure of BRI, he said China was focused on pursuing open, green and clean cooperation. "The Belt and Road is not an exclusive club; it aims to promote green development. We may launch green infrastructure projects, make green investment and provide green financing to protect the Earth which we all call home."

Commenting on people-to-people connectivity, he said that China will focus on scientific and cultural exchanges and promote technological development with the BRI countries. President Xi also said that China will ensure that all forms of debt risks are prevented, saying that there will be "zero tolerance" for corruption in the BRI projects. He further stressed that the BRI is an inclusive project, whose implementation needs to be done with complete transparency.

Other key takeaways from his speech were:

- 1) China will not devalue the Yuan
- 2) Stepping up intellectual property protection
- 3) Strengthening commitment to open economy
- 4) Stress on Green development and growth

Prime Minister Imran Khan was one of only seven foreign leaders requested to address the second annual Belt and Road Forum. While giving a keynote speech, Prime Minister said that the Belt and Road Initiative was pioneer in the future of globalization. He emphasized the significance of climate change, and the impact it will have for the world nations to come. In his statements, the Prime Minister inter alia proposed four new areas for Belt and Road cooperation:

- (i) Digital connectivity;
- (ii) Mobility of labor;
- (iii) Cultural connectivity;
- (iv) Sharing best practices in knowledge and innovation.

Praising China's achievements in poverty alleviation and science and technology, PM Imran Khan said that Pakistan also seeks Chinese cooperation in these two areas to move forward in its progress of development. Reiterating his stance of good relations with all neighbors, PM said that Pakistan is a staunch supporter of stability in region and will keep promoting and strengthening its relations with Iran, Afghanistan and India.

#### Leaders' Round Table at the Belt and Road Forum:

Prime Minister Imran Khan attended the leaders' roundtable in Beijing on April 27th, and was received by President Xi Jinping on his arrival. Addressing the roundtable, the Chinese President said that countries should focus on infrastructure and industrial development, which will address the challenges faced by the economy. Talking about CPEC, the Chinese President said that it is one of the earliest manifestations of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has addressed Pakistan's critical issues of energy and infrastructure.

Prime Minister Imran Khan while addressing the round table congratulated the Chinese leadership on the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Furthermore; he talked about the importance of CPEC, terming it a transformative project. Emphasizing the importance of connectivity, PM said: "As our region becomes more linked and prosperous, my expectation is that we will find it easier to find common solutions for longstanding problems."

The Joint Communiqué of the Leaders' Roundtable of the second annual Belt and Road Forum in Beijing was released upon the conclusion of the roundtable, which included strengthening development policy synergy, boosting infrastructure connectivity, promoting sustainable development, strengthening practical cooperation, advancement of people-to-people ties and the way forward. The joint communiqué further stressed on the promotion of bilateral and international cooperation with China under the BRI.

Prime Minister Imran Khan also held meetings with President Xi Jinping and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on April 28th, upon the conclusion of the BRF. After the meetings, a ceremony was held to sign a number of MoUs/Agreements between the two sides which included:

1. The second phase of the China-Pakistan Free-Trade-Agreement (FTA)
2. Declaration of Completion of Preliminary Design Phase-I on Up-gradation of ML-1 railway track
3. Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Concession Agreement under CPEC
4. China-Pakistan Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement
5. MoU on CPEC Socioeconomic cooperation.



Prime Minister Imran Khan, addressing the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation



(L-R) Mustafa H. Sayed, Executive Director Pakistan-China Institute; Madhav Kumar, Former PM of Nepal; Song Tao, Minister for International Department of Communist Party of China and Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, at the 'People-to-People Connectivity Session' of the BRF



The Leaders at the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

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# CHINESE AMBASSADOR MEETS CHAIRMAN PCI FOR NEW YEAR, VOWS TO CONTINUE THE STRENGTHENING OF CPEC

**W**ith the beginning of the new-year, H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan called on Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Senate Foreign Affairs

Committee, signifying the strengthening of CPEC in the new year. The Ambassador visited Senator Mushahid Hussain at the Parliament House on 8th January, 2018, and greeted him for the new year, and said that the new year will mark new highs for CPEC as the two countries should continue strengthen CPEC. Senator Mushahid Hussain warmly welcomed H.E. Yao Jing to the Parliament and said that: "Ambassador Yao Jing is an old friend of Pakistan, having served Pakistan on two occasions in the past". He further said that, Mr. Yao Jing knows Pakistan and the region very well and so he expressed the hope that during his tenure, Pakistan China relations will be further consolidated and CPEC will make more rapid progress.

Ambassador Yao Jing termed Senator Mushahid Hussain as "an old friend of China" and thanked him for his contribution to Pakistan China relations, especially in the building of CPEC. Ambassador Yao Jing expressed the hope that in 2018, CPEC will enter a 'new era' of all round development, and expansion of CPEC to include Afghanistan and Central Asia. Senator Mushahid Hussain said that CPEC was all about cooperation and connectivity, not just between Pakistan and China but also between countries of the region including Afghanistan and Central Asia.

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Senator Mushahid Hussain also invited Ambassador Yao Jing to meet with the Parliamentary Committee on CPEC at a mutually convenient time, and this invitation was accepted with pleasure. Senator Mushahid Hussain also presented the report of the Parliamentary Committee on CPEC to The Ambassador of China.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee greeting H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan

# PCI CELEBRATES UN CHINESE LANGUAGE DAY

**P**akistan-China Institute celebrated the UN Chinese Language Day on 20th April, 2018 in, Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Studies (PIPS), which was largely attended by representatives of think-tanks,

university professors, students, parliamentarians and media personnel. Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing graced the event as Chief Guest and expressed gratitude and acknowledgement for efforts of Pakistan-China Institute in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.

While addressing the audience, H.E. Yao Jing said that promotion of Chinese language in Pakistan is the new stage of cooperation between the two countries, since language is the most important front for connectivity and progress. He stressed that two countries are working together to promote people to people connectivity between the two countries by establishing study centers. "In China, there are 8 universities working to promote the Urdu language and 12 Pakistan-study centers working to promote the mutual understanding between the two countries". H.E. Yao Jing appreciated the hard work of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed for establishing Pakistan-China Institute as the premier think tank working tirelessly towards enhanced cooperation between China and Pakistan.

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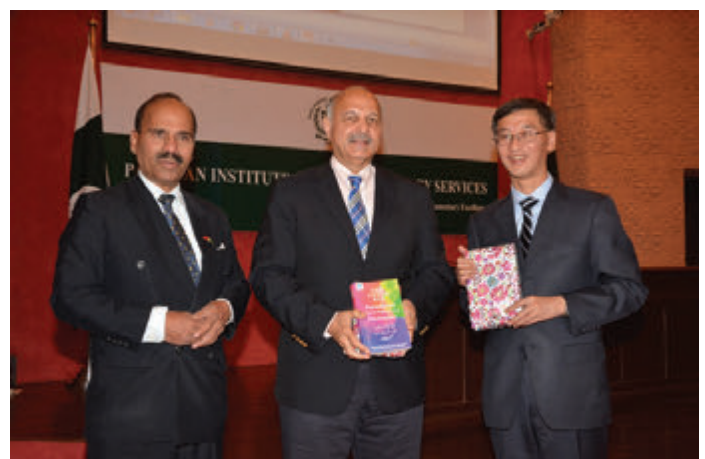
Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Pakistan-China Institute, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, said that people to people relationships are extremely important. "Last year, during the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Joint Cooperation Committee, for the first time culture and tourism were included as a part of CPEC". He further talked about the rising trend of the Chinese language learners and Pakistani university students studying in China. "

25000 Pakistani students are learning Chinese, 22000 Pakistanis are studying in China and there are 60000 Pakistani employees working for Chinese companies and this number is set to rise"

The event also celebrated the Chinese Language Program for professionals, offered by the Pakistan-China Institute. The event was marked by the screening of the Chinese Language Program run by Pakistan-China Institute.

Event was addressed by notable personalities such as Ambassador (R) Hasan Javed, Director Chinese Studies Center at National University of Science and Technology, Mr. Zamir Awan, Sinologist at National University of Science and Technology, Dr. Zhang Daojian, Director General Confucius Institute Islamabad, and Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of the Pakistan-China Institute who stressed on the softpower of China i.e. culture and its importance in a Pakistani context, since the evolution of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Ambassador (R) Hasan Javed, Director Chinese studies Centre at National University of Science and Technology (NUST), in his remarks mentioned how the Chinese Silk route, which is now being described as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is important for Pakistan's history. "The Silk route converged in Peshawar, where traders from different ethnicities would do business". He also emphasized the importance of history and culture of the Chinese Language.



