



Annual Report

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by

**Pakistan Research Center for a Community with
Shared Future, Communication University of China
(CUC), Beijing.**



Executive Director's Message

Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, based on the idea “Community with Shared future” of President Xi Jinping, envisions a world of lasting peace, universal security, and common prosperity. A world that is open, inclusive, as well as environmentally friendly and beautiful.

The idea highlights peace, rather than war; promotes win-win cooperation and partnership, and solidarity among different races and civilizations, rather than division, competition, and confrontation.

The international Academic network which comprises of various research centers including Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) has been working actively and closely to promote this idea to a bigger audience.

To sum it up, I would like to mention that Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, since its establishment, has been trying to promote multilateralism not only in academics but also in politics, security, development, environmental security, and solidarity in all kinds of global challenges which are being faced by the world right now.

I believe the idea of community with Shared Future is a new and fresh approach to make this world a better place especially for our future generations.

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram

Executive Director,

Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future,
Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China.





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PRCCSF Management Team



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing.

He leads, oversees, and guides the affairs and activities of Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future.



Ms. Maryam Raza, Deputy Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing.

She handles the research and analysis aspect of all the projects undertaken by PRCCSF. She also handles national and international collaborations with partner institutions.



Ms. Mehreen Gul, Deputy Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing

She is responsible for the planning and supervising the projects of PRCCSF to ensure their success.

Appointment Holders

The Activities of Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) are divided into two broader programs, focused on:

- Community with Shared Future
- Dialogue of Civilizations

The events under these programs are supervised by the following Program Heads:



Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmed Khan, Director, Area Study Center (Russia, China, & Central Asia), University of Peshawar

Prof. Shabir is the Head of Program “Community with Shared Future”.



Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Chairperson, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of the Punjab, Lahore

Dr. Iram Khalid has been appointed as the Head of Program “Dialogue of Civilizations”



PRCCSF Team, Pakistan



Ms. Laraib Fatima Hassan, Communication & Coordination Executive, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing.

She is responsible for digital media outreach and managing various social media platforms of PRCCSF



Ms. Madiha Ghaffar, Media & Communication Manager, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing.

She develops and creates engaging graphics and illustrations that are aesthetically pleasing social media hence fundamentally contributing for the promotion of various projects of PRCCSF.



Mr. Asad Rajput, Information Technology (IT) Executive, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing.

He addresses the IT needs of PRCCSF projects including Online Conferences, workshops, etc.



Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future **(PRCCSF)** **ABOUT US**

Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future was established in October 2020 at Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China. This Research Center has been established under the prestigious program by CUC, “**International Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future**” (IAN-CSF). Pakistan Research Center of a Community with Shared Future is launched as a platform to support building shared culture and arts, enhance people-to-people contacts (Tourism, Trade etc), foster regional connectivity (BRI / Eurasian Region), and promote research cooperation. The platform calls for closer coordination between Pakistan, China, and other international institutions to pave the way for joint ventures in multiple areas of mutual interests. It is noteworthy that Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future was awarded with “***Certificate of Outstanding International Research Center***” of the year 2021 by Communication University China (CUC), Beijing, China for the outstanding work.

VISION

Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future envisions the promotion of a community with a shared future through collaborative efforts to put aside conflicts, avoid differences, and establish harmony. Furthermore, it will be a platform for endless endeavors to support mutual understanding, foster regional integration, and achievements through research aspirations and resolutions vis-à-vis promoting broader regional connectivity.

MISSION

To actively advocate the concept of a Community with Shared Future, strengthen regional connectivity, enhance people-to-people contacts and work with academia around the world for collaborative research projects and constructive dialogues for mutual learning and sustainable development.

Inauguration Ceremony **23rd October 2020**

Launching Ceremony of International Research Centers for a Community with Shared Future and The Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future

On 23rd October 2020, the Inauguration Ceremony of the International Research Centers for a Community with Shared Future & the International Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future was held in Beijing. The ceremony was also conducted virtually for the participation of member countries including Pakistan.

Research and Academic Centers of seven countries are brought together under this partnership including, Germany, South Korea, Malaysia, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Pakistan. From Pakistan, PRCCSF was selected to promote theoretical innovation in order to build a communication platform that enables societies to address global crises and seek apt solutions to bring sustainable development and prosperity.



Online Conferences

“Working Together towards a Community with Shared Future”

23rd December 2020

On 23rd December 2020 Pakistan Research Center for Community with a Shared Future, Communication University China (CUC), Beijing organized an Online International conference on “Working together towards a community with shared future”.

The conference aimed to analyze international academic networks and bringing nations together through regional integration, the concept of creating harmony resulting in a strong social foundation to counter challenges faced by the global community. Panelists from various countries including Pakistan, China, Tanzania, France, and Malaysia.



“Community with Shared Future: A Multilateral Approach to Tackling Global Challenges”

20th April 2021

On 20th April 2021 an Online International Conference on “Community with Shared Future: A Multilateral Approach to Tackling Global Challenges” was organized by the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, Beijing, China.

The Online Conference aimed at discussing various approaches to handling common global challenges faced by all the nations of the world. Furthermore, keeping in view the turbulent times which the world is facing, the online conference also highlighted ways through which the world can become united to tackle the pandemic.

The conference commenced with the opening remarks of Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, Beijing. The conference was joined by experts from Pakistan, China, and Malaysia, Tanzania.



“Earth Day Themed Forum “Green, Healthy, and Sustainable’, Building a Community with Shared Future”
21st April 2021

On 21st April 2021, the International Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future (IAN-CSF) held the themed forum of "World Earth Day". International experts held this conference to build a global commitment to building a green, healthy and sustainable community with a shared future. The ecological environment has become an essential issue of common concern all over the world. As the 52nd World Earth Day draws near, to appeal to all countries to jointly deal with the current ecological crisis. The International Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future held a “World Earth Day” Forum with the theme of "Green, Healthy, and Sustainable, Building a Community with Shared Future” in the afternoon of April 21st. Ms. Maryam Raza, Deputy Director, PRCCSF shared her expert analysis at the forum.



“Pakistan-China All-Weather Friends: 70 Years of Exceptional Partnership”

27th May 2021

On 27th May 2021, an Online International Conference on “Pakistan-China All-Weather Friends: 70 Years of Exceptional Friendship” was organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, Beijing, China.

The conference revolved around Pakistan-China Friendship. It also aimed at discussing the prospects for the strengthening of friendship mainly in the field of academia.

