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International Conference on “Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Deep-Rooted Friendship” Held at the University of the Punjab, Lahore

10 February 2026



On 10th February 2026, an International Conference titled “Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan–China Deep-Rooted Friendship” was held at Al-Razi Hall, Quaid-i-Azam Campus, University of the Punjab, Lahore. The conference was jointly organized by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of the Punjab, Lahore, in collaboration with the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, and the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Pakistan.

The conference aimed to celebrate the longstanding and time-tested friendship between Pakistan and China while promoting academic dialogue, people-to-people connectivity, and scholarly engagement across the political, economic, cultural, and strategic dimensions of bilateral relations. The conference featured four sessions, each designed to highlight various aspects of Pakistan–China cooperation and



to acknowledge the outstanding academic and creative contributions of participating students.

The opening remarks were delivered by Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of the Punjab, Lahore, who highlighted the importance of academic platforms in strengthening Pakistan–China relations through dialogue, research collaboration, and cultural exchange.



The welcome remarks were delivered by Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), Islamabad. He emphasized the role of youth engagement, research-based initiatives, and people-to-people connectivity in advancing the vision of a community with a shared future between Pakistan and China.



An online address was delivered by Professor Li Huailiang, Dean, Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing. In his remarks, he reaffirmed China’s commitment to deepening academic cooperation with Pakistan and stressed the importance of intellectual collaboration in reinforcing the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Distinguished speakers and their thematic contributions included:

- Mr. Harris Naeem, Chief Executive Officer, Hi-Tech Mining Associates (HTMA) Limited, spoke on Pakistan–China geological cooperation and mapping resources for sustainable development.



- Mr. Zeeshan Qureshi, Chief Operating Officer, Capital Smart Innovations, presented insights on Digital Silk Road 2.0 and the role of artificial intelligence and smart technologies in Pakistan–China cooperation.

- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali, Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore, highlighted the importance of strengthening academic collaboration and international partnerships between Pakistan and China.

- Dr. Muhammad Usman Askari, Chairperson, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, discussed the geopolitics of Pakistan–China relations in a multipolar world.

- Dr. Kishwar Munir, Head of Department, School of Integrated Social Sciences, University of Lahore, examined the South Asian security complex and its implications for Pakistan–China relations.

- Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, Director, Pakistan Institute for China Studies (PICS), and Host Director, Confucius Institute, University of Sargodha, spoke on institutionalizing civilizational exchange through Confucius Institutes to strengthen Pakistan–China friendship.

- Dr. Fouzia Hadi Ali, Associate Professor, and Director, Career Counselling and Placement Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore, highlighted Pakistan–China cooperation for regional integration and connectivity.

- Brigadier Retired Mansoor Saeed, Senior Vice President, Pakistan–China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI), discussed the evolution of Pakistan–China economic relations at 75 from diplomacy to development.

- Mr. Noor Ullah, Manager Marketing, Jang Group of Companies, emphasized the role of journalism and media as strategic stakeholders in Pakistan–China relations.



A key highlight of the conference was the inauguration of the poster competition on the theme “Pakistan–China Friendship.” The competition encouraged students to creatively express their understanding of the historical, cultural, and strategic dimensions of Pakistan–China relations. Students from diverse academic backgrounds actively participated by presenting visually engaging and intellectually rich posters reflecting themes of friendship, cooperation, development, and a shared future.



The 1st and 2nd sessions concluded with interactive question-and-answer segments, followed by the distribution of souvenirs to the keynote speakers in appreciation of their valuable contributions. Sessions 3 and 4 were conducted simultaneously, providing a platform for focused discussions on emerging challenges, policy perspectives, and future opportunities in Pakistan–China relations. Each session featured presentations by four selected students based on outstanding research articles.



Session 3 was chaired by Ms. Iqra Javaid, Lecturer, School of Integrated Social Sciences, University of Lahore, and co-chaired and moderated by Ms. Areeba, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Speakers included:

- Dr. M. Naeem Khan, University of the Punjab, Lahore, presented on Pakistan–China friendship with a focus on challenges and opportunities.

- Mr. Rai Muhammad Usman, Country Director Pakistan, World Agriculture Forum, spoke on sustainable agriculture and climate resilience through Pakistan–China collaboration.

Session 4 was chaired by Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), and co-chaired and moderated by Ms. Zainab Sohail, PRCCSF Fellow.

Speakers included:

- Mr. Wajahat Ali, Director Community Engagement Lahore and Islamabad, Center for Alternative Perspectives (CAP), discussed youth as custodians of Pakistan–China friendship for the next twenty-five years.
- Ms. Khadija Mubarik, Chief Executive Officer, M.A. Chaudhari and Company Chartered Accountants, spoke on financial transparency and risk management in cross-border Pakistan–China projects.

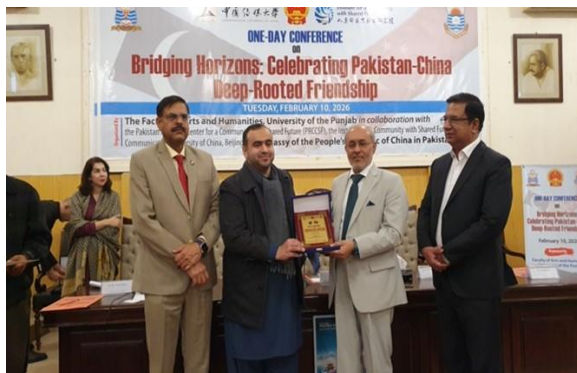


In both sessions, students showcased their research, insights, and perspectives on Pakistan–China relations, engaging the audience through thoughtful and well-articulated presentations. Both sessions concluded with the announcement of the winners of the speech competition, followed by the distribution of souvenirs to the session chairs, co-chairs, and winning students in recognition of their contributions.



The conference witnessed the participation of nearly 500 participants, reflecting strong academic enthusiasm and a shared commitment to strengthening the Pakistan–China friendship for future generations

Picture Gallery







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روزنامہ ایکسپریس

چین پاکستان کی ترقی کیلئے سنجیدہ ہے: ڈاکٹر محمد علی

پاکستان کو جدید زراعت کے فروغ کیلئے چین سے سیکھنا ہوگا، خطاب

لاہور (نامہ نگار خصوصی) وائس چانسلر پنجاب یونیورسٹی پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد علی نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کو جدید زراعت کے فروغ کیلئے چین سے سیکھنا ہوگا۔ نائجیئرہ کا نومی سائنس ڈیپارٹمنٹ اور زراعت کی ترقی سے ہی ہم دنیا کا مقابلہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ وہ پنجاب یونیورسٹی فیکلٹی آف آرٹس اینڈ سوشل سائنسز کے زیر اہتمام انٹینیٹیٹ فار اے کیوٹیٹی ڈو شیئرڈ فیوچر کیونٹیکیشن یونیورسٹی آف پاکستان میں چینی سفارت خانے کے اشتراک سے "پاکستان اور چین کی مضبوط اور تاریخی دوستی" پر ارازی ہال میں منعقدہ کانفرنس سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ اس موقع پر ڈین انٹینیٹیٹ فار اے کیوٹیٹی ڈو شیئرڈ فیوچر پروفیسر لی ہائیگ نے ان لائن شرکت کی جبکہ ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر پاکستان ریسرچ سنٹر ڈو شیئرڈ فیوچر خالد تیمور اکرم، ہینئر نائب صدر پاکستان چائیس جوائنٹ چیبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری بریگیڈ (ر) منصور سعید، ڈین فیکلٹی آف آرٹس اینڈ سائنسز پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محبوب حسین، فیکلٹی ممبران، محققین سمیت مختلف جامعات سے طلباء و طالبات نے بڑی تعداد میں شرکت کی۔ اپنے خطاب میں وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد علی نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کا اچھا سا یہ ہونا چاہئے کہ ان اور ترقی کے لئے ہم نے کہا کہ امریکہ کے بعد دنیا کی تاپ یونیورسٹیوں میں چینی جامعات کا نام شامل ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان میں عملی اقدامات سے ثابت کرتا ہے کہ وہ پاکستان کی ترقی کے لئے سنجیدہ ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین میں سائنس ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے آئی ترقی کر لی ہے کہ وہ پوسٹ کے ذریعے سر جبری ہو رہی ہے۔ مصنوعی ذہانت، ڈیٹا سائنس سمیت جدید مضامین کو ہر شعبہ میں متعارف کرانا ہوگا۔ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد علی نے پنجاب یونیورسٹی اور چین ای سی پی سی اے کیڈمی آف ہائی ٹیکنالوجی کے زیر اہتمام "نیشنل آؤٹ ریچ پروگرام" برائے جنوب کی اقتصادی تقریب سے بھی خطاب کیا۔

روزنامہ نئی بات

سائنس، ٹیکنالوجی کیلئے چین سے سیکھنا ہوگا: ڈاکٹر محمد علی

نائجیئرہ کا نومی سائنس اور زراعت کی ترقی سے ہی ہم دنیا کا مقابلہ کر سکتے ہیں

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Daily -The News

'Pakistan must learn from China to promote modern agriculture'

Our correspondent LAHORE

Punjab University (PU) Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Muhammad Ali has said that Pakistan must learn from China to promote modern agriculture.

He emphasized that only through the development of a knowledge-based economy, science, technology, and agriculture, Pakistan can compete with the world.

He was addressing a conference on 'Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Deep Rooted Friendship', organised at Al Raazi Hall here Tuesday. The conference was organised by Punjab University Faculty of Arts and Humanities in collaboration with the Institute for a Community with a Shared Future, Communication University of China, and the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan. On this occasion, Dean of the Institute for a Community with a Shared Future Prof Li Huailiang participated online while executive Director Pakistan

Research Centre with Shared Future Khalid Taimur Akram, Senior Vice President Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mansoor Saeed, faculty members and students were present. In his address, PU VC Prof Dr Muhammad Ali said that good neighbourly relations between Pakistan and China are vital for peace and development in the region. He added that China has proven through practical measures in Pakistan that it is sincere about Pakistan's development. He said that science and technology in China have advanced to such an extent that surgeries are being performed with the help of robots. He stressed the need to introduce modern disciplines such as AI and data science across all fields.

Speaking online from China, Prof Li Huailiang said that the friendship between Pakistan and China remains deep and trustworthy even in the modern world. He noted that poster and speech competitions enhance students' creativity and confidence.

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International conference held at PU

LAHORE (Staff Reporter): An International Conference titled "Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Deep-Rooted Friendship" was held at University of the Punjab here on Tuesday.

EVENTS & MEETINGS (ORGANIZED & ATTENDED)

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad School of Law and International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI) Sign MoU to Promote Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Capacity Building

2 February 2026



On 2nd February 2026, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad School of Law signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI) to promote the advancement of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and strengthen capacity building initiatives in Pakistan.