From (Left to Right) Ambassador (R) Hasan Javed, Director Chinese Studies Centre, National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan

# CHAIRMAN PCI ATTENDS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CPEC SUMMIT IN KARACHI AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Karachi International Summit" on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), hosted by DAWN, was held on 24th April, in Karachi which aimed to highlight the visions of the governments of China and Pakistan for enhanced trade and cooperation between both nations with the aim of driving regional peace, prosperity and economy. 300 delegates from Pakistan and China attended the summit. While addressing the audience, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of Pakistan China Institute and Senate Committee of Foreign Affairs, said that CPEC is translating into reality an amazing prophecy made by the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, to an American magazine in January 1948, when he said: 'Pakistan is the pivot of the world, placed on the frontier where the future geopolitics will revolve'.

Chairman PCI further told the audience that CPEC has already yielded dividends, with 22 Early Harvest Projects on track in energy, infrastructure, Gwadar Port and Special Economic Zones, with an investment of \$18.8 billion. 60,000 Pakistanis are gainfully employed in Chinese projects, with many more to come, 25,000 Pakistanis are learning Chinese while 22,000 Pakistani students now study in China.

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Senator Mushahid Hussain acknowledged the CPEC Summit for demonstrating high-level participation from the Federal Government and all the four provinces, symbolizing that there is a broad national consensus on CPEC as the way forward for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan and its people.

He said CPEC is an integral part of President Xi Jinping's historic 'Belt and Road Initiative', undoubtedly the most significant diplomatic and developmental initiative of the 21st Century, involving currently some 70 countries of Asia, Africa, Middle East and Europe, indeed, its flagship, its pilot project. Senator Mushahid Hussain said the balance of economic and political power is shifting from the West to the East, the 21st Century is the Asian Century, and China is today, as President Xi Jinping said, 'at the Center stage of global politics'. Pakistan is today the hub of regional connectivity, linking up with China and the Central Asian Republics.

Citing achievements of CPEC in the last 5 years, he said that the Gwadar Port is operational, lifting 1 million tons of cargo in 2017, Thar is mining coal which will be transformed into electricity, the Western Route connects Quetta with Gwadar via an 8-hour road journey and the nearly 4000 megawatts of electricity produced by CPEC projects will alleviate load shedding.

He said the 'best of CPEC is yet to come' since the Long Term Plan has added to CPEC such areas as Agriculture, Culture, Tourism, IT, education and relocation of Chinese small and medium size industry, which can be absorbed by the 9 Special Economic Zones which are planned in all provinces of Pakistan. Concluding, Senator Mushahid Hussain cited three major challenges to CPEC: security given the threats of terrorism both within Pakistan and from regional adversaries, psychological warfare from the enemies of China and Pakistan who spread disinformation about CPEC and political stability and continuity of policies on CPEC, which requires that a free, fair and transparent election be held on schedule.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, addressing the First International CPEC Summit in Karachi



Mr. Shahbaz Sharif, Former Chief Minister of Punjab addressing the First International CPEC Summit in Karachi

# SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN HOLDS DIALOGUE WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CPPCC

**T**he Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, headed by Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman PCI and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, held a detailed and substantive dialogue with their counter

part Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) on May 22nd, 2018. The meeting was held in the Parliament House and attended by the Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing as well as the Director General (China), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Ayesha Ali.

Warmly welcoming the Chinese delegation, Senator Mushahid Hussain said that Pakistan and China have a strategic relationship based on a track record of

supporting each other on their respective "core interests". He said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was today the centerpiece of Pakistan-China friendship and he lauded the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of President Xi Jinping as the biggest diplomatic and developmental initiative of 21st century. He said that a unique feature of Pakistan China friendship was that all political forces, the government and parliament, the armed forces and civil society were united on this one issue that

this relationship was the most vital component of Pakistan's foreign policy since it serves the national interests of Pakistan. He said the balance of economic and political power is shifting from the West to the East and China is a pillar of the Asian Century.

The Chinese delegation led by Mr. Kong Quan, said that they all feel at home on coming to Pakistan and the Chinese government and people as well as the parliament strongly support Pakistan in their efforts to protect its independence and building a strong economy relying on their talented manpower. He said that China would continue to support CPEC including

strengthen cooperation with the youth as well as strengthen Pakistan's industrial and manufacturing base. He also urged the need for parliamentary diplomacy between the parliamentarians of Pakistan and China.

There was a very positive interactive discussion between the parliamentarians of both sides who represented the media, diplomacy and the business sectors. From the Pakistan side, active interventions were made by Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of Opposition, who urged a greater role for youth in CPEC and leveraging the relationship strategically, Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, who spoke of women's participation, Senator Mian Ateeq who urged the need for closer business interaction between the two countries' business to business relations, plus

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the need for technology transfer, Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar, who urged the need for youth of Balochistan to get dividends from CPEC and he said that 99% of the people of Balochistan support CPEC, Senator Rehman Malik talked of security and cooperation between Pakistan and China, while Senator Siraj ul Haq urged that the benefits of CPEC should reach the common man, and he also underlined the need for small and medium enterprises to benefit from CPEC.



(From Left to Right) Senator Rehman Malik, Mr. Kong Quan, Head of CPPCC Delegation; Senator Sherry Rehman, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and Senator Siraj ul Haq

# ED PCI, MUSTAFA HYDER, REPRESENTS PAKISTAN AT ACCA GLOBAL SUMMIT IN BEIJING

**T**he Executive Director of the Pakistan-China Institute, Mustafa Hyder Sayed represented Pakistan at the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) Global Summit, held in Beijing on the 22nd of June, 2018. The summit was themed 'Connecting the Next Era,' which aimed to bring together business leaders of the world, government officials, regulators, policy makers and investors.

Mustafa Hyder was the keynote speaker for the session 'Connecting China and the World,' where he talked about the benefits of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and the opportunities arising from it for China, Pakistan and the region. Further, he talked about the impact of CPEC in helping Pakistan participate in the Global Value Chains (GVCs), where he cited different examples of China and the lessons Pakistan can learn from China's experience.



Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute delivering the keynote speech at ACCA Global Summit in Beijing

Mustafa Hyder Sayed talked about the benefits of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and the opportunities arising from it for China, Pakistan and the region.

Other prominent speakers of the session were Paul Chan, Financial Secretary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Fang Qiuchen, Chairman of China International Contractors Association and Fu Junyuan, Executive Director of China Communications Construction Company Group.

Global President of ACCA, Leo Lee and Chief Executive of ACCA, Helen Brand was also present at the occasion. The event was largely attended by representatives of business community and the finance sector, government officials and policymakers.

# SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN REPRESENTS PCI AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THINK TANKS ON THE SILK ROAD

From 16th to 23rd September 2018, Chairman, Pakistan China Institute and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed represented Pakistan at the international conference of think tanks on the Silk Road in his capacity as Chairman, Pakistan China Institute which is the only Pakistani organization that is member of this global think tank network. Earlier meetings of this network had been held in Madrid and Warsaw.

"Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed represented Pakistan at the international conference of think tanks on the Silk Road as Chairman, PCI."

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee representing PCI at the International Conference of Think Tanks on the Silk Road



# CHAIRMAN PCI REPRESENTS PARLIAMENT OF PAKISTAN AT THE ASIA-EUROPE PEOPLE'S FORUM IN BRUSSELS

Chairman, Pakistan China Institute (PCI) and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed represented the Parliament of Pakistan at the Asia-Europe Peoples Forum held in the Belgium city of Ghent, on 30th September 2018, where he spoke on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as the flagship project of the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) of President Xi Jinping.

Talking about the fruits of CPEC and BRI, Senator Mushahid Hussain said that CPEC has given Pakistan an edge on every field of life, and has proven to be an engine of growth. He also talked about the transition of balance of economic and political power from the West, which is in decline, to the East, where Asia is now rising and is resurgent.

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Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and The Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee addressing the People's Forum in Brussels



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee with Wajid Khan, Member European Parliament and Special Envoy of European Parliament to Muslim Communities



# A DELEGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CPC VISITS PCI

A delegation of the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC led by its Director General, Madame Sun Hai Yan visited the Pakistan

China Institute and held discussions on Pakistan-China relations and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman PCI and Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of PCI, in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere.

