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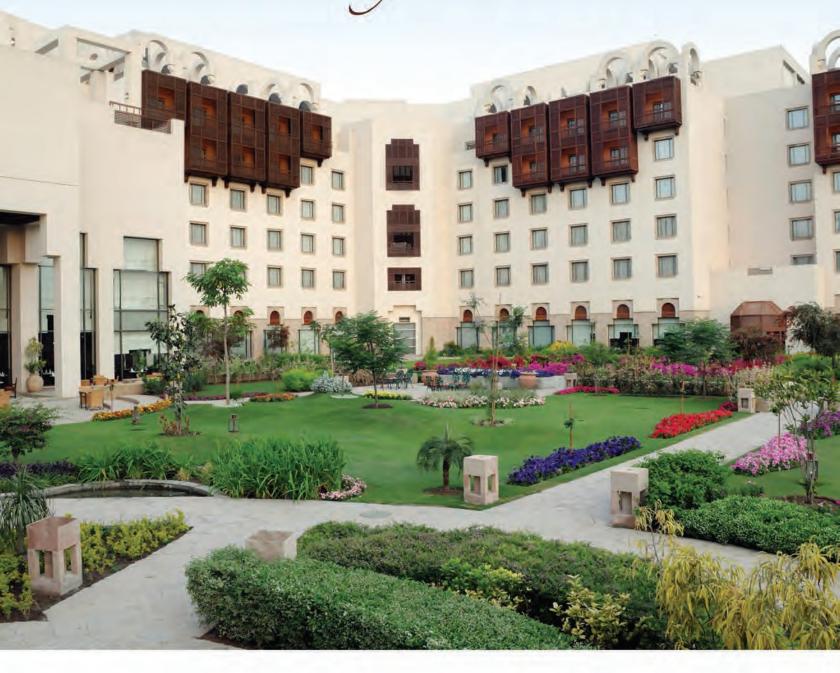
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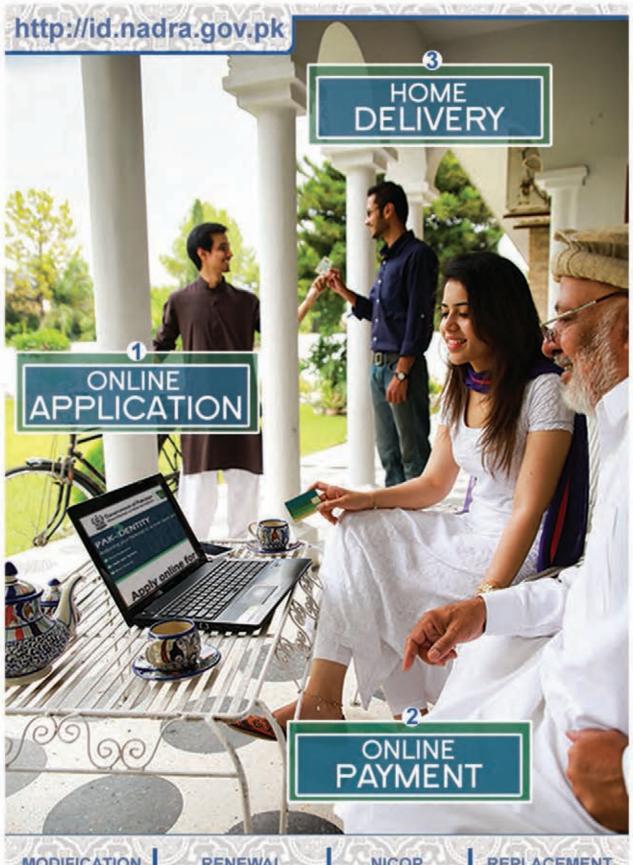
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