The MoU was signed by Barrister Zopash Khan, Co-Chair, The Society of Mediators on behalf of the International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI) and Dr. Hafiz Aziz ur Rehman, Director, School of Law, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. This strategic partnership aims to foster Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) awareness, enhance professional skills, and develop structured training and learning opportunities for students, legal practitioners, and professionals.



The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Advocate Adil Aziz Qazi, Former Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan and Vice Chairman Islamabad Bar Council, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Dr. Salma Malik, Director External Linkages, Quaid-i-Azam University; Mr. Malik Qatadah Jamal Khan, Special Advisor to Vice Chairman Islamabad Bar Council, Dr. Alam Zeb, Assistant Professor, School of Law; and Mr. Wajdan Bukhari, Assistant Professor, School of Law, along with other distinguished participants.



This MoU reflects the shared commitment of Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and the IDI – International Dispute Resolution Institute to strengthen ADR culture in Pakistan, enhance legal pedagogy, and expand professional development platforms for the legal community.

The collaboration will contribute meaningfully to institutional capacity building, promote innovation in legal education, and support the broader landscape of dispute resolution in Pakistan.



**Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram Participated as a Speaker at the Roundtable Discussion,
“Dedicated to the Essence, Content, and Significance of the Address by the President of the
Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, to the Oliy Majlis and the People of
Uzbekistan” at Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islamabad**

2 February 2026



On 2nd February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) participated as a speaker at the Roundtable Discussion, “Dedicated to the Essence, Content, and Significance of the Address by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, to the Oliy Majlis and the People of Uzbekistan” at Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islamabad.

His Excellency Mr. Bakhromjon Alov, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and shared valuable insights on Uzbekistan’s ongoing reforms, development priorities, and foreign policy vision under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

The Roundtable Discussion was moderated by His Excellency Mr. Alisher Tukhtaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, who highlighted the



growing strength of Pakistan–Uzbekistan relations and emphasized the importance of academic and policy dialogue in fostering mutual understanding and cooperation.

During the session, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram delivered a comprehensive speech focusing on the key themes of the President of Uzbekistan’s address, including governance reforms, socio-economic development, regional connectivity, and enhanced regional cooperation. He also underscored the significance of deepening Pakistan–Uzbekistan relations through people-to-people exchanges, research collaboration, and institutional partnerships.



The Roundtable Discussion was also attended by a wide range of speakers, who shared their perspectives on Uzbekistan’s reform agenda, regional cooperation, and the broader implications of the President’s address.

About 35 participants, including diplomats, academics, policy experts, and representatives from civil society, attended the discussion, reflecting diverse viewpoints and strong interest in Uzbekistan’s development trajectory and its implications for regional cooperation.



Strengthening Pakistan–Uzbekistan Collaboration in the Agri-Food Sector

2 February 2026



On 3 February 2026, His Excellency Jamshidjon T. Abduzokhurov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, met with Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram and Mr. Aamir Khawas, CEO of GO Foods Pakistan. The meeting also included top importers of meat products from Uzbekistan. The Uzbek delegation is currently on a business visit to Pakistan.

Uzbekistan’s Deputy Minister formally acknowledged the quality and potential of products manufactured by GO Foods Pakistan, recognizing their standards, innovation, and market relevance. During the engagement, the Deputy Minister invited GO Foods Pakistan to explore business opportunities and operational collaboration in Uzbekistan, reflecting the country’s growing interest in partnering with reputable Pakistani food and agri-processing companies.

This development highlights the expanding scope of Pakistan–Uzbekistan cooperation in agriculture, food processing, and value-added exports, and reinforces the role of the private sector in strengthening regional economic integration across Central and South Asia. Such engagements pave the way for joint ventures, technology transfer, and market access, benefiting both economies and contributing to sustainable agri-industrial growth.

Chinese Architectural Firm Opens Office in Pakistan

05 February, 2026



On 5 February 2026, the Shenzhen University Institute of Architectural Design & Research Limited (SUIADR), China delegation currently visiting Pakistan on the invitation of Habib Rafiq Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd, officially inaugurated its new office in Islamabad, Pakistan. The inauguration was led by Mr. Nianzhong Li, Deputy President of SUIADR. The delegation also included Zhenyuan Yang, Deputy Chief Architect, Quan Cheng, Deputy Chief Architect, Xinyu Wan, Lead Architect of the Design Studio, and Tao Sun, Project Consultant and CEO of Sunchang Construction & Engineering Consulting Co., Ltd.

The Islamabad office launch follows a strategic collaboration agreement signed between Shenzhen University Institute of Architectural Design & Research Limited (SUIADR) and Habib Rafiq Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd (HRL Group), one of Pakistan's largest engineering and development conglomerates with extensive experience in construction, infrastructure, and urban development. The agreement was initially formalized in December 2025.



The inauguration was attended by Mr. Muhammad Aslam Malik, Chief Operating Officer of the HRL Group, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Advisor to the Chairman HRL, and Mr. Imran Zahid, CEO of Capital Smart Motors, highlighting the significance of this collaboration in strengthening design excellence and knowledge exchange between the two countries.



With its Islamabad office, the Shenzhen University Institute of Architectural Design & Research Limited (SUIADR) will provide direct support for architectural and urban development projects, introducing innovative design practices and globally recognized standards. This collaboration further reinforces Pakistan-China cooperation in infrastructure, urban innovation, and sustainable development.



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram participated as a speaker at the Online Introductory Session “Call For Young Leaders” organized by the National Youth Leadership Programme (NYLP)

6 February 2026

On 6 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram participated as a speaker at the Online Introductory Session “Call For Young Leaders” organized by the National Youth Leadership Programme (NYLP). He delivered a comprehensive talk on the theme “Opportunities for Youth through Collaborative Partnerships,” highlighting the critical role of collaboration among academia, government institutions, the private sector, civil society, and international partners in empowering youth. He emphasized leadership development, skills enhancement, innovation, and

strategic partnerships as essential pathways for creating sustainable opportunities for young people in an increasingly interconnected world.

The session was further enriched by the presence of distinguished speakers, including Professor Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, Director of the Pakistan Institute for China Studies (PICS), and Mr. Muhammad Ikram Barkat, Director General of the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA). The programme brought together a vibrant and dynamic team from the National Youth Leadership Programme (NYLP) under the leadership of young generation leaders Khoja Sheraaz Ali, Almas Majeed, Inbisat Khan, Laiba Qureshi, Aneesa Khan, Muneeza Qureshi, along with other committed members. Their collective efforts reflect NYLP's strong dedication to nurturing youth leadership, promoting civic engagement, and fostering collaborative platforms that enable young people to contribute meaningfully to national and global development.



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram Meets Shenzhen University Institute of Architectural Design & Research Limited (SUIADR) Team at Lahore

8 February 2026

On 8 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram met with a distinguished team from Shenzhen University Institute of Architectural Design & Research Limited (SUIADR) at Lahore, Pakistan. The meeting marked an important step toward strengthening professional and institutional ties between Pakistan and China in the fields of architecture, urban design, and sustainable development.



The visiting delegation, representing one of China’s leading architectural and design institutions, is in Pakistan with the objective of establishing meaningful collaborations with Pakistani architectural and design firms. Discussions focused on knowledge exchange, innovative design practices, sustainable and smart urban solutions, and joint projects that can contribute to modern infrastructure development. Pakistan expressed its honor in hosting the esteemed Chinese delegation, underscoring the shared commitment of both countries to fostering innovation, professional cooperation, and long-term Pakistan–China partnership in architecture and urban development.

Shenzhen University Institute of Architectural Design & Research Limited (SUIADR)
Team Visits the School of Art and Design at the University of the Punjab, Lahore

9 February 2026



On 9th February 2026, A delegation from the Institute of Architectural Design and Research, Shenzhen University , China, visited the School of Art and Design at the University of the Punjab , Lahore, to explore opportunities for academic, research, and institutional collaboration in the fields of architecture, urban design, and creative industries.

The visiting delegation was warmly received by the faculty and administration of the School of Art and Design, where both sides engaged in meaningful and forward-looking discussions on potential joint initiatives, including faculty and student exchange programs, collaborative design studios, research partnerships, and knowledge-sharing platforms. The dialogue highlighted the importance of integrating design innovation with sustainable urban development and cultural heritage preservation.



This visit also reflects the growing academic and cultural engagement between Pakistan and China, complementing the broader framework of bilateral cooperation and people-to-people connectivity. In this regard, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram played a positive and facilitative role in bringing the two institutions together, supporting academic diplomacy and encouraging collaboration between scholars, researchers, and young designers from both countries. His continued efforts to promote educational partnerships are contributing to stronger mutual understanding and long-term institutional linkages between Pakistan and China. The visit was facilitated by Dr. Mahboob Hussain



Such academic exchanges serve as an important bridge for collaboration, innovation, and cultural dialogue, paving the way for future joint initiatives in architecture, design, and creative research.

47th Anniversary of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and National Day Commemoration held at Islamabad

11 February, 2026



On February 11, 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram was invited by His Excellency Dr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan, to attend the 47th Anniversary of the Glorious Victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and the National Day Commemoration. The event, held in Islamabad, brought together a distinguished gathering of diplomats, government officials, representatives of international organizations, members of the academic community, media professionals, and individuals from various sectors of society.

The ceremony highlighted the historical significance of the occasion and reflected the strong diplomatic engagement between the two countries. It also provided an opportunity for interaction and dialogue among participants, fostering goodwill, mutual understanding, and continued cooperation. The presence of diverse stakeholders underscored the importance of regional connectivity, constructive relations, and ongoing collaboration in promoting peace, stability, and shared prosperity.

**Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram Participated as a Speaker at the Roundtable Discussion,
“Uzbekistan and Pakistan on the Path to Strategic Partnership: On the Results of
President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's State Visit to Islamabad” at Embassy of the Republic of
Uzbekistan, Islamabad**

12 February, 2026



On 12 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) participated as a speaker at the Roundtable Discussion, “Uzbekistan and Pakistan on the Path to Strategic Partnership: On the Results of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's State Visit to Islamabad”. The event was hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Islamabad.

The session commenced with opening remarks by His Excellency Mr. Alisher Tukhtaev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In his address, Ambassador Tukhtaev highlighted the significance of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev’s recent State Visit to Pakistan, emphasizing the deep-rooted historical ties, cultural affinity, and expanding economic cooperation between Uzbekistan and Pakistan. He underscored the commitment of both nations to elevate their bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership.

An online address was delivered by His Excellency Mr. Bakhromjon Alov, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In his remarks, he elaborated on the outcomes of the State Visit, including enhanced cooperation in trade, connectivity, regional security, energy collaboration, and people-to-people exchanges. He emphasized Uzbekistan's vision of strengthening regional integration through constructive engagement with Pakistan and other South Asian partners.



During the session, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram spoke on the evolving geopolitical landscape of Central and South Asia and the strategic importance of Uzbekistan–Pakistan relations in promoting regional connectivity, economic integration, and sustainable development. He highlighted the potential of enhanced transport corridors, trade facilitation measures, and academic and cultural exchanges in strengthening mutual understanding.