Madame Sun Hai Yun lauded the efforts of Pakistan-China Institute and its leadership for enhancing Pakistan-China ties to a new level.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed with Madame Sun Hai Yun

Meeting between PCI, led by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and delegation of IDCPC, led by Madam Sun Hai Yun, Director General IDCPC



# SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN AND MR. MUSTAFA HYDER REPRESENT PCI AT ICAPP IN MOSCOW

The 10th General Assembly of International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was hosted in Moscow, Russia on 25th and 26th October 2018, which was attended

by 200 delegates from 70 political parties belonging from 40 countries. The General Assembly gathered to discuss the role of people's representatives in ensuring international security, preventing the interference in the state affairs, social and economic cooperation.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and Pakistan-China Institute participated in the 10th General Assembly as the Vice-Chairman of ICAPP. While addressing the audience in Moscow, he highlighted the role Pakistan has played in the war against terrorism, and contributions of Pakistan towards promoting regional connectivity through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He further added that Pakistan is an advocate of peace, and will oppose any Cold War in Asia as Asian countries themselves should determine the destiny of the continent.

In his speech, Senator Mushahid Hussain emphasized that Pakistani people and armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices in the struggle against terrorism, with over 75000 casualties. He added that Pakistan is now 'playing a pivotal role as the hub of Asian connectivity through CPEC, which is the centerpiece of the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) of China'. He also praised the contribution of Russia and China for Asian peace and security, including their role against ISIS in Syria. He said Pakistan would oppose any attempt to ignite a new Cold War in Asia, urging that 'Asian hands alone should determine the destiny of Asia'.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, highly acknowledged the 10th G.A of ICAPP and stressed on the importance role of the conference during the contemporary global transformation that is shifting the balance of economic power from West to the East.

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**-Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed**

He further highlighted the two major trends in Asia in which ICAPP can play a significant role, that are inclusive of BRI that promotes corridors, connectivity and cooperation and spark of a new Cold war from the West that is to be rejected.

The Executive Director of PCI, Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed addressed the 10th General Assembly as the Information Secretary of ICAPP Youth Wing, saying that "Asian countries face common challenges such as education, climate change, terrorism and poverty, which are to be addressed through collective leadership and cooperation". He further stressed that there is a need to find the common ground that brings all the countries together, and any differences between nations should be celebrated, and not contested. "We should build bridges to enhance connectivity and we should appreciate countries like China, who have initiated development agendas like the BRI that promote shared prosperity with a shared future", said Mustafa Hyder Sayed. He further highlighted the importance of strengthening universities and schools that teach tolerance and inclusivity. He referred to "empowered and skilled women, and children going to schools" as the weapons of Asia in the new era. "They will be leaders of the 21st and Asian century!", said Mustafa Hyder Sayed.

The conference aimed to establish a global union of political parties, to bring together the leading political forces of the world. The concluding session was addressed by Prime Minister Medvedev, who also met with a select group of Asian Political party leaders including Senator Mushahid Hussain. The conference was hosted by the ruling United Russia Party. The 10th General Assembly paid special attention to trade wars, a contemporary economic concept that endangers mutually beneficial cooperation between nations. The conference focused on enhancing coordination between the parties-members to eradicate trade wars and their after effects. The assembly was inclusive of a women's forum, a young people's conference, a cultural meeting under the auspices of UNESCO etc.



Senator Mushahid Hussain along with leaders of delegations from other member countries at the 10th General Assembly of ICAPP in Moscow.



Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of PCI, addressing the 10th General Assembly as the Information Secretary of ICAPP Youth Wing

# ED PCI ATTENDS SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN REMODELING IN SHANGHAI

**M**ustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of the Pakistan China Institute (PCI) was invited as a speaker at the “Symposium on International Trade and Global Value Chain Remodeling” organized by the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE) in Shanghai, China on the 4th of November’ 2018.

The event brought together economic and policy experts and business leaders from across the globe to discuss the prevention of trade protectionism and the adaptation of new international economic structures to promote global integration of resources like technology and capital.

Mustafa Hyder addressed the panel in his capacity as ED of PCI regarding the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and how the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) can be seen as a case study in discussions on BRI. Given PCI’s extensive work on the factual representation of the projects under CPEC and their industrial and social benefit to Pakistan, he countered misconceptions and informed the panel of the advances made in partnership with China.

He said that BRI is an ambitious project undertaken by China to improve trans-continental cooperation and connectivity that targets 65 other countries and is expected to account for 30 percent of global GDP according to the World Bank. Mustafa Hyder remarked that the BRI is the most comprehensive development agenda seen in recent history and that “It is the most contemporary manifestation of globalization” which includes the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and the Silk Road Economic Belt.

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-Mustafa Hyder Sayed

Challenging doubts as to the benefit of this monumental, multilateral project, he asserted that isolationist policies and economic goals are no longer a reality in the modern world given the existence of unions like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) that promote intra-regional policies and inter-link economies.

Given CPEC is the flagship project of the BRI, he reinforced that it is an exemplary initiative that is evidence of how BRI is leading to greater globalization in the world. With \$62 billion worth of investment in Pakistan by 2030, projects include Gwadar Port, which is the converging point of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Route and the Silk Road Economic Belt. The model of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) in the power projects under the energy working group were also mentioned to showcase Chinese investment in infrastructure and energy that complement the establishment of industries and other projects under CPEC. The role of Specialized Economic Zones (SEZs) being completed only with Chinese investments was also highlighted as a question on trade deficits was brought up.

Dignitaries addressed at the panel included Uri Dadush, Senior Fellow at the Bruegel and OCP Policy Center in France, Daniel Gros, Director of the Centre for European Policy Studies in Germany, ZHU Hongren, the Vice Chairman and Director General of China Enterprise Confederation (CEC) and Fraser Cameron, Director of the EU-Asia Centre in Belgium, who was also the moderator.



Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute addressing the panel at the symposium

# ED PCI TALKS ABOUT THE ROLE OF CPEC IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF PAKISTAN AT LUMS

The Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, was invited as a distinguished speaker at "The Pak-100 Conference: Where do you see Pakistan in 2047", by Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), on 12th November in Lahore. The Executive Director was invited to be a part of a high powered panel discussion that shed light on the future of Pakistan after 100 years of its inception. The talk was jointly hosted by LUMS and the World Bank, and it focused on Pakistan's future considering the changing dynamics of the South-Asian region. The panelists for this discussion included ex-Chief of General Staff (CGS) Lieutenant General (R) Waheed Arshad, MNA and ex-Foreign Minister Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar and Mr. Ejaz Haider, journalist and defense analyst. The event was attended by students from LUMS, with highly interactive discussions taking place at the end of the session.

While providing an insight about the future of Pakistan, Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed gave special mention to the role of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and how it is serving as a game-changer for Pakistan. He further talked about the numerous benefits of CPEC in the energy and infrastructure sectors, and specifically talked about the role of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in shaping Pakistan's future.

Mr. Mustafa Sayed emphasized on what regional cooperation and the political and economic landscape of the region will look like within the framework of, and with the advent and progress of the flagship project of the BRI, CPEC. He brought to attention the numerous benefits to Pakistan in the long run that will outweigh any immediate problems quoted with regard to CPEC. He particularly mentioned benefits to the manufacturing sector with the creation of SEZs, and massive job creation as a result. "The SEZs will serve as an engine to get us out of balance of payments crisis to increase our exports. The Rashakai SEZ and the Hattar SEZ all have inputs from local industries of KPK. To make it a resounding success, we need due diligence on the feasibility of these SEZs."

He also pointed out the importance of infrastructure financing for the long-term socio-economic growth of the country. He clarified concerns regarding Chinese debt and unfair terms of business, and agreed to the need of environmental standards and transparency with all projects Pakistan undertakes in the future.

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Other speakers also provided key inputs in addressing Pakistan's needs for the future. Lt Gen Waheed Arshad said, "We have to better our internal security to put the investment on the right track. Our country will benefit from CPEC if we have a regional connectivity framework."

Ms Hina Rabbani Khar, who has extensive experience as she served as the Foreign Minister of the country, said that our approach to the region has to change since the regional dynamics are changing day by day. She further focused on the need to invest in renewable energy and technology for the future for 2047.

Mr Ejaz Haider, a renowned journalist and defence analyst, talked about the importance of civil supremacy for the country's future. He said "It is the view of civilian principles that has to prevail but frankly that has not happened." He further talked about the future of Pakistan-China relations in the context of 2047, saying that Pakistan-China relations also need to be studied structurally rather than with regality.



Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute talking to Mr. Ali Hasanain, Professor of Economics, Lahore University of Management & Sciences (LUMS)



(From Left to Right) Ejaz Haider, Defence Analyst; Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, Former Foreign Minister; Lt. Gen (R) Waheed Arshad, Former Chief of General Staff, Pakistan Army; Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute

# PCI HOSTS ROUNDTABLE ON CPEC WITH CHIEF ECONOMIST OF CHINA CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC EXCHANGES (CCIEE), DR. CHEN WENLING

A roundtable discussion was hosted by Pakistan-China Institute on 13th November, 2018 in Islamabad, to discuss, "CPEC: The Way Forward". The roundtable conference was organized to honor Dr. Chen Wenling, Chief Economist of China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), affiliated with the State Council in Beijing, which is directly under Premier Li Keqiang. The roundtable was attended by notable personalities including Dr. Shahid Rashid, Executive Director, CPEC Centre of Excellence, Mr. Siraj Ahmed Khan, Director CPEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director China-Pakistan Study Centre at the Institute of Strategic Studies, and H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy in Islamabad.

Speaking at the roundtable, Dr. Chen Wenling said that China has been able to provide an example to the world by lifting 700 million people out of poverty and improving life expectancy rate to 85 years over the past 40 years. She further added that China has invested a lot of effort in the development process and now is wishing to do so for Pakistan. She described China's relations as being 'exceptional' with Pakistan and said China will continue to support Pakistan. Dr. Chen Wenling especially mentioned the agricultural capacity of Pakistan that can be tapped on for development and economic growth. She also focused on development alongside the route from Kashgar to Gwadar. She made a special mention of Renminbi and emphasized on strengthening the currency against the US dollar, stressing that this will improve the value of Pakistani rupee as well. She concluded by saying that "We must not get influenced by the pressures imposed by the external forces and continue to strengthen our bilateral relations."

Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman PCI appreciated the kind words by Dr. Chen Wenling and said that Pakistan is working towards CPEC with devotion and dedication and rejects any external pressure as it a resilient country that has resisted such pressures in the past. He was thankful to China for such unflinching support and commitment towards Pakistan.

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- Dr. Chen Wenling

The discussion was also enriched by the insight provided by Lt. Gen. (R) Asad Durani, ex DG ISI, and Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Chairman Pakistan (LNG) and former Ambassador of Pakistan to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Lt. Gen. (R) Asad Durani, ex-DG ISI, while ensuring Dr. Chen Wenling, said that "Pakistan has resisted external pressure in the past and will be doing so in the future as well...The trust



(From L-R) Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee; H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad and Dr. Shahid Rasheed, Former Executive Director, CPEC Centre of Excellence

between Pakistan and China will help sustain CPEC and Pak-China relations." He concluded by saying, "There are no two countries that trust each other more, like Pakistan and China do." He highlighted the ever-growing strong bond and trust between the two nations that is reflective in the economic ties between the two countries. Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Chairman Pakistan LNG, who has previously served as the Ambassador of Pakistan to WTO, also contributed to the valuable discussion by focusing on economy of Pakistan. He said that Pakistan needs to improve international trade as no country can progress if it remains a closed economy. He further added that, "We as a nation will never grow if we do not promote competition." Moreover, he stated that, "CPEC is a great opportunity for Pakistan but we need to initiate reforms internally to keep our pace with CPEC."



(From L-R) H.E. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad; Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee; Dr. Chen Wenling, Chief Economist of China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE); and Lt. Gen. (R) Asad Durani, Ex-DG ISI

Dr. Chen Wenling chairing the round table conference at PCI





## ED PCI ATTENDS ROUND-TABLE: "THE GREEN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION OF THE CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR" IN BEIJING

The Executive Director of the Pakistan-China Institute, Mustafa Hyder, represented PCI in a roundtable titled "The Green Development and Cooperation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor" in Beijing, on November 14th 2018. The aim of the roundtable was to highlight various investment opportunities in greening the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Mr. Mustafa Hyder talked about the very big renewable energy platform in Pakistan that has been left untouched. He said that hydropower energy is a very big source of potential energy generation in Pakistan, and the Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) region has thousands of potential MW of energy that is completely untapped. He also said that the GB province does not have power connections with the national grid, which he termed as a key issue for clean energy generation under CPEC.

Further talking about PCI's initiative to take the green CPEC/BRI forward, he said that PCI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Greenovation Hub, a think-tank working on green energy in China, to promote green energy and making sure that the future projects of CPEC are successful for the next generation, helping changing lives of the Pakistani population.

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There was representation of key stakeholders from both Pakistan and China, including Munir Ahmed Jan, Director General Planning and Development of the Gwadar Port Authority.

Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute with Mr. Munir Ahmad Jan, Former Director General Planning and Development, Gwadar Port Authority





Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute attending the Green Finance Workshop in Beijing



Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan China Institute with Mr. Munir Ahmad Jan, Former Director General Planning and Development, Gwadar Port Authority

# CHAIRMAN PCI SAYS PAKISTAN AND CHINA TO JOINTLY COUNTER ALL CHALLENGES TO CPEC, 4TH CPEC MEDIA FORUM CALLS FOR 'RAPID RESPONSE SYSTEM' TO COUNTER FAKE NEWS

The 4th CPEC Media forum was organized by Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) in collaboration with China Economic Net (CEN) on 16th November in Beijing. The forum was hosted by the Embassy of

China in Islamabad, and aimed to disseminate factual information on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The high powered discussion was focused on devising a joint Pakistan-China strategy to counter negative perceptions that are generated by vested interest and detractors in the region. A delegation comprising of 12 members from Pakistan, led by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, travelled to Beijing to participate in the forum. The delegation comprised of media persons, journalists, core PCI team and parliamentarians.

Senator Mushahid Hussain, while addressing the forum highlighted China's peaceful rise, and said that there is a shift in the global economic and political power from the West to the East. He further added that amazing development of China is an important inspiration for developing countries. The BRI has now spawned a "Greater South Asia comprising of South Asia, Central Asia, China, Iran and Afghanistan driven by economy and energy". Senator Mushahid Hussain highlighted that the BRI is opening the door to a new world, with CPEC as its success story, since it is the flagship & pilot project

of the BRI. Gwadar Port, center-piece of CPEC, is now a very active functional port and it is opening up both Pakistan and the entire region." He also lauded CPEC's role, as an 'irreversible, mutually beneficial strategic project which has national consensus' in Pakistan. He also said that CPEC has contributed to Pakistan's economic growth rate, saying that the highest 5.8% growth rate in a decade is attributable to CPEC, plus the Western route has connected Quetta to Gwadar with an 8-hour road journey. Pakistan's chronic energy crisis has been controlled, with an additional nearly 10,000 megawatts of electricity since launch of CPEC, and in Thar, coal is being mined and turned into electricity. Citing the importance of media, Chairman PCI said, "Today, we are seeking to establish a rapid response information mechanism through collaboration between Pakistan-China Institute & China Economic Net, both of whom have the most popular website on CPEC & BRI'.

As a result of the forum, PCI in collaboration with CEN concluded upon the establishment of Rapid Response Information Exchange Network (RRIN) that will aim to counter fake news propagating against the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). RRIN is agreed to be established using a 3 Cs approach: countering negativity, comparing Chinese assistance and CPEC with others since on CPEC there are no political strings attached, and connecting the Pakistani & Chinese media, which will use the increased role of media in disseminating facts and accurate, updated information on CPEC.

Group Photo of Members of the 4th CPEC Media Forum in Beijing



While providing his views at the forum, Former Information Minister Senator Pervez Rashid urged the need to counter terrorism and extremism to create conducive environment for promotion of CPEC. Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali, ex-MNA and Pakistani delegate to UNESCO, spoke about role of women in CPEC, including employment & empowerment of women in Thar where women work as truck drivers.

The Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Masood Khalid gave his views by talking about the stance of the new government on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), after the conclusion of the Prime Minister's visit to China. "During the visit of the Prime Minister to China, there are four very important achievements. Both countries have expressed satisfaction with progress of CPEC; both sides are committed to complete the ongoing projects of CPEC, as well as create employment, enhance people's welfare and promote industrial development. The two sides also agreed to promote the construction of CPEC in the future by taking it to the next phase which will be decided at the upcoming meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of CPEC in Beijing next month, and both sides also agreed to create a social economic development working group apart from a political working group through the two Foreign Ministries." The Ambassador also emphasized the role of media in disseminating accurate information on CPEC and said that there should be more media interaction between the two countries. "We need to guard BRI and CPEC against the growing negativity of its detractors."

After the speeches in the opening session, an award ceremony was held titled "CPEC Communication Golden Anchor Awards," judged by a jury from both Pakistan and China, where winners were presented the awards by Ambassador Masood Khalid for best reporting on CPEC, both in Pakistan & China.

Addressing the session on "The Way Forward", Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan-China Institute, termed the CPEC Media Forum as a 'shining example of Pakistan-China Media Cooperation'.