Moreover, the conference focused on discussing the future prospects of CPEC mega projects and all-weather strategic cooperation between Pakistan and China. Additionally, it highlighted the true spirit of the bilateral relations between the Iron-brothers.



“A New Future: 5G Hyperlink Society”

14th July 2021

On 14th July 2021 Seoul Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, South Korea organized an Online International conference on a monograph titled, A New Future: 5G Hyperlink Society.

The online conference aimed to discuss the book written by Mr. Ko Sam Seog. The book introduced artificial intelligence, big data, and the technology-related high-end ICT services connected 5G hyperlink characteristics. It put forward 5G hyperlinks social changes brought to the social and economic, including risk factors and the future strategies in different levels of the country.

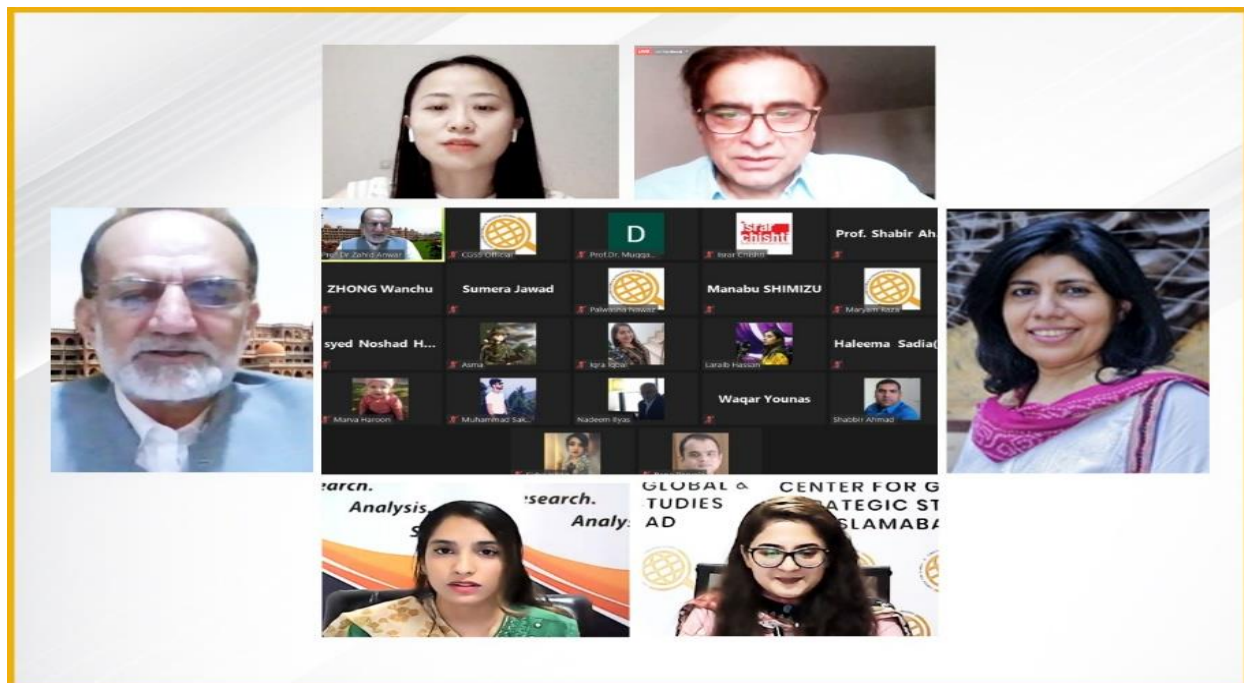
Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khan, Member Expert Panel, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, Beijing participated and represented Pakistan in the Online International Conference. He discussed the challenges and prospects of a future hyperlink society. According to Dr. Khan, by inventing revolutionary new technologies, such a superintelligence might help us eradicate war, disease, and poverty, and so the creation of strong AI might be the biggest event in human history. Furthermore, the benefits of 5G hyperlink society are; enlarged productivity, bigger employment, improved consumer convenience, and better social well-being of all, provided we can make the best use of ICT; the 5G through a well-articulated Hyperlink Social order which is in the making.



“Culture: Exploring New Frontier of Sino-Pakistan Friendship” **28th July 2021**

On 28th July 2021, an Online International Conference on “Culture: Exploring New Frontier of Sino-Pakistan Friendship” was organized by the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, (Beijing), China. The Online International Conference was addressed by renowned subject experts from Pakistan and China.

The Online Conference focused on culture as a valuable tool for advancing on the road to integration. It can make a decisive contribution to strengthening cohesion, dialogue, and social understanding among the countries, which is an important factor to counter common global threats. In this aspect, academic/intellectual facilitation is needed among countries to promote peace, dialogue, and accept cultural and civilizational diversities. According to her, incorporating the phenomena of regionalism into academic cooperation would promote cultural integration and close linkages between Pakistan and China



Meetings

Meeting between Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Chairperson, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Punjab, Lahore & Program Head “Dialogue of Civilizations” and Management of Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future

3rd March 2021

On 3rd March 2021, Management of Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future visited the University of the Punjab, Lahore, and had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Chairperson, Department of Political Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore, and Program Head “Dialogue of Civilizations”, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future.

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, and Executive Director, CGSS presented the certificate of appointment to Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, as Program Head for “Dialogue of Civilizations”, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future.



Online Meeting between Communication University of China, Beijing, University of the Punjab, Lahore, and Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future

25th March 2021

On 25th March 2021, an online meeting was held between the Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, University of the Punjab, Lahore, and Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future.

During the meeting, various academic initiatives and projects were explained by the Communication University of China and the University of the Punjab. It was further decided that the two education institutions will collaborate to initiate joint academic projects. The discussed projects included conferences, seminars, Round Table Discussions, etc.

Furthermore, to develop long-term academic connectivity between the two universities, scholarship programs for masters and Ph.D. students, research projects, and faculty exchange programs were stressed upon. Additionally, significant projects under media education, communication, and science and technology were also brought under discussion.



Online Internship Program

26th October 2020- 4th December 2020

Online Internship Program “Evolving China in the Modern world” was jointly organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future and Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China.

