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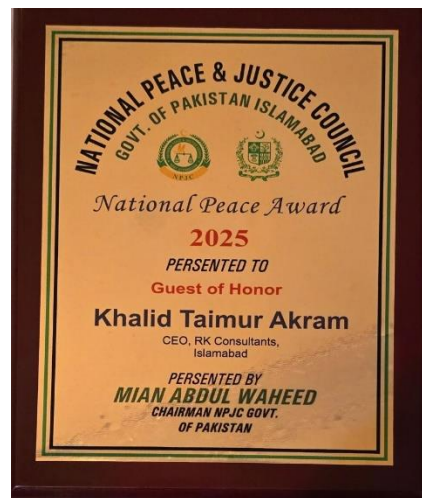
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HONORS & AWARDS

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram Honored with “National Peace Award 2025” at Pakistan’s

Annual Peace Seminar held in Islamabad

19 April 2025



On 19th April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) and CEO RK Consultants, Islamabad was conferred the prestigious “National Peace Award 2025” by the Peace & Justice Council, Government of Pakistan, during the “National Peace Seminar 2025” held in Islamabad. The award recognized his exceptional contributions to strengthening Pakistan’s regional connectivity, particularly through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and his efforts to foster economic collaboration with China and Central Asian states.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Mian Abdul Waheed, Chairman of the National Peace & Justice Council, lauded Mr. Akram’s visionary leadership in advancing CPEC projects, which have catalyzed infrastructure development, energy security, and cross-border trade. In his keynote address, Mr. Waheed emphasized the importance of CPEC as a “game-changer for Pakistan’s socio-economic future” and praised Mr. Akram’s role in bridging Pakistan with global partners.

The event was orchestrated by a team of eminent figures, including:

- Brig (R) Senior, Vice Chairman, National Peace & Justice Council (NPJC)
- Mr. Rohail Ikram, Peace Ambassador Pakistan, National Peace & Justice Council (NPJC)

- Syed Ejaz Hussain Shah, Chief Coordinator Central Punjab, National Peace & Justice Council (NPJC)
- Mirza Amer Khurshid Baig, Secretary International Affairs, National Peace & Justice Council (NPJC)
- Mr. Saeed Ahmed, Chief Coordinator Islamabad, National Peace & Justice Council (NPJC)

The seminar was attended by 100 attendees including policymakers, diplomats, scholars, and business leaders.



Academic Fellowship Culminates in Certificate Ceremony at LCWU in Collaboration with PRCCSF and Fatima Jinnah Historical Society at Lahore

22 April 2025



On 22 April 2025, A distinguished Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held at Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) to mark the successful conclusion of an academic fellowship program organized by the Fatima Jinnah Historical Society, in collaboration with the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF). The initiative was designed to enhance academic engagement with research focused on strategic regional cooperation, development projects, and cross-border partnerships, particularly those related to China-Pakistan relations and other collaborative initiatives.

Commencing on September 11, 2024, and concluding on February 18, 2025, the fellowship program included 25 participants—18 undergraduate (BS) and 7 postgraduate (MS) students—who, over the course of five months, collectively produced 45



research publications. These contributions reflect the intellectual curiosity, analytical rigor, and scholarly potential of the cohort. The program was conducted under a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between PRCCSF and the Fatima Jinnah Historical Society, emphasizing a shared commitment to promoting research in history, culture, and interdisciplinary future studies. The ceremony was attended by Prof.



Dr. Mehboob Hussain, who served as Chief Guest. Dr. Hussain is a prominent historian, Dean at the University of the Punjab, and a Senior Vice Chairman, Board of Experts, PRCCSF. His address highlighted the significance of youth-led research in shaping academic discourse and acknowledged the role of initiatives like this in nurturing future scholars. He also presented certificates on behalf of PRCCSF, recognizing participants' scholarly output and dedication. The certificates were jointly awarded by Prof. Dr. Mehboob Hussain (Chief Guest), Dr. Sumaira Noreen (Head of the History Department, LCWU), and Dr. Kalsoom (Coordinator of the Fellowship Program), each of whom commended the participants for their academic discipline and research contributions.



In addition, Dr. Faiza Saleem, Director of ORIC at LCWU, was acknowledged for her administrative oversight and support, which contributed significantly to the program's successful execution.