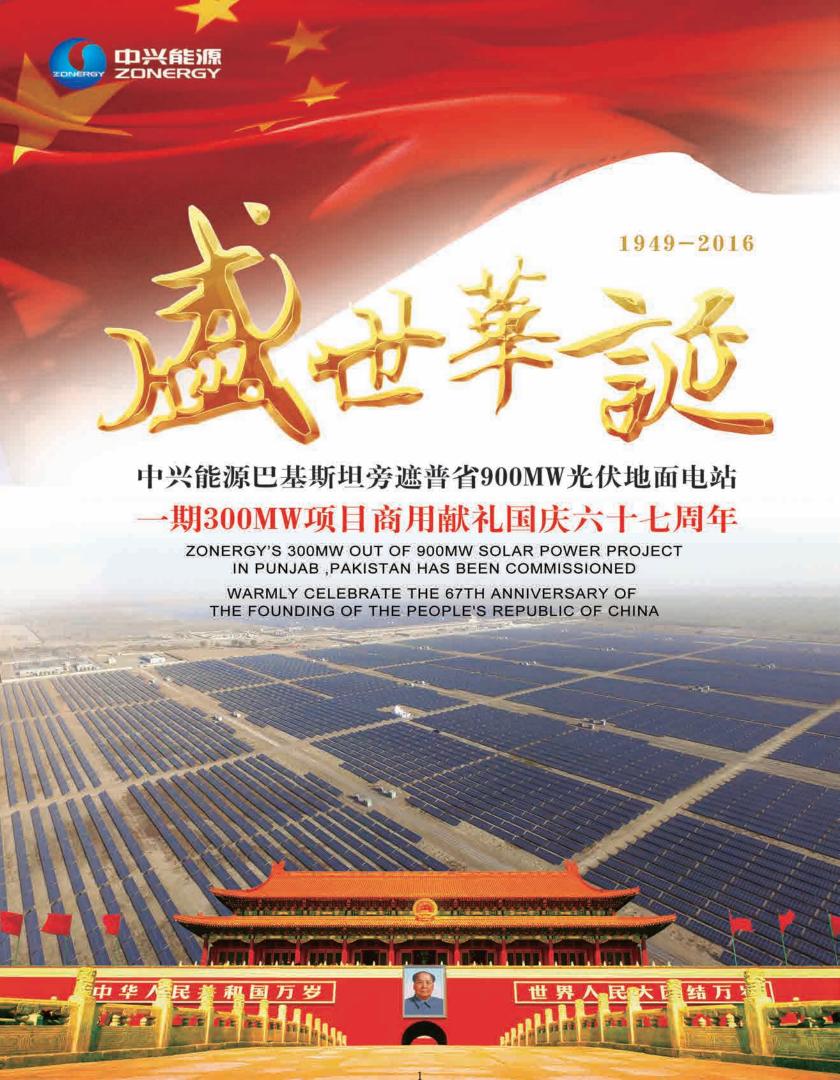
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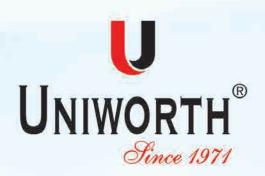
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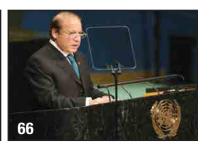