Distinguished speakers at the roundtable included:

- Ambassador Jauhar Saleem, President of the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Islamabad
- Prof. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad
- Mr. Asif Tanvir Awan, Public Relations Officer, The Muslim Institute, Islamabad



About 40 participants, including diplomats, academics, policy experts, media representatives, and members of civil society, attended the discussion. The event provided a valuable platform for dialogue and intellectual exchange, reflecting diverse viewpoints and demonstrating strong interest in further strengthening Uzbekistan–Pakistan relations.

New Chairman HEC greeted by ICSF, China

12 February, 2026



On 12 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Director, Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China warmly congratulated Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar on his appointment as the new Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. During the meeting, Mr. Akram extended his best wishes for a successful tenure and expressed confidence that under Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar's dynamic leadership, Pakistan's higher education sector would witness renewed progress, innovation, and strengthened international engagement. The gesture reflects the enduring spirit of academic solidarity and the steadily expanding partnership between Pakistan and China in the domain of higher education, research collaboration, and intellectual exchange.

Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, a distinguished scholar and recipient of the Sitara-i-Imtiaz, brings more than 35 years of rich academic and administrative experience to this prestigious national responsibility. He has previously served as Vice Chancellor of leading institutions including Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad and the University of the Punjab in Lahore, where he earned recognition for promoting research excellence, institutional reforms, quality assurance mechanisms, and global academic linkages. His appointment as Chairman HEC is widely regarded as a significant step toward strengthening governance, enhancing research productivity, improving

university rankings, and aligning Pakistan's higher education framework with international standards.

Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar also appreciated Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram for his dedicated efforts in promoting regional connectivity, academic diplomacy, and the vision of a community with a shared future through education and dialogue. He acknowledged the valuable role being played by Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF) in fostering intellectual cooperation between Pakistan and China and emphasized the importance of collaborative initiatives that contribute to sustainable development and mutual understanding.



Visit of Mr. Bryan J. Mayer – Director of Institutional Affairs, CIPDH (UNESCO) to Islamabad

14 February, 2026

On 14th February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram welcomed Mr. Bryan J. Mayer, an Argentine professional who has served as Director of Institutional Affairs at the Centro Internacional para la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPDH) under the auspices of UNESCO and has also



worked in roles related to human rights and public communication. This visit highlights the significance of people-to-people engagement in enhancing mutual understanding and goodwill between our two countries.

Mr. Bryan J. Mayer expressed appreciation for Pakistan's rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and emerging economic opportunities. Such visits play a vital role in fostering international friendship and creating avenues for future cooperation and collaboration.

We are committed to promoting constructive engagement and building lasting connections between Pakistan and Argentina AR through dialogue, shared experiences, and mutual respect.



Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram meets Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, Director General CPEC, HEC

Pakistan

17 February, 2026

On 17 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), held a meeting with Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, Director General CPEC at the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. The meeting focused on strengthening academic collaboration, enhancing research cooperation, and promoting educational connectivity under the framework of CPEC and the broader Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).



During the meeting, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram briefed Dr. Safdar Ali Shah about the activities and global outreach of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing. He highlighted that ICSF is actively working in 26 countries to promote the concept of a “Community with a Shared Future for Mankind,” while also contributing to academic discourse and policy research related to the Belt and Road Initiative. Mr. Akram emphasized the Institute’s role in fostering intellectual exchange, cultural understanding, and research partnerships among participating countries. He also extended a formal invitation to Dr. Safdar Ali Shah to visit ICSF in Beijing to further explore avenues for collaboration.



Dr. Safdar Ali Shah appreciated the efforts and international contributions of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), acknowledging its significant role in strengthening academic and research linkages between China and partner countries.

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram also commended the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for its proactive role in advancing CPEC-related educational connectivity. He appreciated HEC’s efforts in facilitating academic exchanges, scholarships, joint research programs, and institutional collaboration between Pakistani and Chinese universities, which are vital for long-term regional development and people-to-people ties.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram presented his book titled “Building a Community with Shared Future: A Hope for Mankind” to Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, who praised the book for its valuable insights into the Belt and Road Initiative, regional integration, and the vision of shared development and cooperation. In a gesture of mutual respect and academic exchange.

Dr. Safdar Ali Shah also presented his book titled “101 Chinese Poems” to Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram. The book is an English translation of selected Chinese literary works featuring traditional landscape art, offering a gateway into the rich history of Chinese culture and strengthening linguistic connectivity between Pakistan and China.

Chinese New Year Celebrations Hosted by China Media Group (CMG) at Islamabad

17 February, 2026



On 17 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram had the honor of attending the Chinese New Year celebrations hosted by China Media Group (CMG) at Islamabad. The event brought together distinguished guests from diplomatic, academic, media, and cultural circles to celebrate the spirit of the Spring Festival in a warm and vibrant atmosphere.

The celebration reflected the enduring strength of Pakistan China relations and the deep rooted people to people connectivity that continues to flourish between the two countries. Cultural engagements of this nature play a significant role in enhancing mutual understanding, strengthening strategic trust, and promoting shared aspirations for peace, stability, and prosperity in the region. Such occasions also provide an important platform to further deepen cooperation in media, cultural exchange, and public diplomacy.



This year marks the Year of the Horse in the Chinese zodiac, a symbol of strength, endurance, intelligence, and forward momentum. Traditionally, the Horse represents energy, determination,

discipline, and the pursuit of excellence. These qualities closely align with the evolving trajectory of Pakistan China cooperation, particularly in the fields of economic development, infrastructure connectivity, technological collaboration, and strategic partnership.

The celebration was not only a tribute to China's rich cultural heritage but also a reflection of the dynamic and forward looking spirit that defines bilateral cooperation. As both countries continue to advance their comprehensive



partnership, the symbolism of the Horse, representing speed, resilience, and progress, serves as a meaningful reminder of their shared commitment to accelerating collaboration and unlocking new avenues for sustainable and inclusive growth.

Meeting with the Minister of Construction, Housing and Communal Services of Uzbekistan at Islamabad

17 February, 2026

On February 17, 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram held a productive meeting with H.E. Sherzod Khidoyatov, Minister of Construction, Housing and Communal Services of the Republic of Uzbekistan. H.E. Alisher Tukhtaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, was also present at the meeting, which was held in Islamabad.

The meeting focused on exploring strategic collaboration opportunities in



the construction and housing sectors between Uzbekistan and Pakistan. Key discussion points included:

- Large-scale infrastructure development
- Affordable housing initiatives
- Urban planning
- Exchange of technical expertise and best practices

The Minister of Uzbekistan expressed a strong commitment to fostering institutional linkages and promoting joint ventures among leading construction and engineering firms. The discussion emphasized the importance of sustainable development, innovation in building technologies, and enhanced people-to-people connectivity as essential components of future cooperation.

This engagement reflects the growing momentum in Pakistan–Uzbekistan relations and reaffirms a shared vision for inclusive growth and regional connectivity through infrastructure development.

**Meeting Mr. Amir Sajjad Khan, Manager International Office, Foundation University,
Islamabad**

18 February, 2026



On 18 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), held a meeting with Mr. Amir Sajjad Khan, Manager International Office at the Foundation University, Islamabad. The primary focus



of the meeting was to explore structured academic cooperation, strengthen international engagement, and discuss potential areas of institutional partnership for mutual benefit.

During the meeting, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram provided a detailed briefing on the global outreach of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, and its active engagement in 26 countries. He highlighted how collaboration between Foundation University and ICSF could open new avenues for joint research projects, academic conferences, faculty and student exchange programs, and policy dialogue initiatives related to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Mr. Akram emphasized that such cooperation would not only enhance academic capacity but also promote the shared vision of building a “Community with a Shared Future for Mankind” through institutional partnerships.

Mr. Amir Sajjad Khan appreciated the international contributions of ICSF in fostering academic and research linkages among partner countries. He expressed Foundation University’s interest in developing formal cooperation mechanisms with ICSF, particularly in areas such as joint seminars, collaborative publications, cultural exchange programs, and research initiatives aligned with BRI themes. He noted that partnership with ICSF would significantly strengthen the university’s international profile and global academic engagement.

The discussion concluded with both agreeing to explore practical steps toward formalizing collaboration between Foundation University and ICSF. It was agreed that continued coordination would be maintained to identify specific areas of mutual interest and to develop a roadmap for sustainable academic partnership, aimed at promoting knowledge exchange, research excellence, and long-term institutional cooperation between Pakistan and China.

DG NLPD Visits Smart STEM High School at Capital Smart City, Islamabad

19 February, 2026



On 19th February, 2026, Mr Khalid Taimur Akram had the honour to facilitate the visit of Professor Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Director General of the National Language Promotion Department (NLPD), operating under the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture, Government of Pakistan , to Smart STEM High School & College.

Dr. Mazhar's visit marked an important milestone in aligning technological advancement with linguistic and cultural development.

During a comprehensive tour of the campus — including the Science Laboratories, dedicated STEM Labs, Language Lab, and the central Library — he appreciated the institution's structured, innovation-driven academic ecosystem. He recognized Smart STEM as one of the largest education systems in



Pakistan's private corporate sector, delivering a forward-looking model of integrated STEM and blended learning.

What stood out most during the interaction was a shared strategic vision:

Sustainable national development requires balance — science with language, innovation with identity, and technology with heritage.

DG NLPD emphasized the indispensable role of Urdu language promotion alongside scientific and technical education. He highlighted that social sciences, arts, and culture remain foundational in shaping intellectually competent and



culturally grounded youth. His gesture of presenting a valuable collection of Urdu books symbolized the importance of linguistic enrichment within modern education systems.

The visit also included a constructive engagement with faculty and management, where avenues for institutional collaboration were discussed. The NLPD's formal invitation for academic coordination reflects a broader commitment to cross-sectoral partnerships that strengthen Pakistan's intellectual capital.



Furthermore, Dr. Mazhar lauded the integrated health and education ecosystem of Capital Smart City, recognizing it as a progressive urban model that aligns modern infrastructure with quality education and healthcare facilities.

At a time when nations are competing on knowledge economies, innovation capacity, and cultural soft power, such collaborations between national institutions and private educational systems are not optional — they are strategic imperatives.

**Meeting with Mr. Amir Sajjad Khan, Manager International Office, Foundation
University, Islamabad**

23 February, 2026

On February 23, 2026, His Excellency Albert P. Khorev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, and Colonel Vadim N. Fenchenko, Defence Attaché of the Embassy of the Russian Federation, invited Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram to the celebrations of Defender of the Fatherland Day in Islamabad. The event was attended by esteemed business and government officials from both countries.

This important national day symbolizes courage, sacrifice, patriotism, and the enduring spirit of those dedicated to safeguarding their homeland. It serves as a tribute to the armed forces of Russia and the generations of citizens whose commitment and resilience have contributed to the strength and sovereignty of the nation.