This ceremony stands as a milestone in fostering academic collaboration between educational institutions and research organizations. The fellowship exemplifies how targeted academic

initiatives can generate high-impact research, encourage cross-institutional partnerships, and empower young researchers to contribute meaningfully to both national and international academic landscapes.



EVENTS & MEETINGS (ORGANIZED & ATTENDED)

Mr. Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz met Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram

4 April 2025



On 4th April 2025, Mr. Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan visited the office of Mr Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) at Islamabad. During the meeting Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan briefed about the activities of Pakistan Institute of China Studies at University of Sargodha.

In his role as Director, Dr. Awan is significantly contributing to enhancing connectivity through CPEC. His academic and research contributions greatly benefit students, academics, and practitioners in the Central Punjab region, fostering a deeper understanding and engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor initiatives. Such efforts strengthen regional ties and promote academic excellence.

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram visits Competition Commission of Pakistan

7 April 2025

On 7th April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) visits Competition Commission of Pakistan, and met with Honorable Dr. Kabir A. Sidhu, Chairman of the Competition Commission of Pakistan at his office.

During the meeting, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram commended Dr. Kabir A. Sidhu for his extensive knowledge and experience in market regulation, particularly in addressing market abuse and public policy. With over 20 years of experience in various sectors, including roles in UK insurance firms, law practices, and compliance departments, Dr. Sidhu has significantly contributed to enhancing investor confidence in Pakistan's regulatory framework. The discussion also ventured into the important topic of regional connectivity, highlighting its significance in fostering economic development and cooperation among neighboring countries. In addition, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram also presented his book titled “Building a Community with Shared Future: A Hope for Mankind” to Dr. Kabir A. Sidhu, who remarked on the book's valuable insights concerning the Belt and Road Initiative and regional connectivity.



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram participated as a keynote speaker at the Book launch ceremony titled “کل اور آج: چین” at National Language Promotion Department (NLPD), Islamabad

10 April 2025



On 10th April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) participated as a keynote speaker at Book launch ceremony of renowned broadcaster and China affairs expert Mr. Shahid Afraz Khan, titled “کل اور آج: چین” at National Language Promotion Department (NLPD), Government of Pakistan. The event drew an esteemed audience including Federal Ministers, former Ambassadors, leading scholars, educationists, policy analysts, and students from various institutions — underscoring the depth of interest in China-Pakistan relations.

The book offers a compelling and holistic portrait of the People’s Republic of China, presenting the features of a vibrant, resilient, and future-focused nation. Described by many as more than just a book, “کل اور آج: چین” is being recognized as an encyclopedic reference on China, meticulously written in an engaging and accessible style for Pakistani readers. Federal Minister for Water Resources, Mian Muhammad Moeen Wattoo, praised the author’s efforts, stating: “This book presents China’s remarkable journey of development in a masterful way. It is not only a source of knowledge but a torchbearer for every Pakistani. It embodies the

spirit of Pak-China friendship and holds immense significance in bringing the two nations closer.”

Minister of State for National Heritage and Culture Division, Huzaifa Rahman, also commended the book, saying:

“Every Pakistani should read this book. It unveils the core values, policies, and strategies that powered China’s swift rise. These insights can guide us in adopting a model of progress tailored for our own national context.”

Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Director General of NLPD and the book’s publisher, emphasized the intellectual richness of the work:

“The book thoughtfully highlights how closely the Chinese people are aligned with their ideological system, and the rewards they have reaped from this unity. It offers a rare and insightful look into modern China’s internal dynamics and future ambitions.” Renowned geopolitical expert Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram remarked: “This book accurately captures the essence of China’s development — its leadership vision, strategic planning, and execution. Shahid Afraz Khan has delivered a deeply researched and keenly observed work. For anyone with a progressive outlook, this book is essential reading.” With “کل اور آج: چین”, Shahid Afraz Khan has produced a powerful tool for cross-cultural understanding and intellectual engagement. The book not only highlights China’s growth story but also fosters a stronger narrative of cooperation, learning, and friendship between the people of Pakistan and China



Special Academic Lecture delivered by Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram on “Corporate Law in the Age of CPEC: Legal Frameworks Driving Business Expansion and Investment” at NBS NUST, Islamabad