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Indian mindset could imperil peace of the region any time

India ended up biting another self-inflicted humiliation when its high pitched drama enacted to portray its growing military muscle fizzled out within minutes of making false claims about launching of surgical strikes across Line of Control (LoC). The boastful claim made by India's DG Military Operations were instantly rejected by all concerned in Pakistan who pointed out that New Delhi was just trying to satisfy its public opinion by dubbing routine cross LoC fire as surgical strikes. It was also a crude attempt to divert attention of the international community from massive human rights violations in Occupied Kashmir.

This is one of the funniest claims ever made by Army of any country around the globe as surgical strikes become self-evident in the presence of numerous satellites orbiting, scaling, mapping and monitoring the earth. Similarly, how can one hide these strikes — not at one location but as per Indian claims eleven in number — in this era of fast communication when almost every individual has cellular and satellite phones to share such urgent information with the rest of the world? It was, therefore, quite logical that except for the hype-mongering Indian media, the international media did not buy Indian claims and sought concrete proofs, which have not so far been offered by Indian army. Everyone knows that India has been indulging in ceasefire violations on the LoC quite frequently but every time it got firm and determined response from the Pakistani side. Indian Army has never dared cross the LoC or international border because of its obvious consequences and would not do so in future as its claim evoked nation-wide response from Pakistan. Anyhow, the claim is reflective of the Indian mindset and plans and conveyed a clear impression that rulers in New Delhi have colonial and aggressive thinking, which could imperil peace of the region any time. It is because of this that the cross fire on the LoC, at a time of heightened tension between the two countries, has instilled fears among peaceful nations about peace and security in South Asia and the need to resolve the longstanding dispute of Jammu and Kashmir. However, there is dire need to be ever-vigilant and, as firmly stated by civilian and military leadership; a tit-for-tat response should be given for any misadventure.

Congratulations the 67th Anniversary of the founding of People's Republic of China

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Journey of friendship between Pakistan and China is spread over six decades and friendship of both the countries is unprecedented in the world. Pakistan and China were tied in bonds of mutual respect and love.





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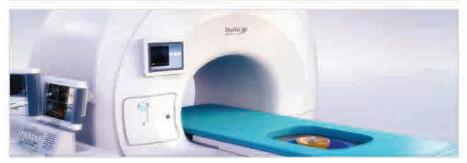
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President of the People's Republic of China, at the Opening Ceremony of the B20 Summit on September 3, 2016

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About China's Development

Thirty-eight years of reform and openingup have unfolded rapidly. Today, as China's economy grows in size and its cooperation with the world deepens, the prospect of China's economy has drawn keen international attention. Many people wonder whether China can maintain sustainable and steady growth, whether China can continue its reform and opening-up, and whether China can avoid falling into the "middle income trap".

Actions speak louder than words. China has answered these questions with actions. Early this year, China drew up the outlines of the 13th five-year plan for economic and social development. These outlines call for implementing the vision of innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared development, addressing acute challenges of uneven, uncoordinated and unsustainable development, and ultimately achieving a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

China has reached a new historical starting point. It is a new starting point for China to deepen reform across the board and foster new drivers of economic and social development. It is a new starting point for China to adapt its economy to a new normal and transform its growth model. It is a new starting point for China to further integrate itself into the world and open itself wider to the world. We



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have the confidence and ability to maintain medium-high rate of growth and deliver more development opportunities to the world while ensuring our own development.

- Proceeding from this new starting point, we will steadfastly deepen reform in an allround way and open up brighter prospects of development. China's economic development has entered a new normal, a stage it cannot bypass if China is to upgrade its economy and make it better structured. Reform is crucial to maintaining medium-high rate of growth under the new normal. Sticking to convention will get us nowhere. Fear to advance will only result in losing the opportunity. China's goal of reform has been set and we will not deviate from it. China will take sure and firm steps in advancing reform and will not slow down its pace.

China's reform has entered the deep water zone where tough challenges must be met. We have the resolve to make painful self-adjustments and tackle problems that have built up over many years, particularly underlying issues and entrenched interests and carry reform through to the end. We will continue to carry out supply-side structural reform, resolve major problems in economic development and improve the performance of the supply system by optimizing factors allocation and adjusting industrial structure. With these efforts, we can energize the market and achieve coordinated development. We will continue to explore new institutional mechanism, break through the resistance of vested interests, exercise lawbased governance and better leverage both the decisive role of the market in resource allocation and the role of the government.

Proceeding from the new starting point, we will pursue an innovation-driven development strategy to create stronger growth drivers. Scientific and technological innovation holds the key to development. We are keenly aware that many sectors of China's economy are not strong or competitive enough despite their big sizes. Over the years, they have depended on input of resources, capital and labor force to achieve growth and expand scale. But this model is no longer sustainable. China now faces the challenging task of changing its growth drivers and growth model and adjusting its economic structure. To make China an innovative country and a leader in science and technology is what China must do now in pursuing development.