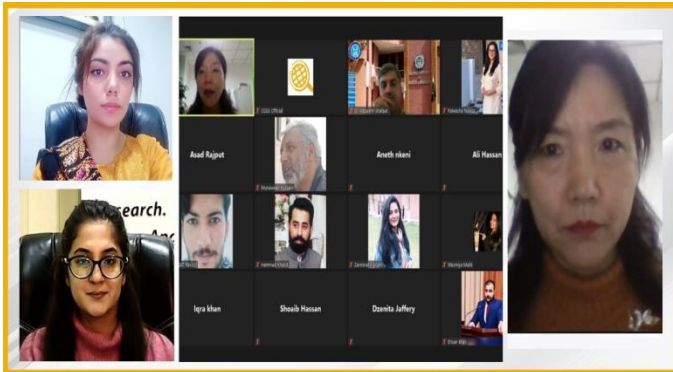


The Online Internship Program “**Evolving China in the Modern World**”, was jointly organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, and Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China. The Online Internship Program “Evolving China in the Modern World” was a six weeks Internship

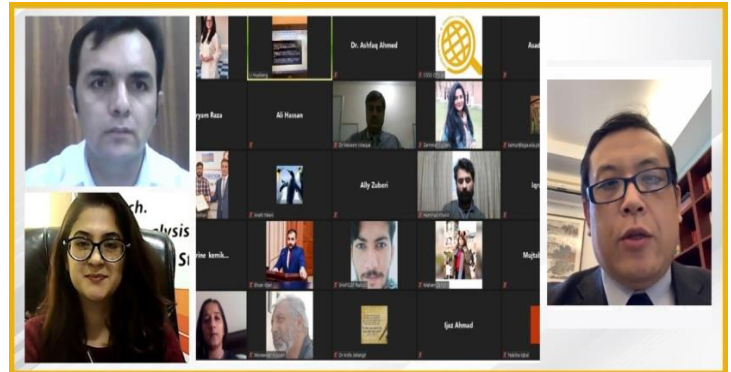
Program starting from 26th October 2020 to 4th December 2020. Six themes (one theme per week) were finalized and a total of twelve lectures were arranged.

The fundamental objective of the Online Internship Program was to facilitate the academic exchange between the two countries and to familiarize the participants with the contemporary characteristics of China and the Chinese concept of a Community with a Shared Future. The additional objectives are mentioned below:

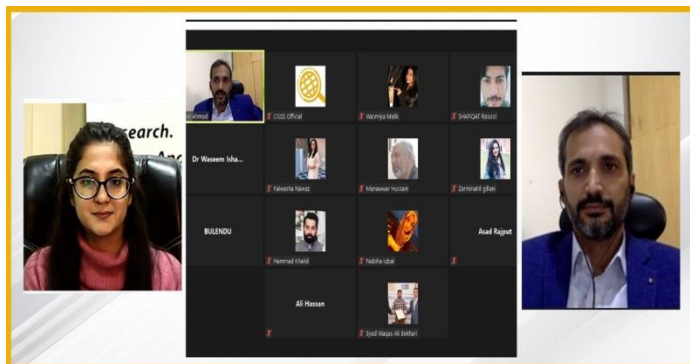
1. To promote people to people contact
2. To highlight Sino-Pak collaborations and counter the myths attached
3. To familiarize the participants with cultural, historical, and linguistics ties and commonalities to promote the concept of a single community working towards a shared future.



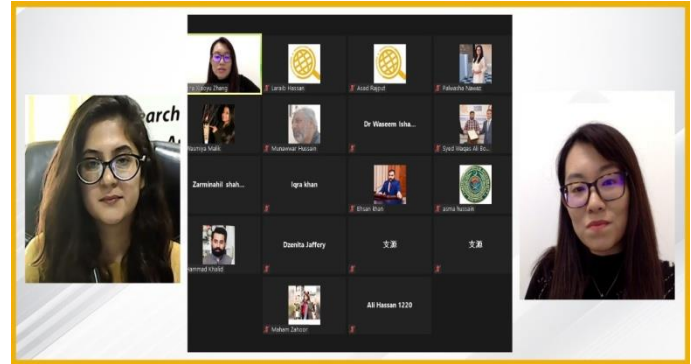
Prof. Ying Fang, School of Economics and Management, Communication University of China, Beijing.



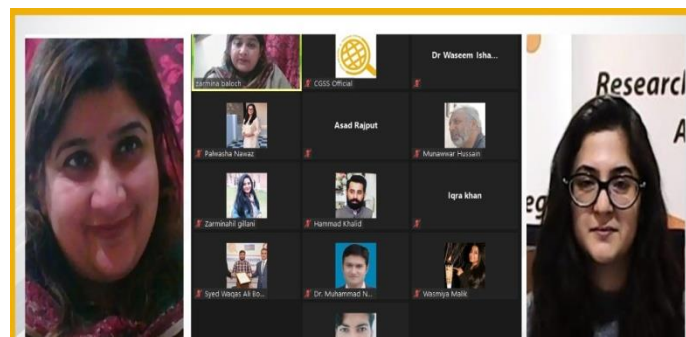
Professor Sanxing Cao, Collaborative Innovation Center & State Key Lab for Media Convergence and Communication, Communication University of China.



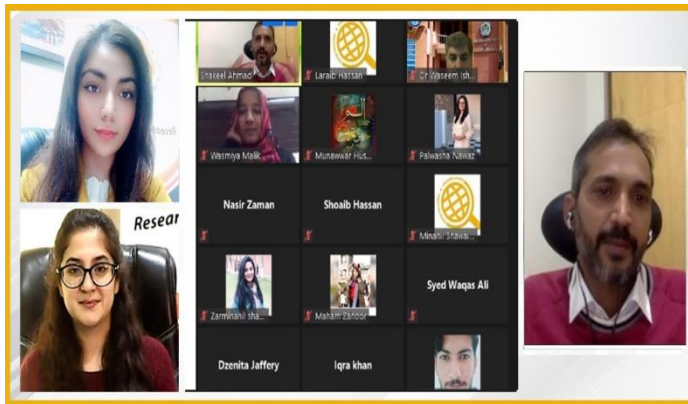
Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Member Advisory Board, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future



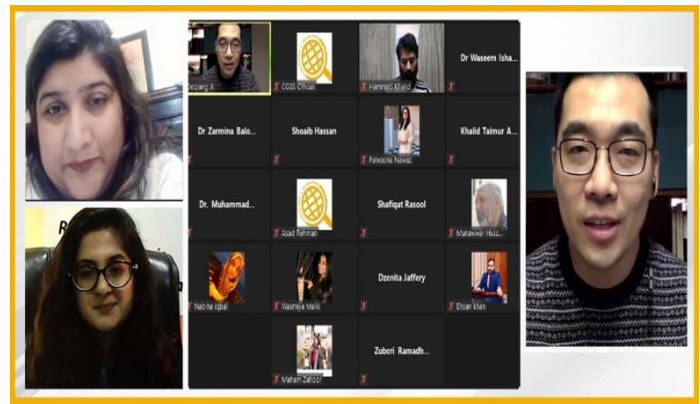
Ms. Xiaoyu Zhang, Lecturer, School of Foreign Languages and Cultures, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing



Dr. Zarmina Baloch, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Islamia College University of Peshawar.