11 April 2025



On 11th April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) gave a special academic lecture on “Corporate Law in the Age of CPEC: Legal Frameworks Driving Business Expansion and Investment” to Executive MBA students at NUST Business School (NBS), National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad. Mr. Akram emphasized the transformative potential of CPEC's second phase, describing it as a "goldmine for entrepreneurs." While Phase I focused on laying critical infrastructure foundations, he explained that Phase II prioritizes "services, innovation, and business facilitation," creating fertile ground for startups and SMEs to thrive. He argued that this shift aligns with global economic trends where agility and creativity drive growth. Urging the audience to embrace entrepreneurship over traditional employment, Mr. Akram stated, "True growth lies in creating opportunities, not waiting for them." He stressed the importance of practical business skills, risk-taking, and self-reliance, presenting



CPEC as an ecosystem where ambitious individuals can "build their own empires" through scalable ventures.

Mr. Akram also focused on the Belt and Road Initiative, highlighting how it serves as a framework for fostering international cooperation and mutual benefits among participating nations. He emphasized the Community with a Shared Future concept, which advocates for collaborative development and shared prosperity, aligning with the broader goals of CPEC. Furthermore, he outlined President Xi Jinping's policies aimed at promoting innovation, sustainability, and investment, urging the students to leverage these frameworks to unlock their entrepreneurial potential within this transformative ecosystem.

A significant portion of the lecture focused on the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, including arbitration and mediation, in ensuring smooth cross-border operations under CPEC. With increasing Chinese and regional investments, Mr. Akram highlighted ADR as a vital tool to minimize legal bottlenecks. He advised businesses to incorporate ADR clauses in contracts to avoid protracted litigation, noting that "These mechanisms are not just legal safeguards, but essential drivers of investor confidence and operational efficiency in a globalized economy."

In conclusion, Mr. Akram outlined actionable opportunities within CPEC's Phase II framework, identifying sectors such as logistics, fintech, renewable energy, and tourism as high-potential areas for innovation. He encouraged entrepreneurs to leverage Pakistan's strategic location and CPEC's connectivity to develop solutions in supply chain modernization, digital payments, green technologies, and cultural tourism. "The corridor is more than a physical network," he remarked, "it's a platform for redefining regional economic collaboration."

The lecture was attended by postgraduate students from NUST Business School (NBS) and sparked lively discussions during the interactive session.



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram participated as a speaker in Special Seminar on "Shared Dreams, Shared Progress: Marking 10 Years of Modernization" Held at National Library of Pakistan

21 April 2025

On 21 April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) participated as a speaker in a special seminar titled "Shared Dreams, Shared Progress: Marking 10 Years of



Modernization" was jointly organized by China Media Group (CMG) and the National Library of Pakistan in Islamabad. The event served as a significant platform to reflect on ten years of modernization, development, and the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. The Chief Guest, Federal Minister for the Board of Investment, Mr. Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, in his keynote address, highlighted the landmark significance of President Xi Jinping's historic visit to Pakistan ten years ago, calling it a pivotal moment in bilateral relations. He emphasized that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has played a vital role in driving Pakistan's economic growth over the past decade, delivering benefits not only to Pakistan but also to the broader region.



Minister of State for National Heritage and Culture, Mr. Huzaifa Rehman, addressed the seminar virtually. He noted that a decade ago, Pakistan was facing severe economic challenges, and

President Xi's announcement of CPEC proved to be an economic lifeline that breathed new energy into the Pakistan-China friendship.

During his address, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram reflected on the historic launch of CPEC on April 20, 2015, marked by the signing of various agreements and MoUs worth \$46 billion. He also described the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, noting that it uniquely traverses only one country. He elaborated on CPEC's transformative role in Pakistan's economy and emphasized China's ongoing commitment to high-quality development, expanding cooperation into new and emerging sectors. Member of the National Assembly and Federal Parliamentary Secretary for IT and Telecommunications, Ms. Sabheen Ghoury, in her remarks, reiterated that Pakistan and China are true all-weather friends. She emphasized that President Xi's visit significantly elevated bilateral cooperation, particularly in the digital and economic sectors, setting the foundation for a stronger, future-oriented partnership.

Former Ambassador of Pakistan to China and senior diplomat, Mr. Sardar Masood Khan, in a special video message, praised the deepening economic and diplomatic cooperation between the two countries. He underscored that President Xi's visit marked a turning point in addressing Pakistan's infrastructure and energy deficits, contributing to long-term national development.