Russia's historical journey reflects determination, strategic depth, and a profound sense of national identity. Defender of

the Fatherland Day reminds us of the importance of national security, stability, and responsible global engagement in today's complex geopolitical landscape.

Pakistan and Russia share a growing trajectory of bilateral cooperation, particularly in regional connectivity, energy collaboration, security dialogue, and multilateral engagement. Strengthened people-to-people contacts and institutional partnerships continue to build mutual trust and understanding between our nations.



IDI Management Visits NLPD

23 February, 2026

On 23 February 2026, the management of the International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI), including Barrister Zopash Khan, Co-Chair of the International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI), Advocate Muhammad Yaseen Iqbal, Registrar of International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI) and Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Member Advisory Board of International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI), visited the National Language Promotion Department (NLPD), Ministry of National Heritage and Culture Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad and held a productive meeting with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Director General of NLPD, and Dr. Rashid Hameed, Executive Director of NLPD, at Islamabad.

The meeting focused on strengthening institutional engagement and exploring areas of mutual cooperation between the two organizations, as well as enhancing collaboration between legal and linguistic institutions, with particular focus on promoting the accessibility of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms through language facilitation and knowledge dissemination. Emphasis was placed on strengthening research cooperation, translating ADR-related materials into Urdu, and organizing joint seminars and awareness programs.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar appreciated the work and growing contributions of International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDI) in advancing mediation and arbitration practices in Pakistan. He acknowledged the Institute's efforts in promoting structured dialogue and legal awareness initiatives.

IDI management commended the pivotal role of National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) in promoting the national language and preserving Pakistan's cultural and intellectual heritage. They expressed their interest in developing practical collaborative initiatives that align with the shared objectives of both institutions.

The meeting concluded on a constructive note, with both agreeing to maintain continued engagement and explore future collaborative opportunities.

Visit to Smart STEM High School at Capital Smart City, Islamabad

24 February, 2026



On 24th February, 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram had the privilege to accompany Senator Sarmad Ali during his visit to Smart STEM High School at Capital Smart City, Islamabad

The Senator appreciated the institution's forward-looking approach toward quality education, particularly its integrated STEM model designed to equip students with analytical thinking, innovation capacity, and technological competence. He acknowledged that such



institutions are playing a vital role in preparing Pakistan's youth for a competitive global environment.

Smart STEM High School stands as a strong example of how modern infrastructure, blended learning methodologies, and a structured academic framework can collectively nurture future scientists, engineers, leaders, and responsible citizens.



During the visit, he discussed the importance of aligning secondary education with emerging global trends, digital transformation, and industry needs. The emphasis remained on

building an education ecosystem that fosters creativity, research orientation, and practical skill development.

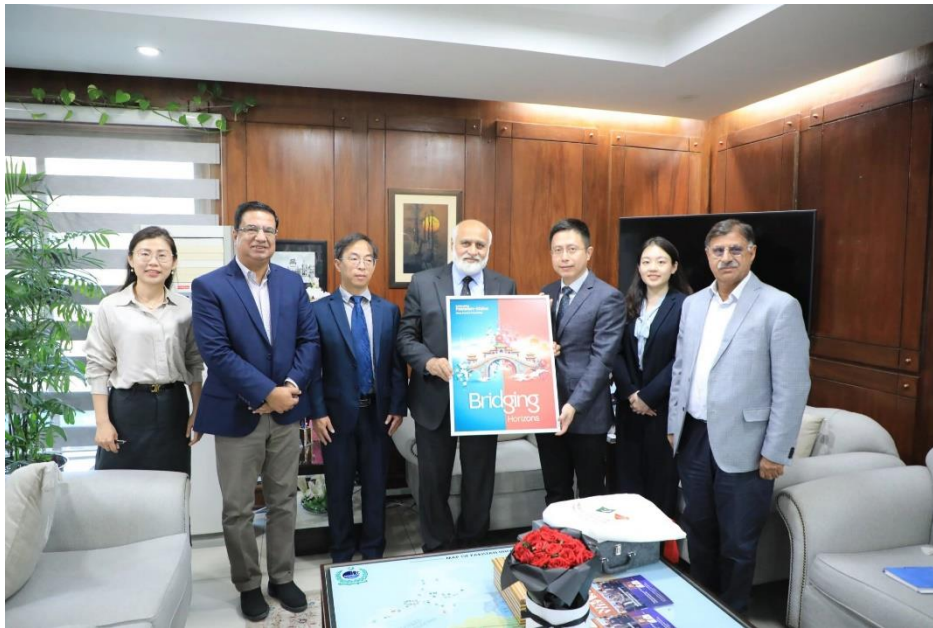
He appreciated the leadership, faculty, and management of Smart STEM High School for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence. Initiatives like these are essential for strengthening Pakistan's knowledge economy and shaping a progressive future.

Investing in education is investing in the nation's long-term stability and prosperity.



HEC Pakistan and Chinese Embassy Acknowledge “Bridging Horizons” Initiative to Strengthen Pakistan–China people to people connectivity

25 February, 2026



On 25 February 2026, It was a profound honor and privilege to witness a significant diplomatic and academic milestone. On this occasion, His Excellency Professor Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (S.I), Chairman of the Higher Education Commission HEC Pakistan, along with a high-powered diplomatic delegation from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan, jointly acknowledged the concept titled “Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Deep-Rooted Friendship” as a meaningful initiative for strengthening bilateral advocacy and institutional connectivity between our two nations.

This recognition reflects the strategic depth of Pakistan – China relations and reinforces the importance of intellectual diplomacy, academic collaboration, and people-to-people engagement under the broader vision of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Under this theme, the Institute for a Community with Shared Future Communication University of China , Beijing, China has already successfully convened three high-level engagements in Pakistan:

- At the University of the Punjab, Lahore under the guidance / supervision of Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of the Punjab, Lahore
- At Bahria University , Islamabad under the guidance / supervision of Prof. Dr. Adam Saud, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bahria University, Islamabad (PhD)
- At the National Language Promotion Department , Ministry of Culture & Heritage, Government of Pakistan, under the patronage of its Director General, Honorable Dr Mazhar Saleem

Each forum brought together academia, policymakers, and thought leaders to deepen understanding of Pakistan – China strategic cooperation, regional connectivity, and shared development goals.

The intellectual stewardship and conceptualization of this initiative is credited to Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, an expert on China studies and the Belt & Road Initiative, whose efforts in academic diplomacy and regional connectivity discourse continue to strengthen Pakistan – China relations.

As Pakistan and China navigate an evolving geopolitical landscape, initiatives like Bridging Horizons serve as structured platforms to institutionalize dialogue, promote research collaboration, and reinforce the narrative of a Community with a Shared Future. The journey continues with greater clarity, stronger partnerships, and a shared commitment to sustainable regional prosperity.

Chinese Embassy Delegation Visits HEC Pakistan at Islamabad

25 February, 2026

On 25 February 2026, A high-powered diplomatic delegation from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan visited the Higher Education Commission (HEC Pakistan) at Islamabad for meeting with the newly appointed Chairman HEC Pakistan , Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (S.I).



The delegation extended their warm congratulations to Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (S.I) on assuming office and expressed strong optimism regarding the future trajectory of higher education cooperation between Pakistan and China under his leadership.

Discussions were substantive and forward-looking, focusing on expanding structured academic collaboration in key priority areas. Both sides reaffirmed that higher education remains a cornerstone of the Pakistan – China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership. Beyond infrastructure and economic connectivity, intellectual collaboration and knowledge exchange will define the next phase of bilateral engagement.



Mr Khalid Taimur Akram was honored to participate in this important dialogue as an International Relations expert on China. The meeting reflected a clear commitment to institutionalizing academic partnerships through measurable frameworks, research clusters, and sustained policy coordination.



With Pakistan’s dynamic youth population and China’s technological advancement and research depth, the opportunity to build a robust knowledge corridor between our two nations is both strategic and timely. This engagement represents not merely a courtesy visit, but a meaningful step toward deepening academic diplomacy and shaping a shared future driven by innovation, education, and mutual respect.

Visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan at Islamabad

26 February, 2026



On 26th February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram visited the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Islamabad to meet with His Excellency Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan. During this constructive engagement, both sides discussed enhancing Pakistan – Azerbaijan economic cooperation, focusing on joint business ventures, trade facilitation, investment partnerships, and sector-specific collaboration. The Honorable Ambassador acknowledged the immense untapped potential between our two brotherly countries, particularly in energy, infrastructure development, connectivity, tourism, and SMEs.

Azerbaijan’s strategic geographic position as a gateway to the Caucasus region and Central Asia presents significant opportunities for Pakistani enterprises seeking regional expansion. Similarly, Pakistan offers a dynamic and emerging market with strong industrial, agricultural, and technological potential for Azerbaijani investors.

Our dialogue highlighted the importance of structured B2B linkages, institutional coordination, and policy-level facilitation to translate diplomatic goodwill into measurable economic outcomes. Strengthening private sector engagement will be crucial in elevating bilateral trade to its true potential. Pakistan and Azerbaijan share deep-rooted historical, cultural, and diplomatic ties. It is now time to further consolidate this relationship through pragmatic economic diplomacy and sustainable commercial partnerships.

Visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan at Islamabad

26 February, 2026

On 26th February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, alongside Mr. Irfan Irshad, President of the Alpine Club of Pakistan, recently visited the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan for a productive meeting with His Excellency Alisher Tukhtaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan.



The meeting focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation in adventure sports, particularly in mountaineering, alpine expeditions, youth exchange programs, and institutional collaboration between relevant organizations of both countries.

Key points of discussion included:

- The potential for collaboration between Pakistan's mountainous landscapes, which host some of the world's highest peaks, and Uzbekistan's growing interest in adventure tourism.
- Strengthening linkages between mountaineering federations.
- Organizing joint expeditions and promoting cross-border tourism.

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram emphasized the strategic importance of people-to-people connectivity and sports diplomacy in deepening ties between the two nations. Mr. Irfan Irshad provided insights into Pakistan's mountaineering ecosystem and proposed structured engagement between adventure sport institutions. Ambassador Alisher Tukhtaev expressed appreciation for the initiative and highlighted Uzbekistan's interest in developing practical frameworks for collaboration in adventure sports and tourism.

This engagement represents a proactive approach to strengthening Pakistan – Uzbekistan relations through sports diplomacy, youth engagement, and regional connectivity.

ICSF Honors Youth Leader

28 February, 2026



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Institute for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China

Appreciation Letter

Dear Mr. Khoja Sheraaz Ali,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your efforts in promoting the concept of a Human Community with a Shared Future. Your work in advancing Pakistan-China relations is highly appreciated by the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF) at the Communication University of China (CUC).

In recognition of your personal initiatives and active involvement in strengthening mutual understanding and cooperation between Pakistan and China, I, as the Dean of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future at the Communication University of China, a joint partner of PRCCSF, extend our warm greetings and high respect to you. Your contributions are greatly valued for reinforcing people-to-people ties and fostering the long-standing friendship between our two countries, particularly through academic and cultural cooperation.