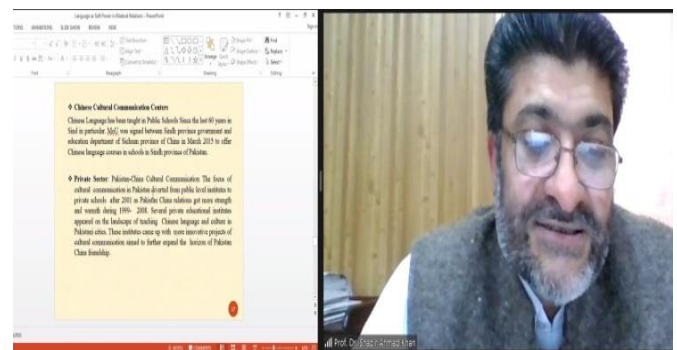
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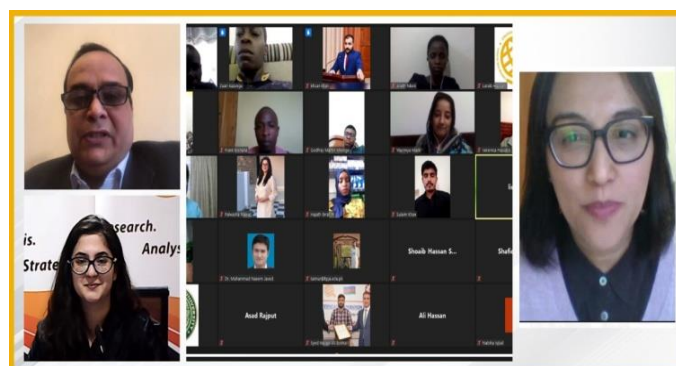
Professor Deqiang Ji, Vice Dean, Institute for a Community with Shared Future, the Communication University of China.



Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & IR, University of Sargodha.



Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmed Khan, Director, Area Study Center (Russia, China, & Central Asia), University of Peshawar.

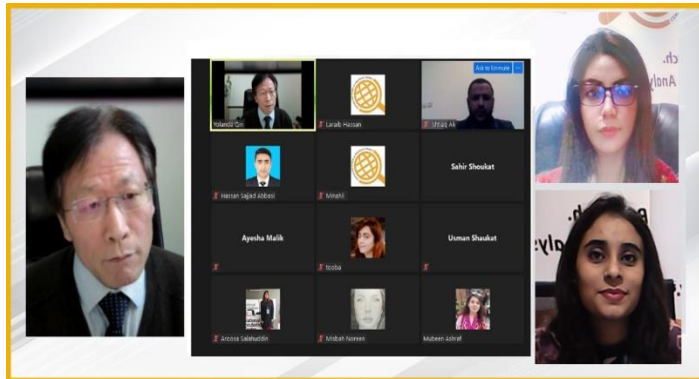


Professor Chen Liu, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China

Online International Course

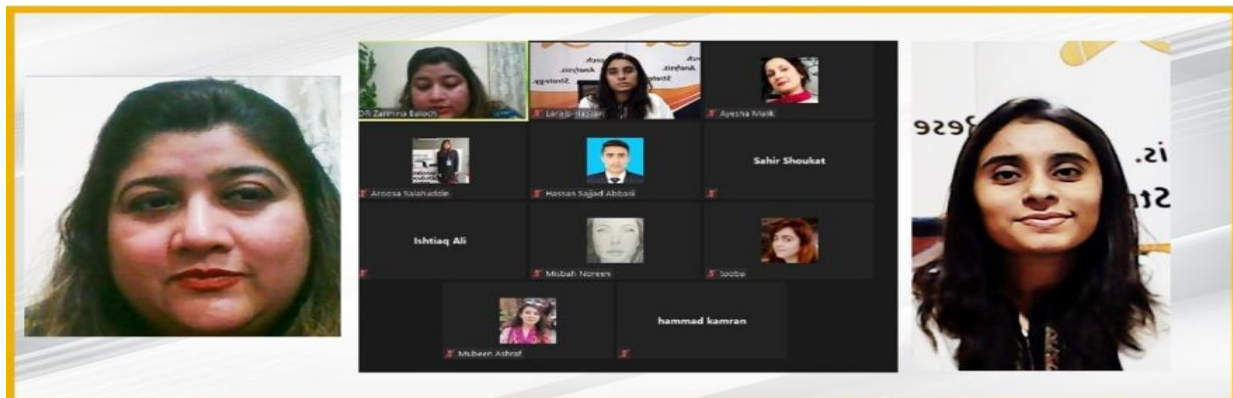
1st February 2021- 5th February 2021

Online International Course “The Community with Shared Future: Leading to a New Inclusive World” organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, Beijing, China



The Online International Course “**Community with Shared Future: Leading to a New Inclusive World**”, was organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, and Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China.

The Online International Course “Community with Shared Future: Leading to a New Inclusive World” was a five days Online Course starting from 1st February 2021 to 5th February 2021. Five themes (one theme per day) were finalized and a total of five lectures were arranged. The lectures were delivered by experts in Pakistan, China, Malaysia, France, and Tanzania.

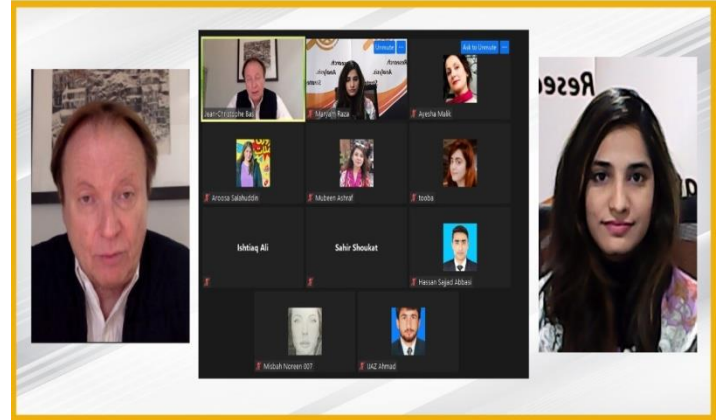


Dr. Zarmina Baloch, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Islamia College University of Peshawar.