The seminar was attended by prominent think tanks, scholars, students, researchers, media professionals, and representatives from various sectors, all of whom engaged in meaningful discourse on the impact and prospects of China-Pakistan cooperation. A special highlight of the seminar was the recognition of Mr. Shahid Afraz Khan, author of the recently published Urdu-language book "کل اور آج، چین", which provides an insightful exploration of China's development policies and its strategic collaboration with Pakistan. The large turnout of media representatives reflected the growing public interest in the success of

the Pakistan-China partnership and its future potential. The seminar not only commemorated a decade of shared achievements but also reaffirmed the mutual commitment to strengthening cooperation across all sectors, paving the way for a new era of shared prosperity and modernization.



Inaugural Meeting of the New Foreign Relations Committee – FPCCI

21 April 2025



On 21st April 2025, The inaugural meeting of the newly formed Foreign Relations Committee was held at the Guard Hall of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry Capital House

in Islamabad. The committee is chaired by Mr. Zaildar Ahsan Shah, who also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Experts at the Pakistan Research Centre for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) in Islamabad.

During his opening address, Mr. Zaildar Ahsan Shah welcomed all committee members, including Mr. Malik Sohail Hussain, Chairman Coordinator of



Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), along with representatives from various business sectors and foreign relations experts. He provided an overview of FPCCI's role as Pakistan's premier trade body and emphasized the committee's objectives to strengthen international trade cooperation, attract foreign investment, and address trade-related challenges. Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) and a committee member, shared encouraging updates regarding foreign investment interest in Pakistan.

He mentioned that more than 13 Chinese companies across multiple sectors are planning to visit Pakistan as part of a 20-member business delegation. Drawing from his expertise in Eurasian and Central Asian trade



relations, Mr. Akram highlighted his commitment to leveraging his diplomatic and business networks to foster stronger economic ties between Pakistan and these regions. Mr. Ovais Ali Khokhar, Chairman of the Board of Experts at PRCCSF and another key member of the committee, reaffirmed the group's mission to promote trade, business, and investment between Pakistan and other countries. He expressed optimism that the committee would work effectively within its mandate to contribute to Pakistan's economic growth and global trade integration.

Dr. Hina Shahid, also a member of the committee and part of PRCCSF's Board of Experts, provided insights on enhancing regional trade connectivity, particularly in the context of initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other multilateral agreements. The meeting was attended by prominent business community members including Dr. Farah Rani, Ms. Sarah Farooq, Mr. Abdul Basit, Mr. Shoeb Ahmed, Mr. Malik Amjad, Mr. Makhdoom Sher Iqbal, Mr. Sardar Sajjad, Mr. Omer Rasool, Mr. Muhammad Mateen Khan, Mr. Shamsher Iqbal, Mr. Ghazi Ali Hassan, and Mr. Sardar Khan Khosa, all members of the newly formed Foreign Relations Committee.



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram attends the Symposium on "Jointly Build the China-Pakistan Community with a Shared Future" held at Islamabad

21 April 2025

On 21st April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) attended the Symposium on "Jointly Build the China-Pakistan Community with a Shared Future" jointly organized by Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan at Islamabad.



The symposium marked a notable occasion, celebrating the 10th anniversary of President Xi Jinping's historic state visit to Pakistan, which has been a cornerstone in fostering bilateral relations between the two nations. The event attracted a distinguished audience, including Ambassador Amna Baloch, the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Senator Mushahid Hussain, as well as numerous diplomats from the Chinese embassy, reflecting the importance of this partnership.



During the symposium, key topics of discussion included enhancing collaboration in trade, culture, and people-to-people connections, aimed at building a cohesive and prosperous community between China and Pakistan. Overall, the symposium served as a platform for promoting shared values and aspirations, reinforcing the commitment of both countries to work together towards a common future.



**Meeting Between Vice-President of the Turkic Academy, Astana, Kazakhstan and Mr.
Khalid Taimur Akram**

25 April 2025



On 25 April 2025, as part of his official visit to Pakistan, Dr. Askhat Kessikbayev, Vice-President of the Turkic Academy, Astana, Kazakhstan had a meeting with Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), in Islamabad.

During the meeting, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram welcomed Dr. Kessikbayev and briefed him on the work and vision of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China, Beijing which aims to foster global cooperation through academic and research-based initiatives. He acknowledged the Turkic Academy's remarkable efforts in promoting regional academic integration and cultural connectivity.