We believe that your active participation and contribution will enhance the building of China-Pakistan Community with a Shared Future.

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Sincerely,
Professor Li Huailiang



Dean, Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF)
Communication University of China (CUC)

Date: 9th February 2026

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On 28th February 2026, Mr. Khoja Sheraaz Ali Chairman of the National Youth Leadership Programme (NYLP) Youth Leadership visited the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future and met with Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram Director of Institute for Community with Shared Future Communication University of China ,Beijing and discussed the vital role of youth in enhancing the exemplary friendship between Pakistan and China.

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram commended National Youth Leadership Programme (NYLP) for their dedicated efforts in promoting youth engagements.

Additionally, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram also presented Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Khoja Sheraaz Ali on behalf of Prof. Li Huailiang, Dean of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF) Communication University of China University of China (CUC), Beijing , China, in recognition of his efforts to promote youth empowerment and provide a dynamic platform for young people to work towards the betterment of Pakistan and China.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ON THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY WITH SHARED FUTURE

Learning Session on “Understanding the essence of the CPEC under the broader framework of the BRI” for the China Fellowship Program at the University of Sargodha

03 February, 2026

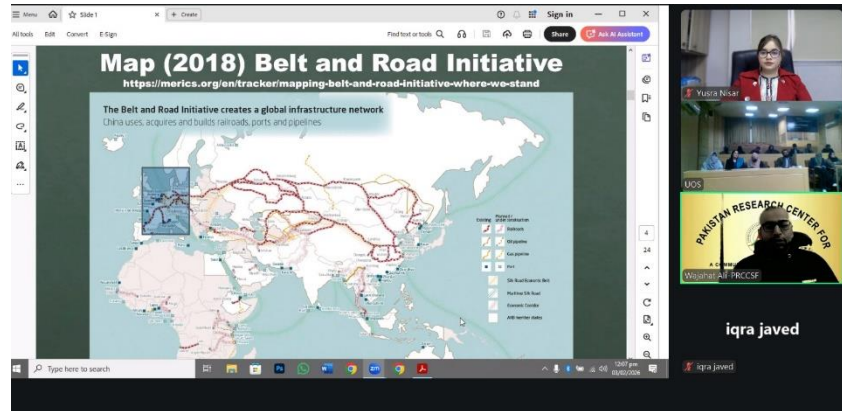


On 3rd February, 2026, a learning session on “Understanding the essence of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under the broader framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)” was conducted under the joint China Fellowship Program at the University of Sargodha (UoS). The session was led by Mr. Wajahat Ali, Director Community Engagement-Lahore & Islamabad, Center for Alternative Perspectives (CAP) and Member of Board of Experts at Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), Islamabad.

Mr. Wajahat delivered a comprehensive and insightful lecture that helped students thoroughly understand the essence of the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) within the broader framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). He began by explaining the six components that

define a strong financial nation, as articulated by His Excellency President Xi Jinping, supporting his discussion with real-life examples for better comprehension.

He described CPEC as a major connectivity project and elaborated on its two phases. Phase I was defined as the “hardware phase,” during which China focused primarily on infrastructure development while Phase II



was described as the “software phase,” emphasizing industrialization, social uplift, and sustainable economic growth. Mr. Wajahat further highlighted that China is emerging as a responsible global superpower and emphasized the strategic importance of CPEC. He explained that Pakistan’s geography makes it the “zipper” of Eurasia, connecting South Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East, and China, thereby linking multiple regions through enhanced connectivity. He then thoroughly discussed various dimensions of CPEC, including agricultural revolution, food security, digitalization, seaports, and other key sectors critical for long-term development. In addition, he also shed light on the challenges that CPEC is facing and how both China and Pakistan can address those challenges.



The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer segment during which participants actively engaged with the speaker to seek clarification and deepen their understanding.

The session was moderated by Ms. Yusra Binte Nisar, Research Assistant at Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) and Ms. Alishba Aslam, Research Officer at Pakistan Institute for China Studies (PICS), University of Sargodha (UoS).

Learning Session on “Digital Media as a Strategic Tool of Soft Power in Advancing Pakistan’s Representation under BRI” for the China Fellowship Program at the University of Sargodha

17 February, 2026



On 17th February, 2026, a learning session on “Digital Media as a Strategic Tool of Soft Power in Advancing Pakistan’s Representation under BRI” was conducted under the joint China Fellowship Program at the University of Sargodha (UoS). The session was led by Dr. Moneeba Iftikhar, Lecturer at Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), Lahore, and Member of Board of Experts at Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), Islamabad.

Dr. Moneeba Iftikhar delivered a compelling lecture underscoring the transformative role of digital media, particularly the social media, in shaping Pakistan’s global image and advancing its national interests within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

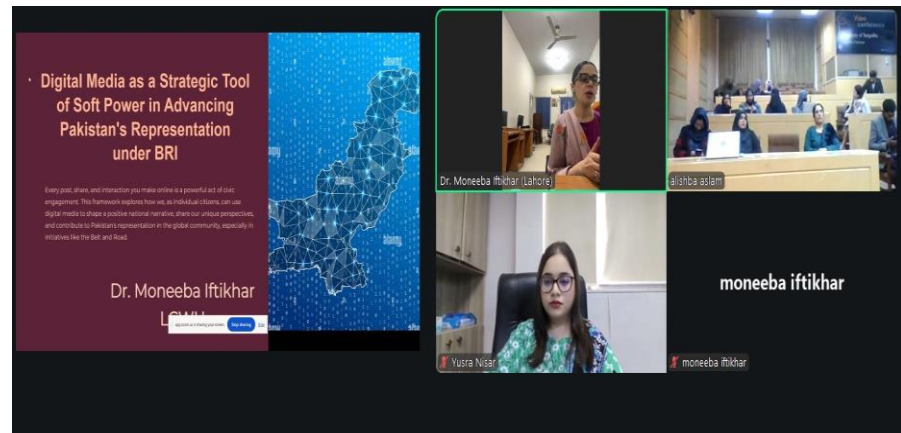
Addressing the fellowship participants, Dr. Moneeba highlighted that in today’s interconnected world, influence is increasingly built through dialogue, storytelling, and digital engagement rather than coercion. She emphasized that soft power of a



country depends largely on how effectively its citizens communicate their culture, values, and achievements online.

“Every post, share, and interaction is a form of civic engagement,” Dr. Moneeba stated. “Students are not just passive consumers of information; they are active participants in shaping Pakistan’s narrative on the global stage.”

She explained that the BRI is not limited to physical infrastructure and economic corridors. It also represents a broader vision of connectivity, regional cooperation, and shared



development. In this context, digital media serves as a bridge that connects people, fosters dialogue, and strengthens partnerships across borders.

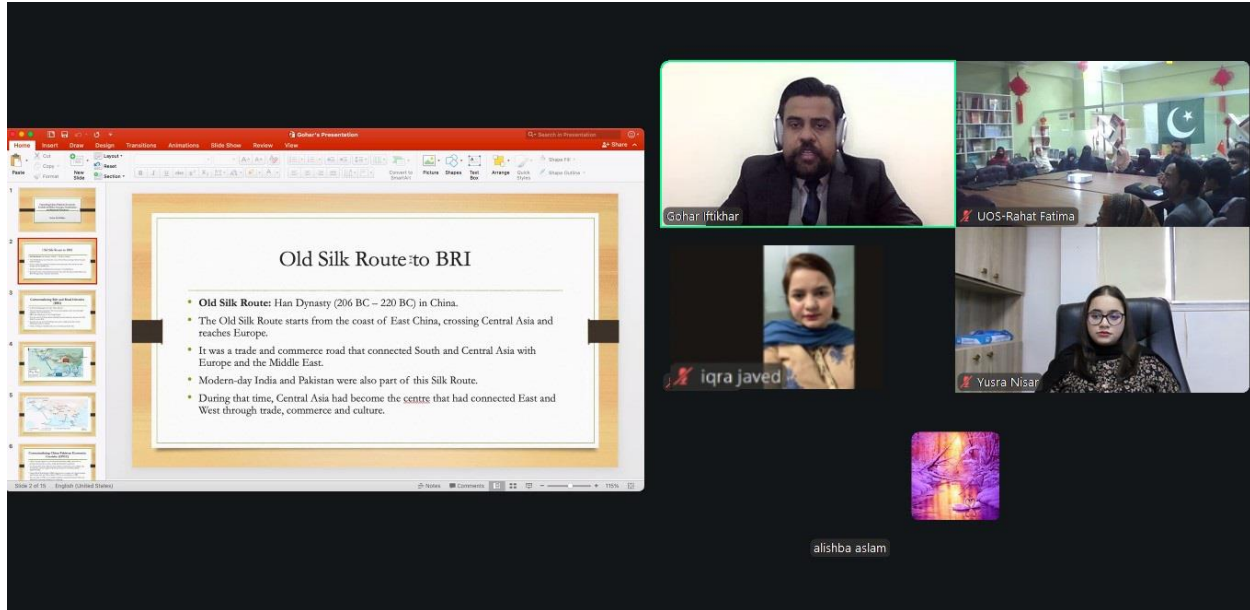
Dr. Moneeba encouraged students to use social media platforms responsibly and strategically to promote Pakistan’s cultural richness, entrepreneurial potential, academic achievements, and development initiatives. By doing so, they can contribute to boosting economic integration, enhancing mutual understanding, and fostering regional cooperation among BRI partner countries. She further stressed that authentic storytelling and constructive digital engagement can counter misinformation, build trust, and project a positive national image rooted in collaboration and shared prosperity.

The session concluded with a call to action for students to recognize their digital presence as a powerful diplomatic tool. Through informed participation, ethical communication, and strategic content creation, young citizens can play a vital role in advancing Pakistan’s soft power and strengthening its representation within global initiatives like the Belt and Road.

The session was moderated by Ms. Yusra Binte Nisar, Research Assistant at Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) and Ms. Alishba Aslam, Research Officer at Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS), University of Sargodha (UoS).

Learning Session on “Unpacking China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Concept, Constituents and Regional Prospects” for the China Fellowship Program at the University of Sargodha

24 February, 2026



On 24th February, 2026, a learning session on “Unpacking China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Concept, Constituents and Regional Prospects” was conducted under the joint China Fellowship Program at the University of Sargodha (UoS). The session was led by Dr. Gohar Ali Iftikhar, Lecturer at Ali Trust College, Islamabad, and Member of Board of Experts at Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), Islamabad.

Dr. Iftikhar began by tracing the historical roots of regional connectivity to the Old Silk Route, which originated during the Han Dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD). He stated that the ancient route connected East China to Central Asia, Europe, South Asia, and the Middle East, establishing Central Asia as a vibrant hub of trade, commerce, and cultural exchange. Modern-day Pakistan and India were also integral parts of this historic network.