The event concluded with sessions on "CPEC and Pakistan-China Media Cooperation", "Strengthening Information Exchange between China and Pakistan Media" and "Facts-Based Construction of Narratives on BRI and CPEC", where media persons from both Pakistan and China gave their input on increasing media collaboration between the two countries.

The event had representation of senior journalists from print, electronic and digital media the top media outlets, government and Communist Party of China officials, parliamentarians, academia and students.

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H.E Masood Khalid, Ambassador of Pakistan to China addressing the 4th CPEC Media Forum in Beijing



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee addressing the 4th CPEC Media Forum in Beijing

# ED PCI SPEAKS ON GLOBALIZATION AT A TED TALK IN TMUC

**O**n the 20th of November 2018, Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute, Mustafa Hyder Sayed was invited to speak at a Ted Talk on the theme of “globalization”, at The Millennium University College (TMUC) Islamabad.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Mustafa Hyder talked about Pakistan’s need to take part in globalization, which according to him was essential in building bridges and knowledge platforms with other countries. Giving the example of the USA and China, he said that despite the trade war taking place between the two countries, both countries are still the biggest trading partners, which shows that any entity that wants to survive today has to engage proactively, putting all differences aside.

Talking about the Belt and Road Initiative of China, ED PCI said that BRI is the epitome of globalization, which encompasses 65 countries and follows the concept of inclusive collaboration and connectivity. He said that the BRI is connecting countries from across the world through economic arrangements and people-to-people contacts. Giving the example of a Greater South Asia, he said that the implementation of BRI is happening right at Pakistan’s doorstep, through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Addressing a young audience, he said that the youth of today needs to step out of its comfort zone, connect and engage, labeling it a necessity rather than a choice.

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Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute delivering TED Talk on Globalization at The Millennium University College (TMUC) Islamabad.

# CHAIRMAN PCI SPEAKS AT THE LAUNCH CEREMONY OF URDU VERSION OF FORMER AMBASSADOR LU SHULIN'S BOOK

The launch ceremony of the Urdu version of the book, 'You and Us,' was held in Islamabad on the 29th of November 2018. The book is written by former Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Lu Shulin and his co-author Mr. Tang Meng Sheng.

The book has been translated and published in Urdu under the title 'Aap aur Hum' in collaboration with the Express Media Group and the Pakistani Embassy in China.

The book narrates the experiences and vivid memories of Chinese diplomats and their engagement with locals in Pakistan. Taking former President of Pakistan Mamnoon Hussain's suggestion, the book was translated in Urdu and presents eulogies of Pakistan and China's exemplary friendship. Lu Shulin commented that the book "will be an important milestone in the friendship of the two countries".

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Pakistan China Institute (PCI) and the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, was invited to speak at the event and share insight on the relations between China and Pakistan. Completing a decade of work since launching PCI in 2009, Senator Mushahid Hussain's work has become pivotal to developing and accurately representing bilateral ties between the two countries. Under his leadership, PCI has been actively advocating strengthened ties with China through projects that especially promote human ties and understanding.

In light of his endeavors to promote mutually beneficial ties, he thanked the Express Media Group for the initiative and said that the book is of great importance for the people to people relationship of the two countries.

Condemning the 23rd November attack on the Chinese Consulate in Karachi, he also said that the attack on the consulate was an attack on the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and a futile attempt by foes to shake the timeless bond shared between the two countries. He further said that since its initiation in 2013, CPEC has become the primary consummation of China and Pakistan's relationship, and is an ideal of bilateral diplomacy, engagement and friendship. He invited India to become a part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) as it presents an opportunity for renewed ties with Pakistan and shared regional economic prosperity.

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**-Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed**

Based on his political and economic foreknowledge, he said, "CPEC will unite people...as it will integrate the region and ensure its better future".

The ceremony concluded with Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed felicitating H.E. Lu Shulin and his co-authors on the successful launch of their book in Urdu. H.E. Lu Shulin reiterated that China and Pakistan's friendship is time tested and is as strong as iron.



(L-R) – H.E Lu Shulin, Author and Former Ambassador to Pakistan, Presenting his book Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman PCI. Others in picture are Dr. Tariq Banuri, Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC); Mr. Aijaz ul Haque, CEO of Express Media Group and H.E Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Chinese Embassy Islamabad.

# CHAIRMAN PCI ADDRESSES LEAD PAKISTAN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

**C**hairman, Pakistan China Institute and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed was keynote speaker on a Climate Change conference organized by a non-governmental body, leadership for Empowerment and Development (LEAD), in his capacity as Member of the Senate Climate Change Committee. The conference was held on 30th November 2018.

The conference titled "Pakistan at Global Warming of 1.5°C – 2 °C: Capturing Opportunities and Managing Challenges" brought together environmental experts and specialists to discuss the impacts of global warming specifically on Pakistan. Agriculture being the backbone of the country's economy, a large proportion of the population is at high risk of losing livelihoods and becoming victims of recurring natural disasters such as heatwaves, floods, droughts etc.

Senator Mushahid Hussain, having completed extensive work on accurate representation and reporting of progress under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as Chairman Pakistan China Institute (PCI), addressed environment related concerns. He underlined in his speech that in the building of CPEC, environmental concerns would be fully met and in this regard, where he referred to the fact that the first Public Hearing on Climate Change and Environmental protection in Pakistan's parliament was convened by him in February 2014.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Pakistan China Institute and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee addressing LEAD Pakistan Climate Change Conference



It was also stressed by him that the environmental feasibility of projects under CPEC was thoroughly completed and that it was crucial that local, government and private bodies address the issues and implement actions as a priority.

In a following interview as a part of a series published online regarding the topic in discussion, Senator Mushahid highlighted that the 2010/2011 floods alone cost Pakistan a "whopping \$16 billion USD" with more than 10% of the population suffering the consequences. Stating that "climate change has no boundaries", giving the example of toxic levels of smog in New Delhi, India and Lahore, Pakistan, he suggested the formation of a coalition between South Asian countries including China, Afghanistan and Iran to battle regional concerns and to create a network of cooperation to implement mutually beneficial policies.

In the end, Senator Mushahid Hussain thanked LEAD Pakistan for arranging the much needed forum of discussion and launching a "Media Manual on Climate Change".

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# FIRST MEETING CONDUCTED OF THE RAPID RESPONSE INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK (RRIN)

In order to counter the false and negative propaganda prevailing in the media on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Pakistan China Institute took the initiative of launching the "Rapid Response Information Exchange Network (RRIN)," at the 4th CPEC Media Forum, which was held on November 15th 2018. As a follow up to the announcement, the first meeting of the RRIN was conducted at PCI on December 5th, 2018.

Important personalities took part in the meeting, which included: Deputy Chief of Mission of the Chinese Embassy, H.E. Lijian Zhao; Chairman PCI and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed; Executive Director PCI, Mustafa Hyder Sayed; Resident Editor, The News, Amir Ghauri; Anchor-person PTV News, Yasir Rehman; Editor, News Network International (NNI) Muhammad Tahir Khan; Ex-MNA and Pakistani Delegate to UNESCO, Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali and the PCI team.

During the meeting, it was decided that aggressive monitoring will take place regarding any negative news being published on CPEC or Pakistan-China relations, and a quick and meaningful response based on facts will be launched on social media. The initiative since then has gained significant headway, and is functioning promptly.

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First Meeting of the Rapid Response Information Exchange Network (RRIN) at Pakistan China Institute





# SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED ORGANIZES PUBLIC HEARING ON INTERNATIONALIZING THE KASHMIR ISSUE

In light of ongoing human rights violations and the increasingly necessary recognition of the Kashmir issue, Chairman, Pakistan China Institute and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, organized a public hearing on "Internationalizing Human Rights Violations in Indian Occupied Kashmir and The Struggle for Self-Determination of the Kashmiri People".

The event that took place on the 13th of December 2018 at the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS), had senior parliamentarians, diplomats, scholars, journalists and students in large attendance.

Dr. Shireen Mazari, Minister for Human Rights was the keynote speaker who appreciated the Chairman's initiative and expressed that a commission should be established to investigate the violations in Indian Occupied Kashmir. She also noted that the Kashmir issue lies at the center of the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) resolutions.

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Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI and Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee addressing the public hearing on "Internationalizing Human Rights Violations in Indian Occupied Kashmir and the Struggle for Self-Determination of the Kashmiri People," alongside Dr. Shireen Mazari, Federal Minister for Human Rights



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PCI ADDRESSES THE ACCA CPEC CONFERENCE IN FAISALABAD

The ACCA in Pakistan organized a conference in Faisalabad and Multan that addressed the theme of “Emerging Pakistan: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) - Gateway for Progress, Prosperity & Connectivity”.