Dr. Kessikbayev provided an insightful overview of the Turkic Academy, a unique international organization serving as a regional coordination center for Turkic studies. He



highlighted its mission to facilitate integration within the Turkic World in the fields of science and education, noting the Academy's strategic initiatives to strengthen collaboration through partnerships, programs, and projects that advance Turkic studies. He also conveyed warm greetings on behalf of the President of the Turkic Academy, Prof. Dr. Shahin Mustafayev, and emphasized the Academy's role as an international platform for promoting education, science, and intercultural dialogue.



Khalid Taimur Akram appreciated Dr. Kessikbayev's contribution to scientific and educational diplomacy. They explored various avenues to deepen academic ties through joint research initiatives, and seminars focused on enhancing cross-cultural understanding and scholarly exchange.

It was mutually agreed that ICSF and the Turkic Academy will collaborate closely to promote research excellence, academic cooperation, and people-to-people connectivity across China, Central Asia, and the broader region.



International Nuruz Holiday Celebration held at the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan

26 April 2025

On 26th April 2025, On April 26, 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram attended the International Nuruz Holiday Celebration at the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan, upon the invitation of His Excellency Sharifzoda Yousuf Toir, the Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan. The celebration likely featured cultural performances, traditional cuisine, and diplomatic exchanges, highlighting the significance of Nuruz as a symbol of renewal and friendship among nations. Mr. Akram's attendance underscores the importance of fostering international relations and cultural understanding between Pakistan and Tajikistan.



RADIO / TV PROGRAMS IN PAKISTAN

The Current State and Future Trajectory of US-Pakistan Relations: Mr. Khalid's Analysis on PTV World

8 April 2025



On 8 April 2025, in an engaging segment on the "VIEWS ON NEWS" program aired on PTV World, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram provided a comprehensive analysis of the evolving U.S.-Pakistan relationship. He highlighted three key pillars of the bilateral ties: security cooperation, economic engagement, and counterterrorism efforts. The recent diplomatic exchanges between Pakistan's Foreign Minister and the U.S. Secretary of State focused on enhancing economic collaboration and addressing regional security challenges. Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to counterterrorism while discussing sensitive issues like U.S. tariffs on Pakistani goods and potential cooperation in critical minerals. Mr. Akram noted the significance of the first conversation between Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and the U.S. Secretary of State as marking a positive shift in relations, with the Trump administration publicly recognizing Pakistan's strategic role after initial hesitations.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QamxHE0gb-U>

U.S. Tariffs and China's Trade Leadership: Insights from Mr. Khalid on FM 98 Dosti

Channel

9 April 2025



On 9 April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), was invited as a guest on FM 98 Dosti Channel in Islamabad for a live interview on the program 'HUM QADAM.' During the discussion, Mr. Akram analyzed the escalating international resistance to recent US tariff policies, detailing how major economies are formulating responses to avoid potential trade wars. He underscored the long-term implications for global markets, emphasizing the risks of disrupted supply chains and economic instability. Offering a sharp, data-driven perspective, Mr. Akram highlighted the geopolitical and economic consequences of this standoff, stressing the need for multilateral cooperation to mitigate fallout. Additionally, Mr. Akram also emphasized China's pivotal role as a global trade leader, citing its vast domestic market and the expansive reach of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). With 155 countries now engaged in trade partnerships with China, he explained how the BRI has reshaped global commerce, fostering infrastructure development and economic interdependence.

To view, kindly visit the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-L5oRNZf68>

China's Role in Global Trade Amid Trump's Tariffs: Insights from Mr. Khalid on FM 98