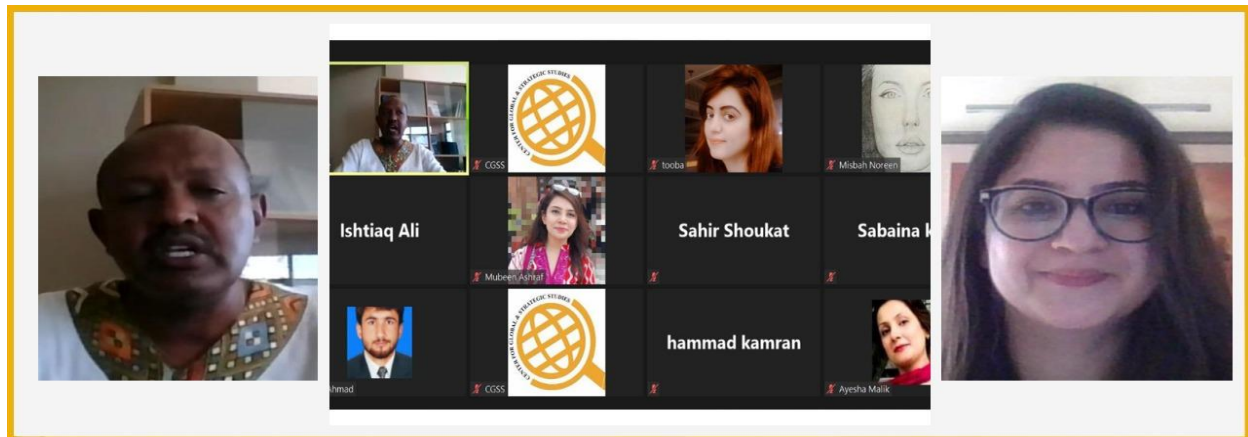
The Online International Course “Community with Shared Future: Leading to a New Inclusive World” aimed at advocating the concept of Community with Shared Future. It provided a single platform to the scholars and experts for sharing of expertise, knowledge, and ideas for the promotin of shared future.



Dr. Pek Chuen Khee, Associate Professor & Head of UCSI Graduate Business School in UCSI University, Malaysia.



Mr. Jean Christophe, Head, European Network of the Center for a Community with Shared Future, Paris, France.



Dr. Negussie Andre Dominic, Senior Lecturer, Department of the Philosophy, St. Augustine University of Tanzania.

Events

Round Table Discussion

“Community with Shared Future for Mankind”

Area Study Center (Russia, China, & Central Asia), University of Peshawar, Peshawar

16th March 2021

On 16th March 2021 A Roundtable Discussion on, “Community with Shared Future for Mankind” jointly organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, and Area Study Center (Russia, China, & Central Asia), University of Peshawar.

The Round Table Discussion focused on discussing the importance of consensus-building and interaction at the global and regional level, particularly in the post Covid-19 era. A community with a shared future for mankind is a new proposal for responding to the unprecedented global crisis and building a sustainable and inclusive community for all. Win-win collaboration and mutual respect are also a central part of this proposal. The panelists of the Round Table Discussion included members of the University of Peshawar, Peshawar, and Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China.



Focus Group Discussion (Hybrid)
“Dialogue of Civilizations”
Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future

29th March 2021

On 29th March 2021, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future and Communication University of China, Beijing jointly organized a Focus Group Discussion on “Dialogue of Civilizations”.

The concept of “Clash of Civilizations” has led to numerous wars and killings of thousands of innocent lives. Hence, the Focus Group Discussion highlighted the importance of international communication and international cultural exchange. Furthermore, it stressed the need to achieve sustainable prosperity and security, a peaceful inter-civilization co-existence is required. Members of the Pakistan Research Center and the Communication University of China joined the Focus Group Discussion.

He briefly explained the concept of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future. Discussing the topic of the conference he stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has turned out to be the biggest challenge of the century, and for resolving this challenge all countries had to work together.

Panelists from various countries including Pakistan, China, Tanzania, and Malaysia joined the Online Conference.



New Appointments

24th February 2021

Appointment of Program Heads at Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China, Beijing.

On 24th February 2021, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, appointed two Program Heads. For the Program “Community with Shared Future”, Prof. Dr. Shabbir Ahmed Khan has been appointed as the Program Head.

Currently, Prof. Shabbir is also serving as the Director of Area Study Center (Russia, China, and Central Asia), University of Peshawar. For the second Program “Dialogue of Civilizations”, Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid has been appointed as the Program Head. Prof. Iram is also the Chairperson of the Department of Political Science at the University of the Punjab, Lahore.

This Research Center envisions bilateralism as well as multilateralism in academic linkages and especially focuses on developing academic connectivity between the partner countries which include Pakistan, France, South Korea, Malaysia, Ethiopia, China, and Tanzania.



Radio Programs

18th February 2021

On 18th February, an exclusive program on Community with Shared Future was organized by the Radio Pakistan. The topic of the program is "China's concept of a community with shared future and dialogue of civilization and its benefits in Pakistan".

Mr. Khalid Tamur Akram, Executive Director and Ms. Minahil Shawal Afridi, Deputy Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future participated and explained the concept of a Community with Shared Future.



9th July 2021

An exclusive program on Community with a shared future for mankind and Dialogue of civilization was organized by Radio Pakistan

On 9th July 2021, an exclusive program on Community with a shared future for mankind and Dialogue of civilization was organized by Radio Pakistan. Ms. Maryam Raza, Deputy Director, Pakistan Research Center for Community with shared future participated and explained the grand narratives of Community



with shared future for mankind and dialogue of civilization. She discussed the prospects of academic and multilateral cooperation under the two grand narratives of China. She stated that subtle forces of cultural diplomacy have profound impacts and can enhance people-to-people contacts. Ms. Maryam Raza highlighted opportunities for the young students under Pakistan Research Center for Community with shared future for their academic growth and developing intellectual linkages.