In light of the extensive research and work done by PCI regarding factual presentation, benefit analysis and demoting circulating fallacies about CPEC in Pakistan, Executive Director of PCI, Mustafa Hyder Sayed was invited as the keynote speaker for the conference in Faisalabad.

Addressing representatives from China, academicians, prominent media personalities and dignitaries including ex- Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Mustafa Hyder asserted the importance and opportunities provided by CPEC to Pakistan and specialized economic zones (SEZs) such as Faisalabad. Further challenging the misconceptions and answering questions people have regarding the role of CPEC, Mustafa Hyder highlighted the means through which the business community of Faisalabad could become the true beneficiaries of the SEZs. He suggested cooperation with counterparts in China that would allow the formation of joint ventures in industries moving to Pakistan such as textiles, pharmaceuticals etc. Recognizing the increasing capital intensive nature of Chinese production, he said that SEZs in Pakistan can provide cheaper means of production to compliment China’s global exports through joint ventures and can grant access to international markets for Pakistani goods and services.

An invitation was extended by Mustafa Hyder to the President and members of the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce to visit China along with representatives from ACCA Pakistan. The delegation led by PCI would have serious negotiations over the establishment of joint ventures in industries that could cooperate rather than create compete in production specifically in and around the SEZs.

Presenting the successful completion of early harvest projects under CPEC including the addition of 10,000 MW in the National Grid, improvements in infrastructure and easier intercountry mobility through Gilgit Baltistan, Mustafa Hyder asserted the positive change

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-Mustafa Hyder Sayed

CPEC has made in Pakistan. He said that the establishment of SEZs in various areas of Pakistan, preventing saturation in Punjab -such as Rashakai in KPK- is evidence of the holistic benefit of CPEC.

Further talking about the debts associated with CPEC, Mustafa Hyder quoted the World Bank’s statistic that all 71 member states of the Belt and Road Initiative, only 5% of total debt is owed to China. Maintaining the significance of CPEC to the regional economy as seen by increasing investments by Chinese businesses such as Ali Baba, he recommended arranging vocational trainings to boost employment in tandem to the large economic surpluses Pakistan is forecasted to reap.

In his concluding remarks, Mustafa Hyder Sayed reiterated that it is in the hands of those interested to seek and take advantage of the opportunities created by CPEC and that PCI looked forward to continue working with ACCA and the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce in 2019.



Participants of ACCA CPEC Conference in Faisalabad



Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director Pakistan China Institute, representing Pakistan China Institute at the ACCA CPEC Conference

# BEIJING'S BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE DRIVES GLOBALISATION

BY: SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN

**N**o one event exemplifies the inexorable shift of the centre of global gravity from the West to the East than the biggest global gathering that convened in Beijing for the Forum of the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) last week. The first such BRI Forum took place in May 2017, with the attendance of 29 leaders. This time, 37 foreign leaders, presidents and prime ministers, attended including, for the first time, the Prime Minister of a G-7 country, Italy. Presidents of Russia, Chile, Czech Republic, the Philippines and Prime Ministers of Pakistan and Malaysia were amongst the prominent invitees.

**The Belt & Road Forum (BRF), with a total attendance of 5000 representatives from over 150 countries and international organisations, who participated in 12 different thematic sessions, had a three-fold significance.**

First, the BRF was held amidst the historic transition in the global balance of economic, cultural and political power from the West to the East, with the West including the United States and Europe in relative decline and even disarray, as opposed to the vigour and dynamism exuded in resurgent Asia. Beijing is today a more "happening" place than Washington, London or Brussels. As President Xi Jinping confidently asserted in his inaugural address to the BRF on April 26: "We Chinese have stood up and hold our future in our own hands".

Second, the BRI, as the most significant developmental and diplomatic initiative of the 21st century today, is the principal driver of globalization, spanning 6 corridors spread over 70 countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, which comprise

70% of the world's population, 55% of the global GDP and nearly 25% of global trade. The scale, size and speed of the BRI, launched just five years ago, is simply breathtaking. 30% of global growth is being fueled by China.

Third, the central theme of the 2019 BRF was in congruence with one of the biggest challenges faced by humanity, namely, Climate Change. With the theme of "Green and Clean BRI", BRF underlined the importance of "Green Development" and President Xi Jinping called for launching "green infrastructure projects, make green investment and provide green financing to protect the Earth which we all call home". In other words, China has also taken up the cudgels against Climate Change, filling a leadership vacuum following the American withdrawal from the Paris Climate Change Accord.

With the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) retaining its pivotal role as the flagship and pilot project of the BRI, Pakistan had proactive participation in the BRF. For Pakistan, since CPEC is already a success story reaching the completion of the first phase, the BRF actually launched the second phase of CPEC.

In the first phase of CPEC, under the BRI, China has invested \$19 billion in 22 Early Harvest Projects (EHPs) including energy, infrastructure and the development of Gwadar Port. 70,000 Pakistanis are gainfully employed in Chinese-funded projects, while 28,000 Pakistanis are now studying in China. The second phase of CPEC has 3 priorities, mutually agreed upon by Pakistan and China:

- Enhanced role of the private sector, and the establishment of 4 Special Economic Zones (SEZs), with joint ventures and probable relocation of Chinese small and medium enterprises in some of these zones;
- Social Sector development involving local communities at the grassroots level in 6 specified areas like education, health, agriculture, water and irrigation, poverty alleviation and human resource development. China has given a grant of \$1 billion for 27 projects to be established in these 6 fields all over Pakistan, plus China has offered 20,000 scholarships to Pakistanis for the next 3 years;



President Xi greeting Prime Minister Imran Khan at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing

• In Beijing, in the presence of the leaders of both countries on April 28, Pakistan and China signed a new Free Trade Agreement (FTA) based on mutual benefit, which would give a major boost to Pakistani exports to China.

mortar, but these also have a strong cultural component. President Xi Jinping in his speech to the BRI Forum in 2017 also referred to this aspect of the role of the Silk Road, saying that “the ancient Silk routes were not about trade only, they boosted the flow of knowledge as well and they connected the lands of Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.”

The BRF also announced “multi-faceted people-to-people cooperation” with initiatives to promote exchanges in education, culture, sports, tourism, and archaeology, with participation of political parties and think tanks, and institutional arrangements that include an International Youth Forum, the Silk Road Think Tanks Network (SiLKS), the Silk Road International Library Alliance, the Silk Road International Alliance of Art Museums & Galleries, the BRI Studies Network and the BRI News Alliance.

The global impact of BRI is underlined by the 2017 joint report issued by the UNDP and China Center for International Economic Exchanges, which suggested that the BRI ‘could serve as an accelerator and an effective enabler to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’. The message from the historic BRF is clear: winds of change are sweeping across the global horizon with Asian hands shaping the future and destiny of Asia, inextricably woven together by the new world opening through corridors, culture and connectivity spanning countries, continents and civilisations.



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# CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES



Mustafa Hyder, Executive Director Pakistan-China Institute presenting a memento to Dr. Zhang, head of the Confucius Institute for the commencement of the 1st batch of the Chinese Language Classes

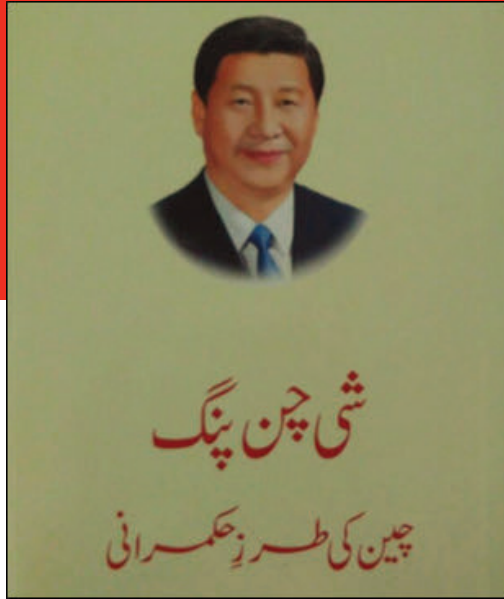
PCI along with the Confucius Institute was the pioneer of the Chinese Language Classes for Professionals in Pakistan.

With PCI playing a pivotal role in Pakistan-China relations, we believe it is our duty to bridge this gap, therefore we have initiated the Chinese Language Classes, in collaboration with the Confucius Institute. The objective of this program is to impart Chinese Language education to Pakistani students to equip them with linguistic skills and enhance socio-cultural understanding of China.

The First batch was launched on 17th October 2016 in Islamabad, and in 2017 our accelerated course was launched in Lahore in May 2017, in collaboration with the Jahangir Siddiqui (JS) Group.