Dosti Channel

17 April 2025



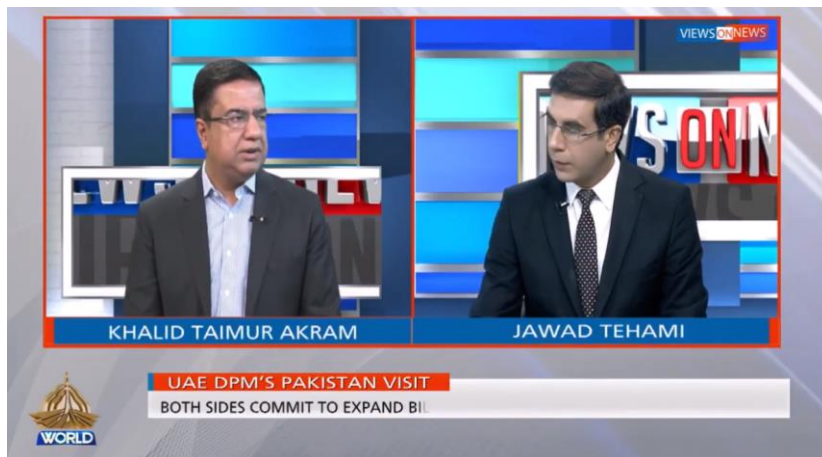
On 17 April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), participated in a live interview on FM 98 Dosti Channel's program HUM QADAM in Islamabad. During the discussion, he emphasized China's pivotal role in stabilizing international trade amid global economic uncertainties. Mr. Akram highlighted how China's proactive trade policies, multilateral partnerships, and investments in infrastructure projects like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have positioned it as a stabilizing force, countering the volatility triggered by protectionist measures such as former U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff policies. He argued that China's commitment to open markets and collaborative frameworks offers resilience against unilateral trade practices that disrupt supply chains and fuel geopolitical tensions. Mr. Akram contrasted China's approach with Trump's tariff-centric strategies, which he noted exacerbated trade wars and fragmented global economic cooperation. By fostering inclusive growth and prioritizing shared benefits, China has emerged as a cornerstone of global trade stability, particularly during crises.

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Analysis by Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram at PTV (World) on Pakistan-UAE Relations

21 April 2025



On 21 April 2025, in an engaging segment on the "VIEWS ON NEWS" program aired on PTV World, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram analyzed the deepening Pakistan-UAE strategic partnership, highlighting UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan's recent visit that yielded three key MoUs. He noted Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's emphasis on transforming political ties into an economic partnership, citing the UAE's position as Pakistan's third-largest trading partner (\$10.9 billion trade volume) and praising the new five-year multiple-entry visa policy as a business facilitator. Mr. Akram commended UAE Ambassador H.E. Hamad Obaid Alzaabi's diplomatic efforts and identified opportunities in manufacturing and re-exports to address Pakistan's trade deficit, while acknowledging COAS General Asim Munir's appreciation of growing defense ties.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jWTVmWMeC8>

**Interview of Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, ED, PRCCSF to FM 98 (Dosti Channel) How
Tariffs Undermine U.S. Trade and Growth**

23 April 2025



On 23 April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), participated in a live interview on FM 98 Dosti Channel's program HUM QADAM in Islamabad. During the discussion, Mr. Akram highlighted the U.S. tariff policies are counterproductive, harming America's own economy and global stability. He argued that tariffs increase consumer prices, disrupt supply chains, and risk triggering trade wars, undermining the very industries they aim to protect. Despite political narratives of a manufacturing revival, the U.S. faces structural challenges, including reliance on Chinese components and a stagnant industrial base skewed toward defense since the 1990s. With the IMF projecting sluggish 1.8% growth for 2025, Mr. Khalid emphasized that protectionist measures ignore historical lessons—such as the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act's role in exacerbating the Great Depression—and fail to address rising inequality, unemployment, and declining workforce productivity in America.

To view, kindly visit the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlslnSzCswE>

Youth's Role in China's Modernization: Insights from Mr. Khalid Taimur on FM 98 Dosti

Channel

2 April 2025



On 30 April 2025, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), participated in a live interview on FM 98 Dosti Channel's program HUM QADAM in Islamabad. During the discussion, he emphasized the importance of involving young people in China's modernization and development efforts. He pointed out that the engagement of youth is crucial for sustaining progress and innovation, particularly in the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence (AI).

Mr. Akram also discussed Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent visit to an AI incubator in Shanghai, where Xi called for the city to lead in AI development and governance. This visit followed a dedicated AI study session held by China's leadership, where Xi highlighted the need for the nation to gain a competitive edge in this strategic sector. "AI technology is evolving rapidly and entering a phase of explosive growth," remarked Xi during his visit to the Shanghai Foundation Model Innovation Center, which hosts over 100 enterprises.