Article Writing Competition

“Understanding Transformative Dynamics of Pakistan-China Relationship”

20th June 2021- 20th July 2021

The Article Writing Competition “**Understanding Transformative Dynamics of Pakistan-China Relationship**”, was organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, and Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China.

The Article Writing Competition “Understanding Transformative Dynamics of Pakistan-China Relationship” started from 22nd June 2021 to 20th July 2021. Candidates were given the choice to write articles on any one of the topics mentioned:

- Dialogue of Civilization and Building Community with Shared Future: Grand Narratives in Bridging Gaps and Foster Academic Cooperation.
- A Journey of Historical Friendship: China-Pakistan Iron Brothers
- Inclusive Economic Partnership between China and Pakistan under CPEC
- Role of China and Pakistan on International platforms
- Pak-China All- Weather Strategic Partners: Benefits of 70 years of Diplomatic Relations

The Article Writing Competition was specifically announced for the students of Undergrad and master. Articles were received from various cities of Pakistan.

The fundamental objective of the Article Writing Competition was to familiarize the youth of Pakistan with various dimensions of Pakistan-China Friendship. Furthermore, few other objectives of the Article Writing Competition include:

1. To highlight Sino-Pak collaborations in various domains
2. To familiarize the participants with cultural, historical, and linguistics ties



Following are the position holders of the Article Writing Competition:

1st Position

Ms. Rafia Murtaza

Topic: "Pakistan-China all Weather Strategic Partners: Benefits of 70 years of Diplomatic Relations".

PAK-CHINA ALL-WEATHER STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Benefits of 70 years of Diplomatic Relations



Article written by
RAFIA MURTAZA
who secured First Position in
the Article Writing Competition,
"Understanding Transformative
Dynamics of Pakistan-China
Relationship" organized by Pakistan
Research Center for a Community
with Shared Future, Communication
University of China, Beijing, China

CHINA and Pakistan began their diplomatic relations on 21st May 1951 and have successfully completed their 70 years of friendship. The first diplomatic visit between both countries was held in 1955. South Asia

National Herald Tribune, Friday, July 30, 2021

has also been serving silk routes for trade and commercial activities for China by connecting Northern and Turkish land via Pakistan. Today, this route has become a major gateway for China to reach the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf. China has introduced its largest investment in CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) through the exceptional BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) project. The Karakoram Highway in Pakistan is the most appreciated silk route ending in China has also been ranked in the world's 15 most beautiful highways of 2021. Mover, as a great partner and ally, China has also been strategically assisting Pakistan. China has always endorsed Pakistan's stance over the Kashmir issue on national and international levels, which is a clear manifestation that China and Pakistan have been partners of great extent. National interest is the first and foremost aspect that has been observed as the main element in serving diplomatic and strategic relations. In this regard, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) serves well for Pakistan and China in attaining common goals. CPEC is a major developmental and game-changing project. China and Pakistan have facilitated this friendship with enhanced diplomatic and economic support in contemporary times. In this

aspect, the paper discusses the all-weather relationship between decades bonded countries, China and Pakistan. Both countries have completed their 70 years of amicable relations and have visionary leader, President Xi Jinping, has signed potential MOUs formulating diplomatic and strategic cooperation in multiple sectors, i.e., JWG (Joint Working Group), science, agricultural, and technology. The Since the last decades, productive ing to trade and private investments. Under CPEC, a potential amount of capital will be invested in the Gwadar port's development and management of energy crises, including the construction of upgraded motorways and railways. Furthermore, both countries have enhanced academic cooperation. Since the last decades, productive growth has been witnessed in research and educational collaboration between both countries. Each year, many students visit China to pursue higher education, and a significant number of Chinese students visit Pakistan under student or cultural exchange programs. In this aspect, it is significant that Pakistan students in China should be equipped with in-depth China-knowledge and professional education. In this aspect, students after returning to Pakistan, can play a significant role to strengthen the existing cordial relations between the two nations. It can be an asset for both countries that is crucial for cultural assimilations.

BENEFITS OF 70 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The strategic relations between China and Pakistan have grown stronger over time. Pakistan has signed several MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding). In 2020, a signifi-

cant MOU was signed that includes cooperation in multiple sectors, i.e., JWG (Joint Working Group), science, agricultural, and technology. The Since the last decades, productive ing to trade and private investments. Under CPEC, a potential amount of capital will be invested in the Gwadar port's development and management of energy crises, including the construction of upgraded motorways and railways. Furthermore, both countries have enhanced academic cooperation. Since the last decades, productive growth has been witnessed in research and educational collaboration between both countries. Each year, many students visit China to pursue higher education, and a significant number of Chinese students visit Pakistan under student or cultural exchange programs. In this aspect, it is significant that Pakistan students in China should be equipped with in-depth China-knowledge and professional education. In this aspect, students after returning to Pakistan, can play a significant role to strengthen the existing cordial relations between the two nations. It can be an asset for both countries that is crucial for cultural assimilations.

CONCLUSION

Pakistan always considers China as a friend who stood by Pakistan through every thick and thin. China and Pakistan have paved their diplomatic and strategic ties efficiently stand together by each other at every crucial time. Pakistan is much important for China as China is a greater ally for Pakistan. Both countries have successfully maintained their 70 years of amicable partnership rationally in the international arena and are willing to cooperate as better friends in future. Both the countries have paved cultural, economic, and strategic ties with each other, and prospects for cooperation in many domains are high. It is significant to mention youth programmes that both countries made possible under study or job exchange programmes. These activities and constructive engagements have motivated the bilateral projects to prosper. Thus, China and Pakistan have been Iron brothers and would remain under this prestigious status in the future with the help of their mutual understanding and amicable approach towards bilateral relations.