To accommodate applicants from all career paths according to their convenience, course sessions are now being arranged rather frequently. Around 200 Chinese companies of the 750 have operations in Lahore; most of these companies prefer employees who know Chinese Language while most of the local businesses also demand their employees to have a grasp of this language for prospective business opportunities created by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Therefore, the demand for the Language Learning Course is increasing every month and we look forward to creating more learning opportunities for students in Lahore through PCI.

# XI JINPING: ON GOVERNANCE



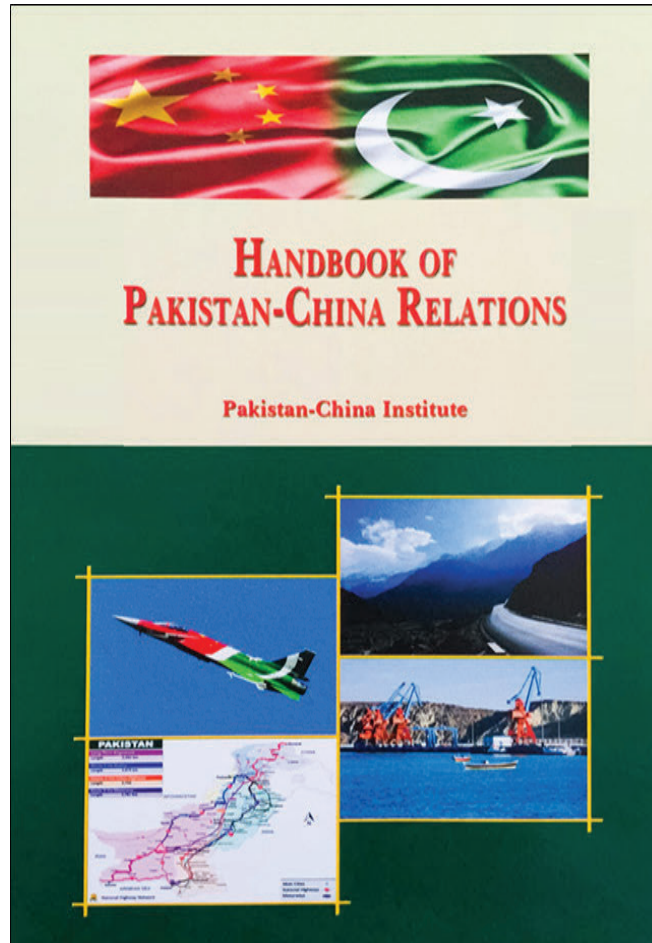
The Pakistan-China Institute, in collaboration with the Embassy of People's Republic of China, launched the book 'The Governance of China' by Xi Jinping, in December 2014. This was the first time that the President's book was launched outside China, and reflects a great honor for our institute.

Comprising of 79 speeches, talks, interviews, instructions and correspondence, 'The Governance of China' is a compilation of President Xi Jinping's works from 15th November 2012 to 13th June 2014. For the readers' understanding, each item in the book has been supplemented by relevant notes about China's social system, its history and its culture. The book also highlights the President's vision for the future of China and sheds light on various dimensions of China's policies on energy, economy, technology, security and governance. The book helps to better interpret the concepts and principles of the Communist Party of China with respect to their governance and also enables the international community to comprehend the future aspirations of the Chinese, their development ideas, as well as China's domestic and foreign policies.

Pakistan-China Institute also initiated work on launching an Urdu translation of the book, and in April 2017, an event was organized by the Foreign Languages Press of China and PCI to launch the Urdu version of the book. Currently, work is in progress on the Urdu Translation of the second volume of President Xi Jinping's book, Governance of China.



# HANDBOOK ON RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND PAKISTAN



This volume, edited by Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute Senator Mushahid Hussain, is an all-encompassing document with a comprehensive history of each aspect of bilateral relations between the two countries. Contributing authors include former and practicing diplomats, from China and Pakistan, strategists, political analysts, retired servicemen from the armed forces, and educators.

# POST-CONFERENCE BOOK ON THE ISLAMABAD TRILATERAL DIALOGUE

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**Geopolitical Strategy, Economic  
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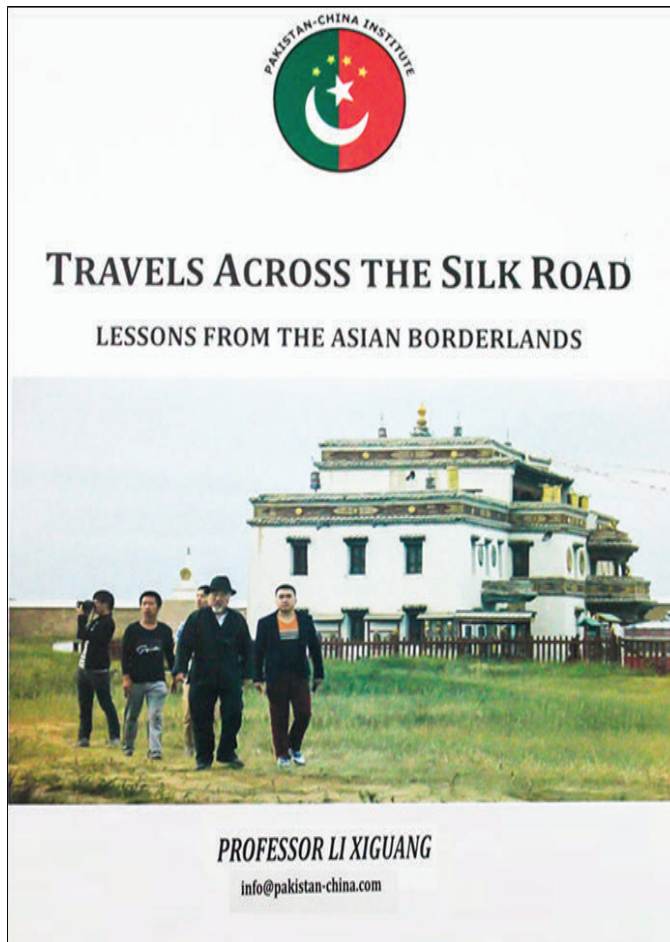


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Pakistan-China Institute with assistance from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) published a Post-Conference Report on the 4th China-Pakistan-Afghanistan Trilateral Dialogue, which took place on November 2018. The report is titled: "Geopolitical Strategy, Economic Integration and Cultural Connectivity: The New Era of Regional Cooperation between China, Pakistan and Afghanistan."

The report is a comprehensive documentation of the proceedings of the conference. This conference, which was fourth in the series of trilateral dialogues, brought together experts, analysts, policy makers and civil society members from Pakistan, China and Afghanistan, to work on the future of the region, with the main objective of the inclusion of Afghanistan in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The report also outlines the key policy statements given by the speakers at the event, which serve to promote future collaboration of all the three countries.

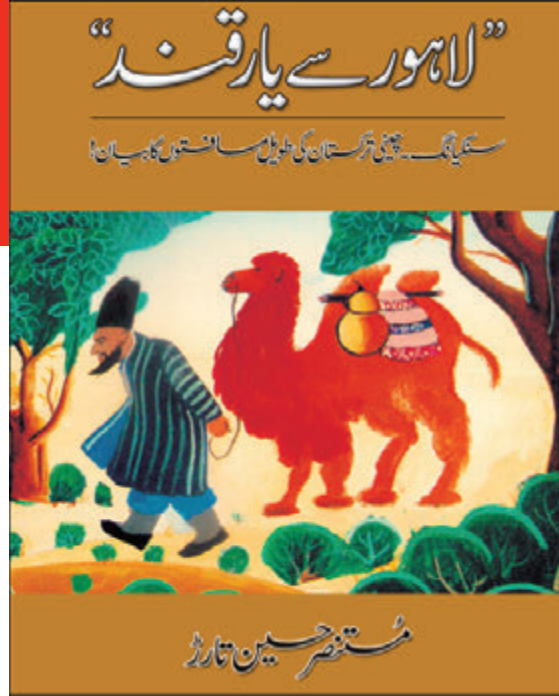
# TRAVELS ACROSS THE SILK ROAD: LESSONS FROM THE ASIAN BORDERLANDS



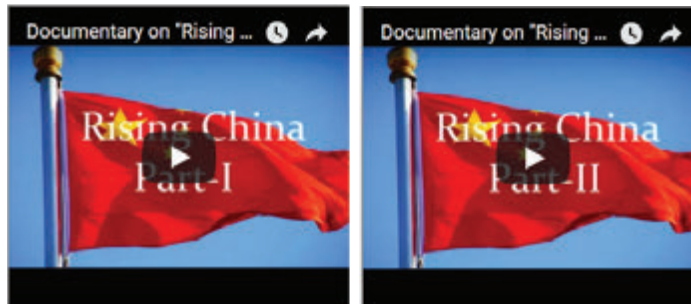
This publication, produced in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, is a travelogue by Professor Li Xiguang of Tsinghua University. In his travelogue, Professor Li Xiguang has recorded his experiences on a teaching seminar across the Asian borderlands with his colleagues and students.