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ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA/THINK TANKS

- **Article on:**

First EU – Central Asia Summit: A New Era of Interregional Cooperation and Connectivity published by Kafkassam (Newsagency based in Ankara)

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- **Article on:**

Ambassador Khazar Farhadov: A Beacon of Diplomacy and Connection published by Kafkassam (Newsagency based in Ankara)

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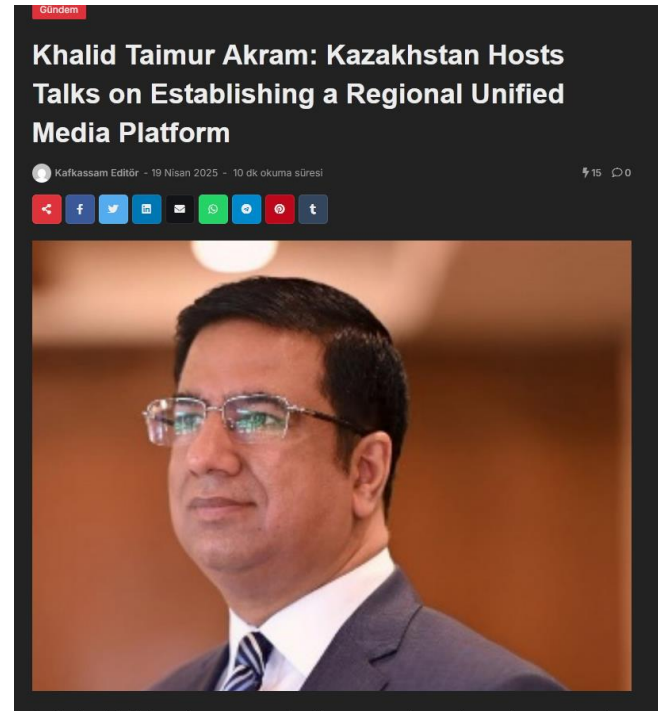
- **Article on:**

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RESEARCH WORK BY PRCCSF

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Initiatives of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev: Drivers of EU–Uzbekistan Cooperation from First Handshakes to Strategic Alliance

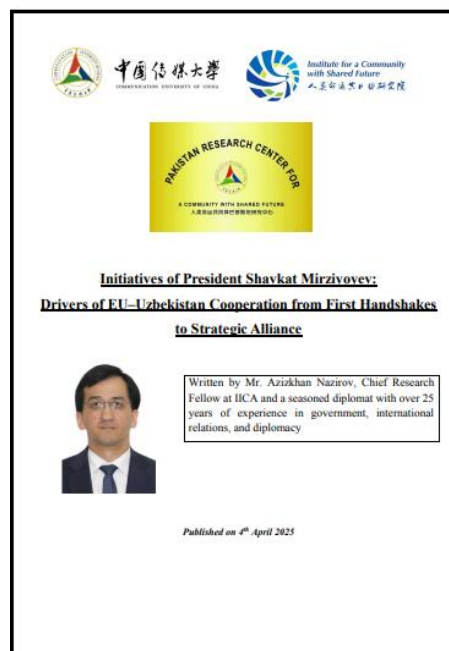
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Over the past 30 years, Uzbekistan’s relationship with the European Union has evolved significantly—from formal diplomatic contacts to a multifaceted strategic partnership. This transformation gained particular momentum after 2016, when the reform agenda initiated by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev created fundamentally new conditions for collaboration with European partners. The first official handshake between the EU and Uzbekistan dates back to April 15, 1992, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Key institutional milestones followed, including the opening of the Uzbek Embassy in Brussels in 1995 and the establishment of the EU Delegation in Tashkent in 2011. But it is the past five years that have seen the most intense diplomatic activity. Between 2019 and 2024, both Donald Tusk and Charles Michel, presidents of the European Council, visited Uzbekistan. The EU’s High Representative for Foreign Affairs made five visits. In 2024, the appointment of Toivo Klaar as EU Ambassador to Tashkent underscored the country’s growing importance in Brussels’ foreign policy calculus.

This deepening relationship rests on a growing legal framework—15 bilateral agreements that span areas from textile trade to atomic energy. The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement of 1999 laid the groundwork, followed by sectoral agreements in energy and trade.



- **Article on:**

First EU – Central Asia Summit: A New Era of Interregional Cooperation and Connectivity

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The first EU–Central Asia Summit took place on April 4, 2025, in the historic city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan, representing a significant moment in the development of strengthening cooperation between two closely aligned regions. The summit was chaired under President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, with the attendance of the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan, as well as European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Costa, to enhance collaboration and envision the future of interregional ties.