2nd Position

Ms. Amna Hameed

"A Journey of Historical Friendship: China-Pakistan Iron Brothers"

A JOURNEY OF HISTORICAL FRIENDSHIP

China-Pakistan Iron Brothers



Article written by
AMNA HAMEED
who secured Second Position in
the Article Writing Competition,
"Understanding Transformative
Dynamics of Pakistan-China
Relationship" organized by Pakistan
Research Center for a Community
with Shared Future, Communication
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IRON BROTHERS refer to the robust relationship between China and Pakistan. China means "a friend" - something that it has always proven to be of Pakistan. Both the countries have been sharing such strong ties ever since they embraced each other's alliance on 4th January 1950. The formal diplomatic relations between the two "Iron Brothers," were built on 21st May 1951. Since then, the bond only keeps getting stronger with each passing day. The governments of both countries have always organized cultural events and agreements that help promote peace and harmony between the two nations. A large number of agreements and MOUs were signed between Pakistan and China. These "Iron Brothers" have always been there for each other in all contentment and vicissitudes. Their bond runs so deep that in

order to celebrate their joyous moments, the 20 coins were being circulated within Pakistan, having the flags of both countries. Additionally, they also celebrated Friendly Exchanges during 2015. Recently, a virtual ceremony was also held celebrating 70 years of China-Pakistan Friendship. Many Memorandums of Understanding have been signed between these two friendly countries as well. One of them being the "MOU on Information Technology Cooperation" with China leading and giving Pakistan a tremendous chance to learn from Chinese successes and expertise. In 2019, when the two countries celebrated the year of Sister City/Province, numerous MOUs were inked at the time too. In 2020, when President Alvi visited China, further MOUs were signed regarding "Joint Working Group on Science and Technology" and "Agricultural Cooperation". Other cultural events have intertwined as threads to strengthen the knot between China and Pakistan. These events include Pakistan's support to US President Nixon in his initial travel to China. This laid the ground for the first-ever US-China official interaction and Sino-American ties. Pakistan has also awarded China, appreciating it for the building and operation of Gwadar Port. China has been assisting Pakistan in the COVID-19 pandemic where the country was just busy thinking about themselves. China provided Pakistan with extensive bilateral collaboration in the aftermath of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020. China has been a primary donor who provided Pakistan with the most aid in battling the pandemic and saving the precious lives of its brother country. For this, Pakistan will always be wholeheartedly grateful to China for its gracious act of kindness.

CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC TIES

China is the largest investor in

Pakistan with all its assistance in many projects. The important project that has strengthened the Pak-China ties are China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

From 1978, when the Karakoram Highway opened officially, China and Pakistan have been working together to develop each other's economies and facilitate trading. The Gwadar Port and the Karakoram Highway are the two major projects in which China had invested \$31.5 billion. Later in 2008, both countries agreed to build a railway through Karakoram Highway to link China's rail network to Gwadar Port.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a marvelous model of regional connectivity whose foundation was first served when Premier Li Keqiang visited Pakistan in 2013. This was the same year as the "MOU on Cooperation" for the long-Term Plan on CPEC was signed. Allowing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into Pakistan. Various events transpired from 2013 to 2019, including 19 agreements with China committed to invest \$42 billion and Pakistan vowing to aid them in Xinjiang Conflict. Innumerable events have been found to occur as the result of their old friendship while digging deep into the historical friendship of these two countries. In this aspect, certain key events are: Preferential Trade Agreement, Free Trade Agreement Phase I and II, and the CPFTA-II. The list also entails the agreement of Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investments, spanning 27 kilometers Orange Line Metro in Punjab and Rashakai and Faisalabad Special Economic Zones.

POTENTIAL OF PAKISTAN-CHINA DEFENSE TIES

China, as always, has extended indispensable cooperation to Pakistan, even in the defense area. In the year 1986, China and Pakistan reached a comprehensive agreement on nuclear coopera-

tion. A nuclear power plant of 300 megawatts was also built in Punjab with the help of China, and an anti-terrorism drill was jointly conducted by both countries in 2010. The development of JF-17 Thunder is an example of the strategic partnership in matters concerning defense. It started in 1999 when the contract was signed for the production of JF-17 together. Later in 2007, the multiregion fighter aircraft - JF-17 Thunder, a joint venture of Sino-Pak - was formally launched, followed by its induction in Pakistan Air Force in 2010. During the next year, Pakistan expected to purchase air to air SD ten missiles from China for the 220 JF-17 Thunder fighter fleet.

CHINA-PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The tale of Pak-China friendship started in 1950 when Pakistan became the 1st Muslim country and the 3rd non-communist country to recognize the People's Republic of China. It also dispatched a delegation of a high-level to China. Since then, the leaders of both countries have been exchanging visits. Some of the



major visits of Pak-China leaders are: in 1955, Vice President Maam Song Ching Ling paid a visit to Pakistan, which was marked as the 1st high-level visit from China's side. In 2010, more than thirty billion dollars were signed when Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited Pakistan. Atop of that, Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif and Imran Khan visited China, and the two countries decided on the Common Vision for Deepening China-Pakistan Strategic Cooperation in the New Era in 2013 and 2018, respectively, to show an unbreakable bond that is the essence of long-lasting friendship and brotherhood to the entire world. This relationship between Pakistan and China being "Iron Brothers" is truly worth appreciating.

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GEOPOLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF CPEC

China and Pakistan have been in friendship for seventy years, which shows the strong bond between them. Today, this strong bond has turned both countries into extensive economic relations with each other. This inclusive economic partnership between China and Pakistan is benefiting them and has provided opportunities for other regional countries due to the geostrategic location of Gwadar port (CPEC). CPEC has become the most important factor under Belt & Road Initiative (BRI). Gwadar port connects many regions such as South Asia, Central Asia, Middle East,

Africa, and Southeast Asian countries. China has invested in infrastructure development by building roads and highways that connect Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi, and Quetta for smooth trade. Moreover, China has provided Pakistan with Fiber Optic Network System to have better communication. In this aspect, CPEC helps Pakistan monitor the Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs) originating from the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. CPEC can flourish Pakistan's economy in the near future. CPEC Project will give many economic benefits to different countries, which are as follows:

■ Inclusive Economic Partnership Under CPEC

China can increase its economic relations with Africa, Middle East, and Central Asian regional countries. Through CPEC, the sea distance can be reduced for China. As per an estimation, China's economy has been rising by nine percent every year. This envisaged that in coming times, China would be the superpower with greater economic connection. CPEC holds great opportunities for coastal tourism and in multiple zones of Gwadar. Two tourism centers are to be established in Gwadar and Karachi. Moreover, there will be one inclusive coastal tourism belt, which will have five attractive tourism zones, i.e., Jiwan and Gwadar zone, Ormara, Sonmiani, and Keti Bander. Also, tourism in the northern parts of Pakistan will grow, with increased socio-cultural and socio-economic activities.