Part travelogue, part historical record, this publication is an account of Professor Li's teaching methods, the varied learning experiences of his students, interactions with renowned personalities, and visits to places of ancient historical and geographical significance.

# URDU TRAVELOGUE: 'LAHORE SE YARQAND'



Pakistan-China Institute has had the honor of publishing an exclusive travelogue on China's Xinjiang Region, written by Pakistan's most renowned travelogue writer, Mustansar Hussain Tarar. The travelogue is an account of Mr. Tarar's journey across China's largest (by area) province, his visit to various cities in Xinjiang and interactions with the locals. He beautifully narrates the diversity of culture in this ethnically and historically rich region. Tarar, very candidly, takes his readers on a remarkable journey through the trials and tribulations of the Chinese Turkestan.



## DOCUMENTARY ON RISING CHINA

'Rising China' is a documentary in English and Urdu, which depicts life in the China of today and its worldview, by means of interviews with key Chinese personalities, and through filming done in Beijing, Shanghai and Urumqi. It also looks at the role of Muslims in China, and the training imparted at the prestigious Central Party School of the Communist Party in Beijing.'

# PCI PUBLISHES MONOGRAPH TITLED 'CPEC: WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?'

PCI has published a monograph titled "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Where is the money going," with assistance from Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in December 2018, which gives a comprehensive analysis of the fine details of the CPEC's debt structure. Not only does the monograph provide the details of the debt, it also outlines how the debt is mapped onto different sectors of Pakistan's economy.

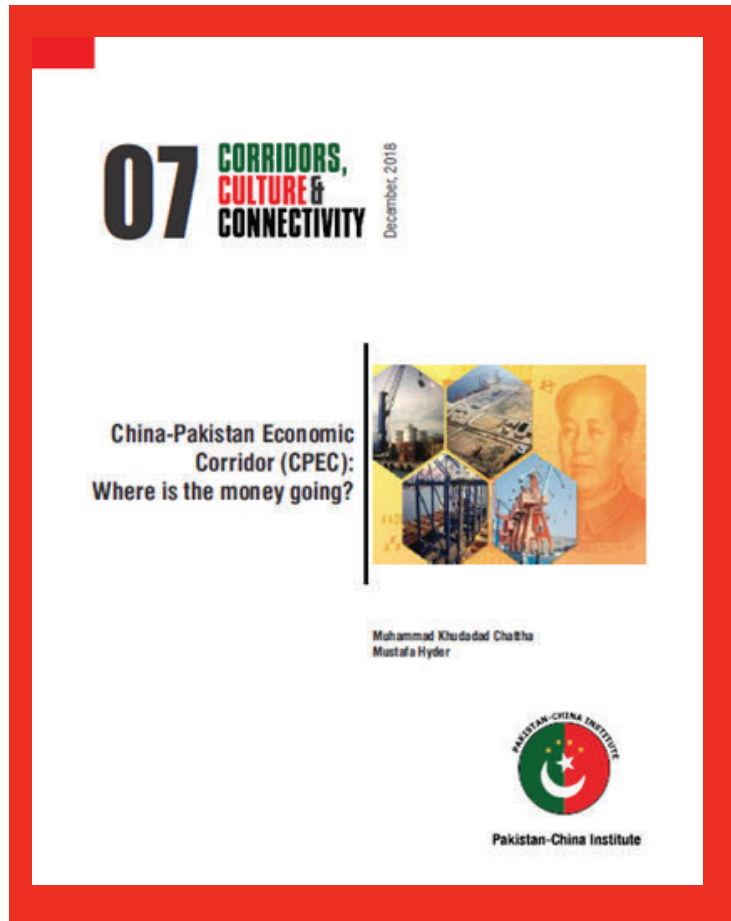
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The monograph has been co-authored by Mr. Khudadad Chattha, a PhD scholar from Oxford University and Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute. The monograph clarifies various myths and misconceptions on the debt analysis of CPEC, and gives a factual analysis of the debt analysis for Pakistan under CPEC.

The report has the following purposes:

1. Giving a background of CPEC and its importance for Pakistan
2. Deconstructing CPEC debts
3. Pakistan's existing economy and the impact of CPEC
4. Mitigating risks under CPEC

Given the importance of CPEC in Pakistan, this monograph presents a broader picture of the financing tools involved and the sectors affected, and describes the potential for economic transformation under CPEC.





# MONOGRAPH SERIES: CORRIDORS, CULTURE AND CONNECTIVITY

Corridors, Culture and Connectivity, a monograph series, is Pakistan China Institute's latest project that was launched in 2015. The monographs encompass topics ranging from regional economic integration and development to the geostrategic significance and socio-cultural dynamics in and of the Asian region, as well as international developments that have a bearing on Pakistan-China relations, with a special focus on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in particular, and the region as a whole.

The monograph series acts as a comprehensive collection of policy research on CPEC covering various all the aspects of the project, as well as a source of disseminating information regarding the project, as well initiating a discourse on the changing dynamics for the development trajectory of Pakistan as well as the whole region.

## YOULIN MAGAZINE

Pakistan-China Institute, in collaboration with Chinese partners, produces a monthly publication, titled 'Youlin Magazine'. Launched in February 2012, the magazine is dedicated to developing a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich Chinese civilization and history, among the people of Pakistan. The magazine features articles on wide spectra of Chinese society and culture, including ancient cities, geographical wonders, heritage, archeological sites, museums, classical and contemporary art, budding metropolises, diverse ethnic nationalities and both classic and contemporary offerings. It has a wide circulation in major Chinese cities as well as in Pakistan. The magazine also covers the rich culture of Pakistan, which is disseminated across China.



# WEBSITES

www.cpecinfo.com



Pakistan-China Institute has developed this CPEC Portal as its flagship project, in collaboration with China Radio International, to disseminate information about, and enable stakeholder connectivity with, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Utilizing its credibility in China and Pakistan, and extensively mobilizing its resources in the two countries, Pakistan-China Institute has devised a comprehensive CPEC information collection and verification mechanism. The CPEC Portal is an avenue that enables this mechanism to involve the stakeholders of CPEC, enhance their knowledge about the bilateral collaboration, and enrich their interaction for mutual gains.

www.Youlinmagazine.com



Youlinmagazine.com, Pakistan's first and only bilingual website (English and Chinese), was launched in February 2012 by the Pakistan-China Institute. The website's primary objective is to promote contemporary Pakistani culture and society, highlighting its achievements and positive progress, and projecting it to audiences all across China, as well as to a number of countries across the globe. Recurrent themes of articles featured on the website are theatre, film, art and architecture, literature, music, food, sports, travel and even philanthropy. The website lays a predominant emphasis on highlighting the achievements of Pakistani women as well as the youth.

In a country where even the smallest incident can have political implications, this cultural journal aims to project a positive image of Pakistan and its people, who go about living their lives despite the lingering menace of terrorism. 'Youlin', which literally translates into 'friendly neighbors', aptly reflects the close-knit relationship that the venture looks forwards to pursuing.

www.Nihao-Salam.com



This daily rapid newsfeed website provides sustained coverage of China and developments in Sino-Pak relations everyday via e-newsletter. Launched on 20th February 2011, it is now focused on being the premier source of news on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, delivering updates on events, as well as information on business, economy, trade and commerce, science and technology, health and the youth.

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# PICTURE GALLERY

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**BOTTOM LEFT:** (L-R) MR. JAHANGIR SIDDIQUI, CHAIRMAN, J.S GROUP; SENATOR RAZA RABBANI, CHAIRMAN SENATE; SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED, CHAIRMAN PCI AND CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND MR. KAMRAN NASIR, CEO OF JS GLOBAL CAPITAL LTD

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LAUNCH OF THE MONOGRAPH  
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HE IS BEING RECEIVED BY MUSTAFA HYDER SAYED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PAKISTAN CHINA INSTITUTE

BOTTOM RIGHT: SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED, CHAIRMAN PCI AND CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, SPEAKING ON THE OCCASION



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## 4TH TRILATERAL DIALOGUE CHINA-PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN





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**"TO CHINA, WITH LOVE" –  
ESSAY COMPETITION**



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