This important summit offered a strategy providing a vital & diverse pathway for cooperation, economic integration, and investment in innovation, climate initiatives, and digital advancement with the emphasis on the increasing acknowledgment that stronger collaboration between the European Union and Central Asia is essential for the stability and prosperity of both regions. It was concluded with a joint declaration signed by the five Central Asian states and the EU, officially elevating their relationship to a strategic partnership at a high level. The first EU–Central Asia Summit in Samarkand represented an important achievement in interregional diplomacy, creating new avenues for cooperation that are strategic and sustainable. With €12 billion in committed investments, a plan for industrial and environmental progress, and strengthened institutional connections, the alliance between the EU and Central Asia is set for a new stage of connectivity, collaboration, and shared growth. This summit will be helpful in establishing a foundation for a strong and inclusive future between two regions growing more interdependent.



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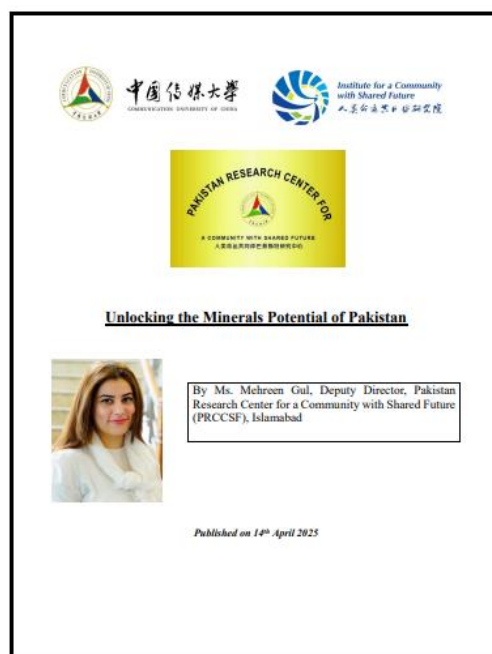
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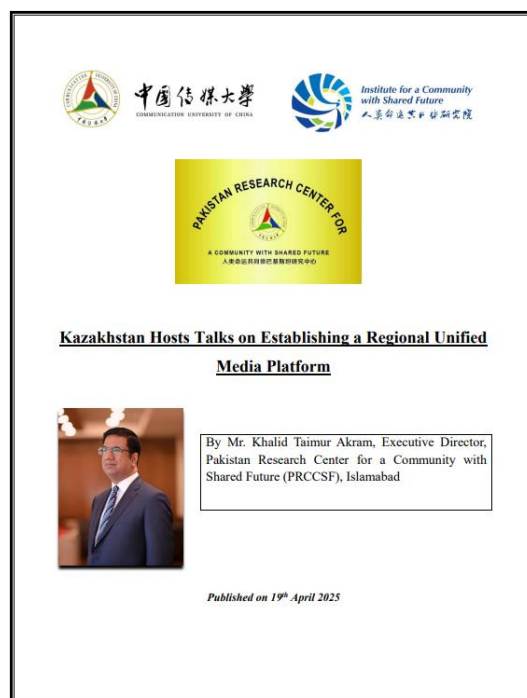
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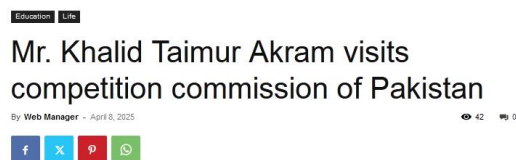
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Since taking office, Ambassador Farhadov has worked tirelessly to deepen diplomatic, economic, cultural, and strategic cooperation between Azerbaijan and Pakistan. His tenure marks a new era in bilateral relations, defined by mutual respect, shared interests, and a commitment to regional peace and prosperity. He has actively promoted enhanced parliamentary cooperation, institutional linkages, and people-to-people contact and the vast potential for collaboration in various sectors.

Under his leadership, the Azerbaijan Embassy in Islamabad has become a hub of diplomatic engagement and economic outreach. Frequent interactions with Pakistani ministers, parliamentarians, think tanks, academic institutions, media, and civil society have built a comprehensive network of cooperation. The ambassador has emphasized that the shared values, historical bonds, and strong public support in both countries make the Azerbaijan-Pakistan relationship one of unique strength and promise.

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