■ Benefits for Central Asian Countries under China-Pakistan

Economic Corridor (CPEC)

CPEC creates exceptional opportunities for the Central Asian Republics (CARs). CPEC can provide the shortest route to transfer trade and goods, which benefits Pakistan and landlocked CARs. The most reasonable port for Central Asian countries to extend their cargo shipments will be Gwadar port. Central Asian nations have 220 barrels of petroleum and the largest gas reserves of which they would make the trade. This can give Pakistan's economy a boom. This broader regional alignment will provide two opportunities for Pakistan and Central Asian countries:

a. Pakistan can import oil from Central Asian countries at a low cost.
b. Central Asian Republics will have access to CPEC to export their goods and oil to different countries worldwide.

■ Benefits for Afghanistan under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

Afghanistan is enriched with many natural resources, and two of the most exported resources are steel and textile. Afghanistan shares the border with Pakistan and Iran. The geography provides a double benefit for the landlocked developing countries to enhance their economic outreach. In this aspect, CPEC provides great opportunity to connect with Gwadar port.

■ Benefits for Persian Gulf Countries under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

Middle Eastern countries have two-



third of the oil in the world. These Middle Eastern nations are mostly dependent on imports rather than on exports. For example, Oman has been taking an interest in the CPEC project and Gwadar port. In this aspect, it will be easy for the country to import products from China and Central Asian countries (metal, oil, natural gas, and cotton fiber) at low cost. Saudi Arabia wants to have benefited from CPEC as Saudi Prince Muhammad Bin Salman has a vision for Saudi Arabia 2030 where the Saudi government will diversify in its economic routes for oil export. The Saudi government also shows interest in launching a power plant and energy project in Gwadar that will enhance the partnership of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

CONCLUSION

By looking at the geostrategic location and fast development of CPEC, it

can be analyzed that the project would provide huge dividends. CPEC creates the shortest route for China and different countries to enhance trade and economic activities. Through CPEC, economic outreach has been increased in Pakistan under Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Moreover, the game changer project offers significant ways for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to grow in the process of sustainable economic development. CPEC provides a step forward to the SMEs to access the capital market, establish a profitable business plan, improve the capacity of financial institutions, focus on capital flows, and developed inclusive collateral mechanisms to remove the barriers in the way of economic development and business affairs. It anticipated that, with increased economic regional activity via CPEC, SMEs would meet the desire goals of foreign direct investment and reserves.

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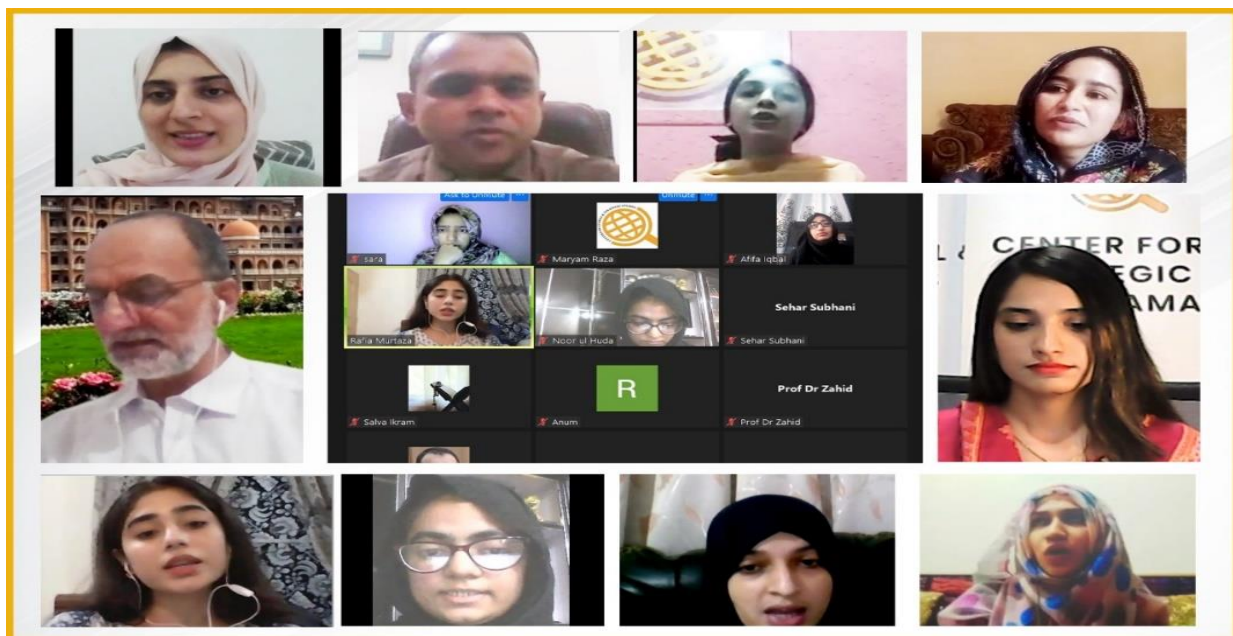
Young Scholars' Debate

4th September 2021

On 4th September 2021, Young scholars' debate on 70 Years of Pak-China Diplomatic Relations was organized by Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, Islamabad. Young analysts and researchers shared their analysis on different themes.

Prof Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Center, and Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Peshawar supervised the debate session and also shared his expert knowledge on Pakistan and China friendship.

The main themes discussed in the debate were analyzing Pak-China 70 years of exceptional partnership, dialogue of civilization, building a community with shared future, prospects for academic cooperation between China and Pakistan, Significance of China's BRI, Role of SCO in mitigating common challenges, and inclusive economic partnership under CPEC.



Different analysts and researchers shared their views, highlighting strong historic relations between China and Pakistan. The students discussed that Pakistan considers China one of the closest partners, and China termed the relationship with Pakistan as Iron Brothers. Both countries have shared weal and woe, established an all-weather friendship and carried out all-round cooperation since the establishment of diplomatic relations. In the past 70 years, both



Young analysts also discussed the grand narratives, i.e., community with a shared future and dialogue of civilizations as aligning visions by His Excellency, President Xi Jinping. They explained that academic cooperation under such narratives would enhance people-to-people cooperation between China and Pakistan, provide opportunities to students and increase cultural diplomacy.

Young scholars also praised the policies of China under the visionary leader, President Xi Jinping. In the productive debate, young students discussed that China has been increasing its global outreach through projects of inclusive economic developments and soft power diplomatic tools.