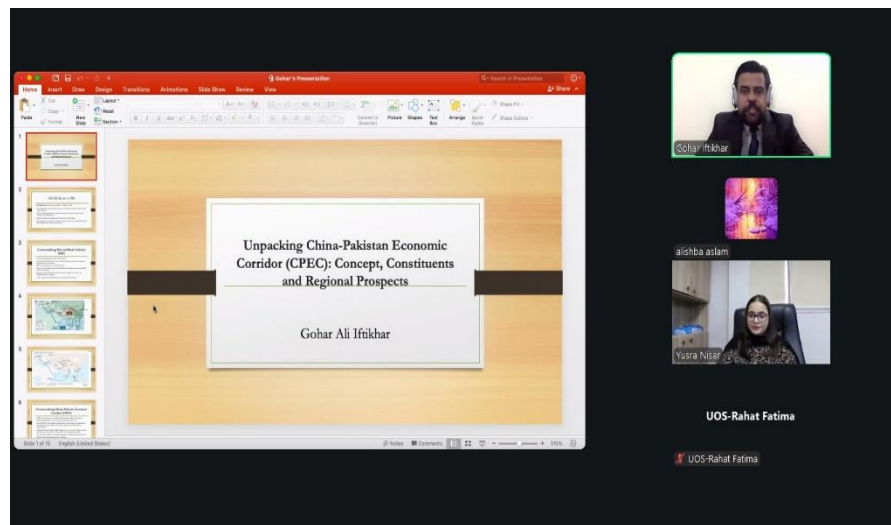


He also emphasized that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) serves as the pilot project of BRI. At the core of CPEC is the strategic connectivity between Gwadar Port and China's Xinjiang region. Gwadar Port holds central importance for China, providing a shorter and more cost-effective trade route compared to traditional maritime routes, particularly the Strait of Malacca, on which China has long depended.



Shedding light upon the perspectives of both China and Pakistan regarding CPEC, he mentioned that from China's perspective, CPEC promotes economic integration, regional connectivity, and trans-border cooperation between Xinjiang and Pakistan while from Pakistan's viewpoint, CPEC is seen as a transformative opportunity aligned with Vision 2025, particularly its pillar of "Modernizing Transportation Infrastructure and Greater Regional Connectivity."

Dr. Iftikhar clarified that CPEC is not an aid package but a strategic investment by China, reflecting potential economic returns alongside geopolitical and geostrategic objectives. He further highlighted the importance of provincial



inclusion and national consensus in Pakistan to effectively harness CPEC's full potential. Strengthening a cohesive National Economic Policy remains essential to maximizing long-term benefits.

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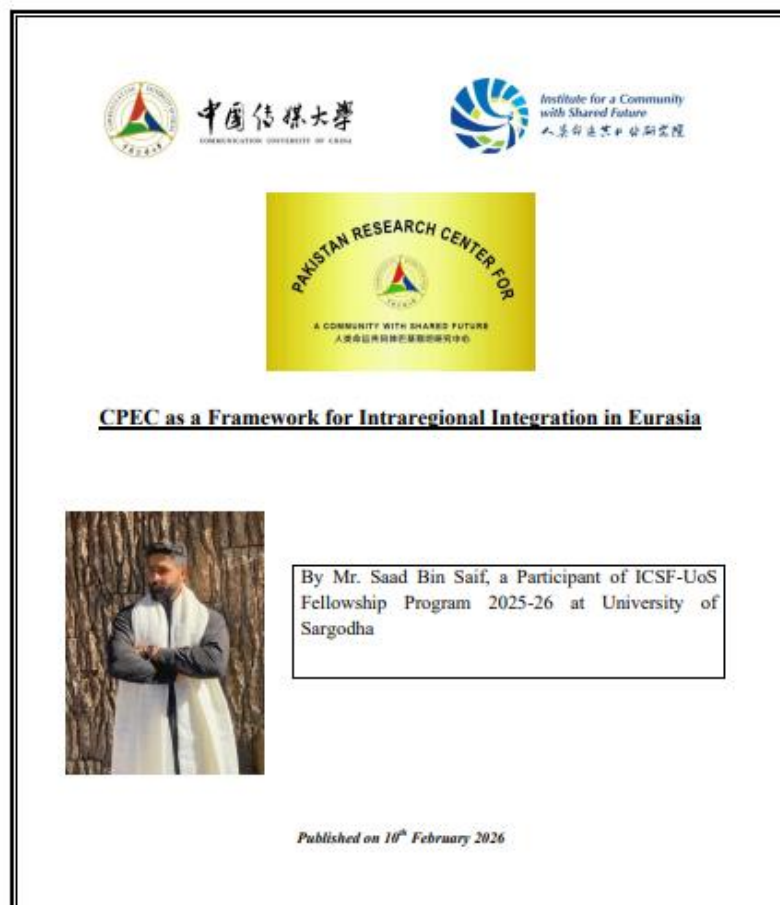
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The article emphasizes the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a strategic framework for intraregional integration across Eurasia, highlighting how CPEC connects Pakistan with Central Asia and beyond, fosters economic cooperation, enhances regional connectivity and trade, and supports broader collaboration under China's Belt and Road Initiative; it underscores Pakistan's role as a key transit hub in the region and the potential for deeper economic, infrastructure, and diplomatic linkages among Eurasian states through shared development and connectivity initiatives.



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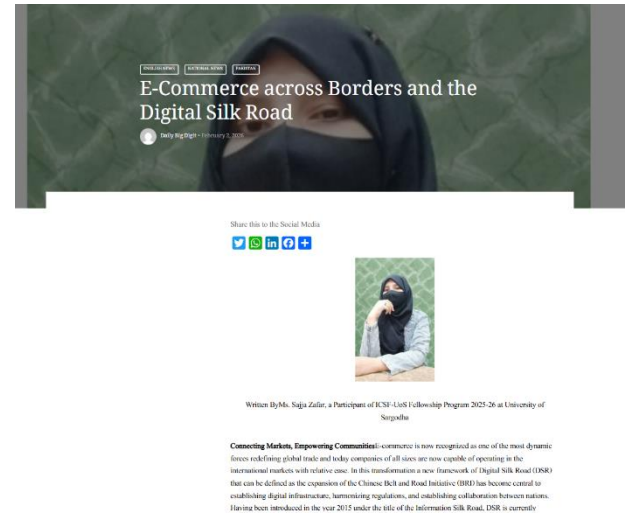
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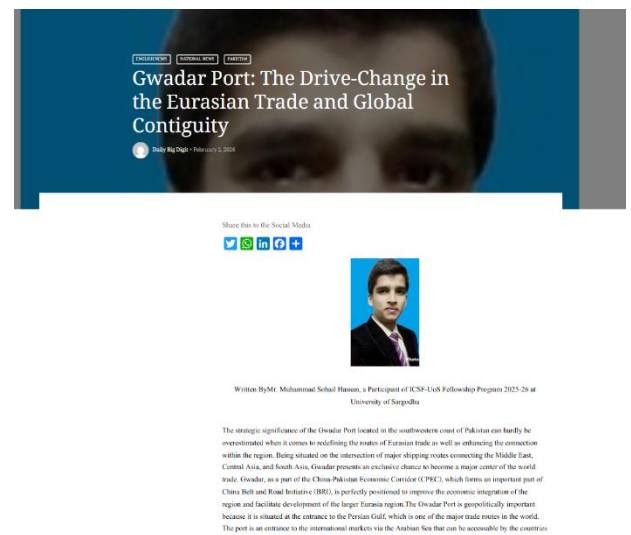
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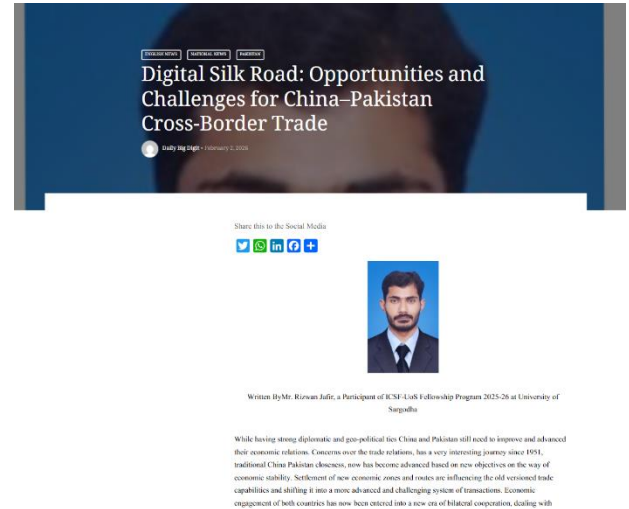
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In the cranes and corners of CPEC lies the Digital Silk Road (DSR), an extension of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) project, commenced by China in 2015. This tech-focused initiative aims to digitalize the

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Pakistan is currently at a significant point in terms of culture, trade, and integration. When people talk about progress, the talk often revolves around the economy, strategy, and international relations. However, there is a more profound but quieter change taking place. The change is digital. The growing cross-border e-commerce and the expansion of the Digital Silk Road within the framework of China's Belt and Road Initiative provide Pakistan with the unique chance to redefine its place in the world, not just as a trading ally, but as a provider of ideas and culture.

The Digital Silk Road is the technological and digital component of the Belt and Road Initiative. It focuses on digital infrastructure, e-commerce, intelligent logistics, cloud computing, and the digital economy. For Pakistan, this particular framework goes beyond the economic parameters. It opens new digital avenues for Pakistani digital creators, especially artists, designers, and graphic designers, and provides entrepreneurs to reach new markets, especially China, the largest e-commerce market in the world.

Pakistan has a legacy of creativity. Its poetic skills and craftsmanship of miniature paintings and calligraphic, textiles, and ceramics, and decorative work art, goes back centuries. The country also has a rich history of

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The Pakistan and China relationship has always been a historic, geographical and economic relationship that has led to a long-term strategic alliance between the two countries. This relationship has been very much strengthened in the modern era by the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which is a flagship project

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Introduction

The rapid expansion of cross-border e-commerce under China's Digital Silk Road has revolutionized global trade. It has facilitated access to a vast array of digital products and services, opening up new markets for Pakistan. This integration with the digital economy is reshaping traditional industries, as it creates new paths for creative sectors like interior design, furniture manufacturing and home décor production. As an interior design student, I have noticed these shifts in how design materials, products and services are sourced, marketed and sold. Digital platforms are leveling the playing field for small businesses and market growth. Probs much corporate, as the field can see this.

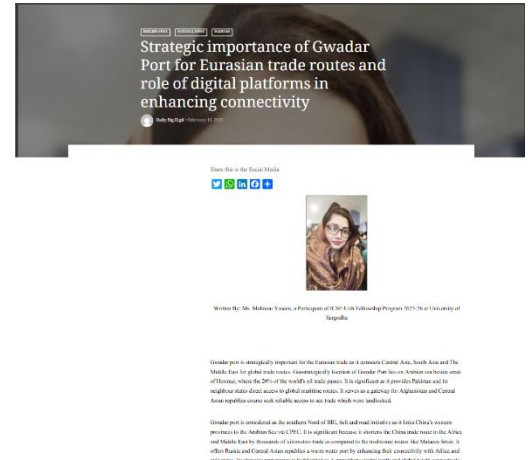
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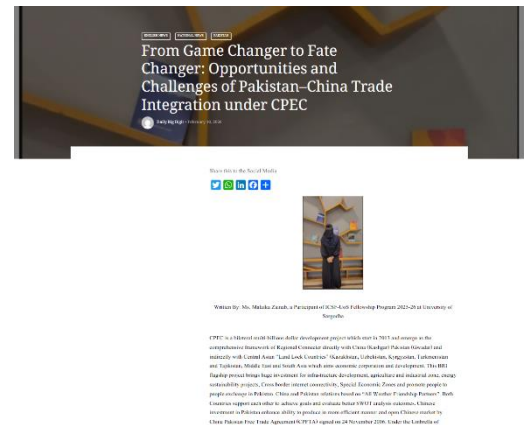
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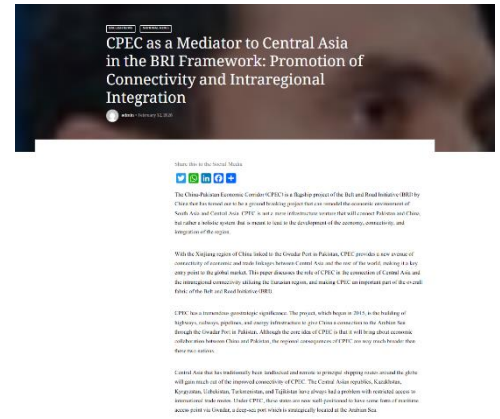
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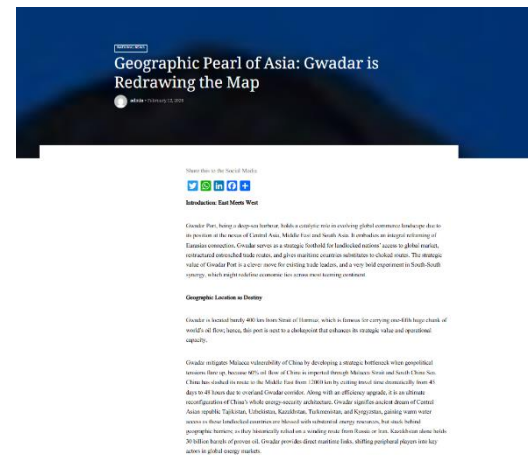
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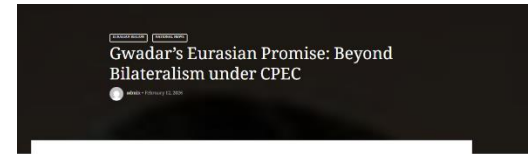
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Within the past decade, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been perceived through a more bilateral perspective, a mega-scale collaboration between Beijing and Islamabad on the infrastructure, energy security and economic revival. In spite of the fact that such framing is notional because the concept of CPEC lies in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China, it is also limiting. The Gwadar Port is a high-profile project of CPEC, which is, in the larger strategic program, the project that renews the bilateralism between China and Pakistan and goes Pakistan to the heart of the larger Eurasian picture. The real significance of Gwadar does not lie merely in the fact that it is a point of contact of the Chinese to the Arabian Sea but it can indeed transform the connectivity of the region between Central Asia, South Asia, Middle East and other regions.

As the record of connectivity and logistics centers and multimodal connectivity in Eurasia makes it possible, Gwadar will give Pakistan an opportunity to become a pivotal state rather than a pure economic bridge. To realize this potential, however, will be to re-define CPEC into a regional integrative, rather than a very narrow bilateral initiative, platform.

Gwadar and the Geography of Eurasian Connectivity

The industrial heart of Pakistan has been peripheral. Pakistan lies in a strategic location between South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East, and provides the shortest overland route of landlocked Central Asian countries to ocean waters. Gwadar is the port situated close to the Strait of Hormuz through which much of the global energy flows through, giving the geographic advantage about maritime dimensions. It leads to more than just ports where it is perceived through a bilateral prism, it is a gateway that is capable of bearing a variety of connectivity points that run northwards into Central Asia and westwards towards the Middle East.

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The Eurasian connectivity dynamics have been shifting dramatically in the past decades due to the new patterns of cooperation, infrastructure, and economic integration. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is one of the most prominent projects that are reshaping the geopolitical and economic environment of Eurasia and also form a flagship of the China-based Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). CPEC is not just a bilateral development initiative between China and Pakistan, but it is a strategic piping system that can bring South Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Western China into a coherent and interconnected transcontinental economic network (Oral 2020).

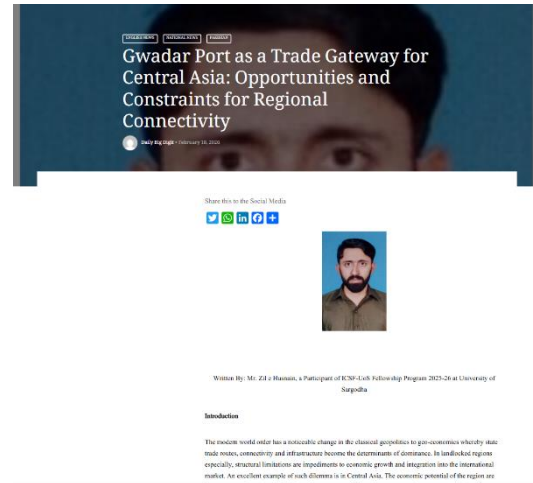
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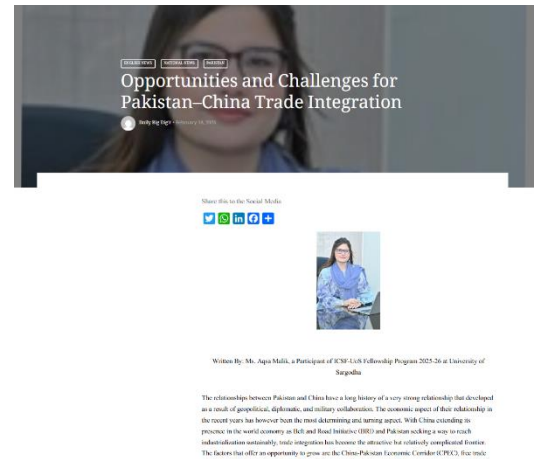
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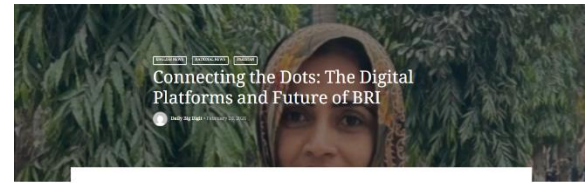
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Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was introduced by China in the year 2013 has become one of the largest world infrastructure projects of its time. The main goal of the initiative is to improve the global trade and economic growth in Asia, Africa, and Europe through the building of trade routes, the modernization of infrastructure, and the development of international relationships. Nevertheless, with the development of the digital era, the BRI environment changes, and digital platforms start playing an essential role in its success. This article discusses the connection between digital platforms and the future of the BRI and looks at both opportunities and issues that this investment process.

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The caravanserais have ceased to be brick-and-mortar in this century; they are e-commerce transactions across borders, cloud computing systems, and online payment terminals. With the progressing movement towards CPIC Phase II, Cross-Border E-Commerce (CBEC) can provide a revolutionary opportunity to Pakistan and China. It is set to transform the story of the economic landscape which has been dominated by heavy industry to digital technologies. Nevertheless, to realize this potential, we should cease to think of the CBEC as a group of three entities and begin to think of it as a whole ecosystem, a Digital Caravanserai that will democratize access to the global market to the smallest of players in the economy.

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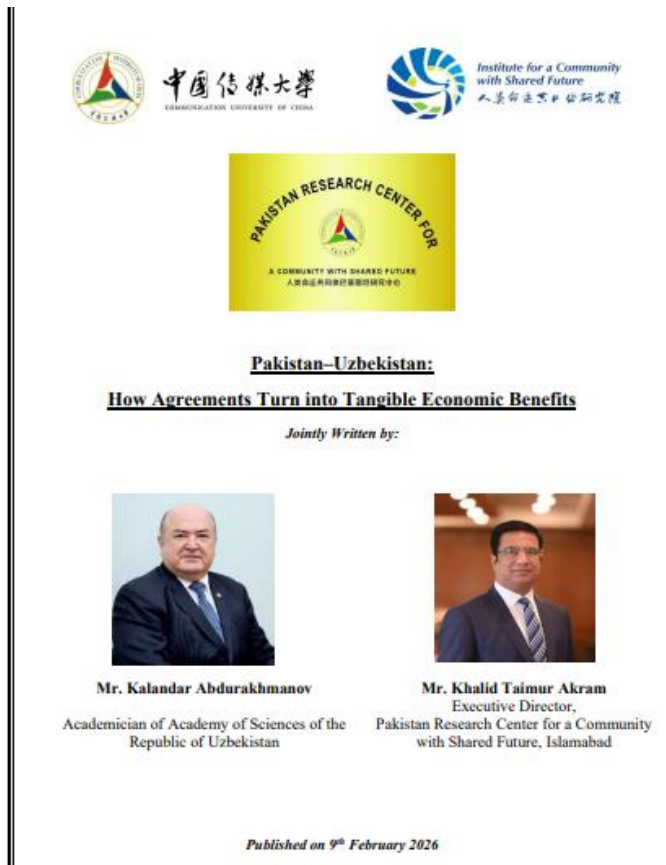
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This article underscores the substantial progress in bilateral cooperation, emphasizing how formal agreements are being translated into tangible economic and development outcomes; it highlights the growth of trade between the two countries with a shared target to significantly increase bilateral turnover, the strategic importance of logistics and connectivity — including rail and port access that can reduce delivery times and costs — and expanding industrial cooperation in sectors like pharmaceuticals, textiles, and leather while strengthening human capital through tourism, educational exchange and people-to-people ties, all of which underpin a deepening strategic partnership built on mutual benefit and regional connectivity.



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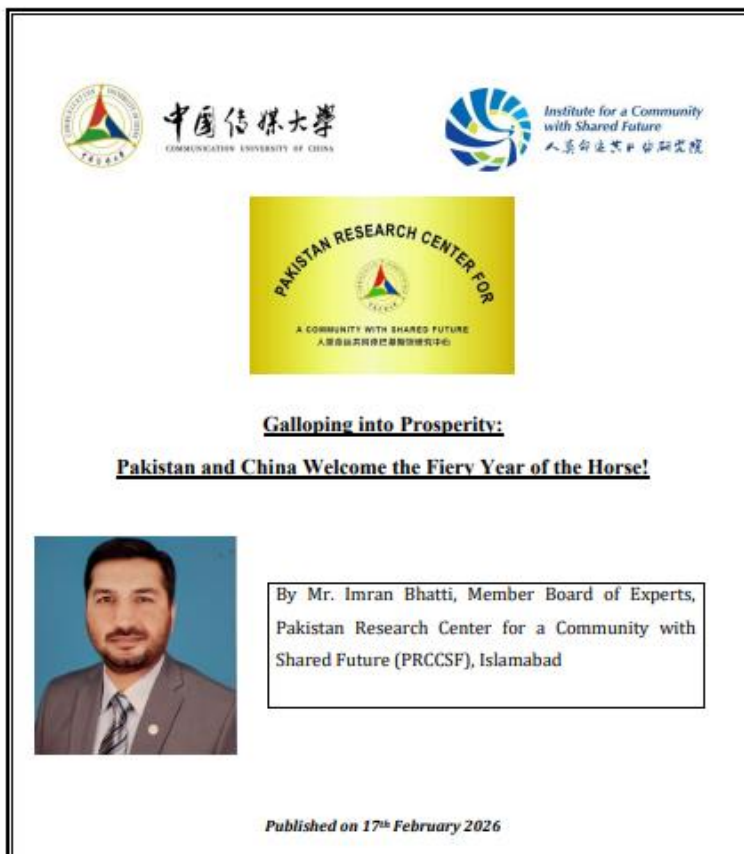
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The article provides an in-depth reflection on the symbolic and strategic importance of the 2026 Lunar New Year, marking the rare Year of the Fire Horse, which occurs once every sixty years in the Chinese zodiac cycle. It explains that the Fire Horse represents energy, determination, transformation, and forward momentum—qualities that resonate strongly with the evolving Pakistan–China partnership. The article highlights the deep-rooted, time-tested friendship between the two nations, emphasizing their shared vision for peace, regional stability, economic cooperation, and people-to-people connectivity. It further underlines how cultural understanding and mutual respect continue to strengthen bilateral ties, particularly within the broader framework of long-term strategic collaboration and development initiatives. The piece concludes by expressing optimism that the Year of the Fire Horse will usher in renewed dynamism, innovation, and expanded cooperation across multiple sectors, reinforcing a shared commitment to prosperity and regional harmony.



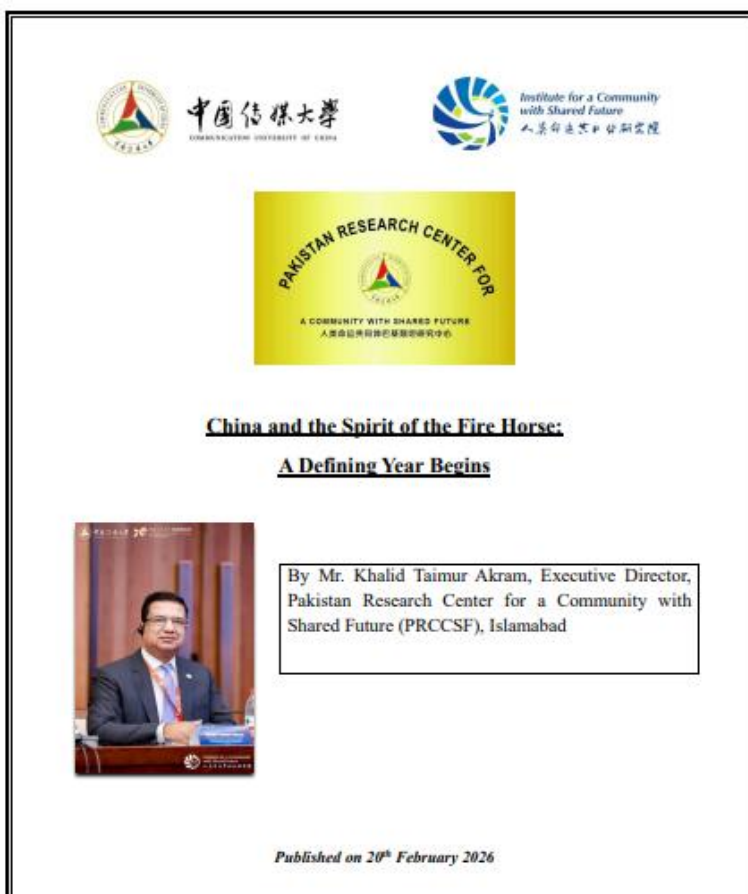
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The article explains the cultural and symbolic significance of the Year of the Fire Horse in the Chinese zodiac, a rare event that occurs once every 60 years and began on February 17, 2026. It underscores the powerful combination of the Fire element with the Horse sign — both of which signify energy, passion, independence and transformative momentum — resulting in a year marked by bold action, rapid change, and dynamic progress. The piece highlights how this astrological milestone is celebrated not only by Chinese communities but also resonates across different cultures as a time of renewal, inspiration and shared



optimism. Emphasizing its broader cultural impact, the article connects traditional zodiac meanings with contemporary aspirations, suggesting that the Fire Horse year can inspire individuals and societies to embrace innovation, resilience and forward-looking engagement.

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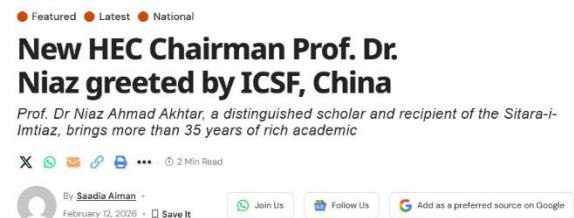
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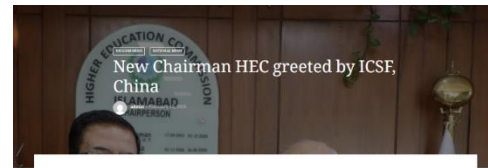
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On 12 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Tameer Akhtar, Director, Institute for a Community with Shared Future (ICSF), Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China warmly congratulated Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar on his appointment as the new Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. During the meeting, Mr. Akhtar extended his best wishes for a successful tenure and expressed confidence that under Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar's dynamic leadership, Pakistan's higher education sector would witness renewed progress, innovation, and strengthened international engagement. The gesture reflects the enduring spirit of academic solidarity and the mutually benefiting partnership between Pakistan and China in the domain of higher education, research collaboration, and intellectual exchange.

Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, a distinguished scholar and recipient of the Sitara-i-Imtiaz, brings more than 35 years of rich academic and administrative experience to his prestigious national responsibility. He has previously served as Vice-Chancellor of leading institutions including Qujing Normal University, Islamabad and the University of the Punjab in Lahore, where he earned recognition for promoting research excellence, institutional reform, quality assurance mechanisms, and global academic linkages. His appointment as Chairman HEC is widely regarded as a significant step toward implementing progressive, cutting-edge research productivity, improving university rankings, and aligning Pakistan's higher education framework with international standards.

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By Staff Reporter, The Gulf Observer | February 21, 2026



Islamabad, The Gulf Observer: Professor Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Director General of the National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) under the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture, Government of Pakistan, paid an official visit to Smart STEM High School & College on February 19, 2026, where he commended the institution's advanced STEM-based academic framework and blended learning model. During his visit, Dr. Mazhar conducted a detailed tour of the institution's facilities, including its Science Laboratories, dedicated STEM Labs, Language Lab, and central Library. He appreciated the modern infrastructure and well-equipped laboratories, recognizing the institution as one of the largest education systems within Pakistan's private corporate education sector. He noted that the school's

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RADIO / TV PROGRAMS IN MEDIA

APEC 2026 and Global Economic Cooperation: Insights by Mr. Khalid Taimur on FM 98

Dosti Channel



02 February 2026

On 2 February 2026 Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future PRCCSF participated in FM 98 Dosti Channel's live program HUM QADAM in Islamabad to discuss the importance of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation APEC Summit is being held in Guangzhou China from 1 to 10 February 2026. He highlighted that China as the host of APEC 2026 introduced the theme Building an Asia Pacific Community to Prosper Together which emphasizes multilateral cooperation shared growth and economic resilience amid global uncertainty trade tensions and geopolitical challenges. Mr. Akram stressed that APEC serves as a vital platform for dialogue reducing trade barriers strengthening supply chains and promoting inclusive economic development across the Asia Pacific region.

Mr. Akram further underscored China's central role in advancing regional and global economic cooperation through its steady economic strategy leadership in global supply chains and initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative and the Community with a Shared Future.

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New dimension in China-Russia relations: Insights by Mr. Khalid Taimur on FM 98 Dosti

Channel



05 February 2026

On 5 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), participated in FM 98 Dosti Channel's live program Hum Qadam in Islamabad. During the discussion, he shared in-depth insights on the recent virtual meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, highlighting the evolving strategic partnership between China and Russia and its implications for regional and global stability. Mr. Akram emphasized the significance of bilateral cooperation in trade, connectivity, people-to-people exchanges, and infrastructure development, while underscoring China's potential role as a stabilizing force amid shifting global geopolitics. He also discussed key international challenges, including the Ukraine conflict, the situation in Palestine, and broader issues in the Middle East and Africa, stressing the importance of dialogue and multilateral cooperation for achieving lasting peace and a balanced global order.

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China's Spring Festival and Year of the Fire Horse: Mr. Khalid Taimur Insights on FM 98

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12 February 2026

On 12 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), joined FM 98 Dosti Channel's live program HUM QADAM in Islamabad, where he shared his insights on President Xi Jinping's Spring Festival care and blessings and the broader significance of the Chinese Lunar New Year. During the program, it was clarified that the views expressed were those of the guest and did not necessarily reflect the official position of the channel. Mr. Khalid highlighted that President Xi Jinping's tradition of extending Spring Festival greetings and personally engaging with grassroots communities reflects a people-centered governance approach, strengthening emotional bonds between the leadership and the nation. He noted that such gestures enhance national unity, optimism, and collective confidence at the start of the new lunar year.

In his remarks, Mr. Khalid further explained that the new lunar year will begin on 17 February and will mark the Year of the Fire Horse, symbolizing high energy, courage, fast pace, and a competitive spirit. He elaborated that the Chinese zodiac follows a 12-year cycle, with each year associated with a specific animal, and the Horse occupies the seventh position in this cycle.

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German Chancellor Merz's China Visit: Strategic Insights by Mr. Khalid Taimur on FM

98 Dosti Channel



25 February 2026

On 25 February 2026, Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF), shared his expert analysis on FM 98 Dosti Channel's live program HUM QADAM regarding the visit of German Chancellor Friedrich Merz to China and his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing. Mr. Akram highlighted that Germany holds a pivotal position within the European Union and serves as a binding force alongside France and Italy in shaping Europe's collective direction. He emphasized that the Chancellor's visit, accompanied by leading German business executives from companies such as Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz, signals Berlin's intent to deepen strategic and economic engagement with Beijing. Bilateral trade, currently valued at approximately 296 billion US dollars, reflects the depth of interdependence, particularly in green industry, advanced manufacturing, digital technology, chemicals, and the automotive sector.

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