We are implementing the innovation-driven development strategy so as to leverage the role of innovation as the primary growth driver and make growth quality based rather than quantity based. We will promote all-dimensional, multitiered and wide-ranging changes in principles guiding development, institutional structures and business models so as to bring about a fundamental transformation of the forces driving development and create new impetus for it. We will strive to make breakthroughs in major projects and priority areas and take the lead in undertaking major international scientific programs and projects. We will conduct research on and resolve pressing scientific and technological issues holding back economic and industrial development. We will speed up the commercialization of R&D achievements to meet the need of shifting the growth model, adjusting economic structure, building a modern industrial system, fostering strategic emerging industries and developing a modern service industry. In short, we aim to move our industries and products up to the medium-high end of the value chain and create more innovation-driven growth areas with firstmover advantages that will lead development.

- Proceeding from the new starting point, we

will promote green development to achieve better economic performance. I have said for many times that green mountains and clear water are as good as mountains of gold and silver. To protect the environment is to protect productivity, and to improve the environment is to boost productivity. This simple fact is increasingly recognized by people.

We will unwaveringly pursue a strategy of sustainable development and stay committed to green, low-carbon and circular development and China's fundamental policy of conserving resources and protecting the environment. In promoting green development, we also aim to address climate change and overcapacity. In the next five years, China's water and energy consumption as well as CO2 emission per unit of GDP will be cut down by 23%, 15% and 18% respectively. We will make China a beautiful country with blue sky, green vegetation and clear rivers, so that the people will enjoy life in a livable environment and the ecological benefits created by economic development.

Starting from 2016, we have been vigorously advancing supply-side structural reform and taking the initiative to adjust the relationship between supply and demand. We will cut down production capacity of crude steel by another 100 million to 150 million tons in the next five years, close more coal mines with production capacity of around 500 million tons and cut production capacity of around 500 million tons through coal mine restructuring in three to five years. This is an initiative that we are taking to cut excess capacity, adjust the economic structure and pursue steady growth so as to sustain long-term development. China has taken the most robust and solid measures in cutting excess capacity and we will honor our commitment with actions.

- Proceeding from the new starting point,



we will promote equity and sharing of development outcomes to deliver more benefits to the people. The people are the foundation of a country and only when the people lead a good life can the country thrive. We need to be people-oriented, a principle that we should follow in everything we do in advancing economic and social development.

We will meet the people's aspirations for a better life, raise their living standards and the quality of their lives, improve the public services system and enlarge the middle-income group. In particular, we will provide stronger and more targeted support to those living in difficulty, so that the over 57 million poor rural population below the current poverty line will all be lifted out of poverty and poverty will be alleviated in all poor counties by 2020. Since the beginning of reform and opening-up, China has lifted more than 700 million people out of poverty which accounted for over 70% of the global population living in poverty, thus making significant contribution to poverty reduction worldwide. And we will continue to contribute to the global fight against poverty. With more attention paid to equity and fairness, we will make the pie bigger and ensure that people get a fair share of it. We will resolve the most pressing problems affecting the immediate interests of the people to their satisfaction.

- Proceeding from the new starting point, we will open up wider to achieve greater mutual benefit and win-win outcomes. To pursue a win-win strategy of opening-up and open up China in a more comprehensive, profound and diversified way is a strategic choice of ours. China's opening-up will not stall, still less will it reverse course.

We will continue to be fully involved in economic globalization and support the multilateral trading regime. We will expand access for foreign investment, facilitate such investment to promote fair and open competition and create a sound business environment. We will also accelerate negotiation on FTAs and investment treaties with relevant countries and the development of high-standard pilot free trade zones in China. While carrying out market-based reform of the RMB exchange rate in an orderly manner and phasing in the opening of domestic capital market, we will continue efforts to make the RMB an international currency and further internationalize China's financial sector.

China's development has benefited from the international community, and we are ready to provide more public goods to the international community. I have proposed the initiative of building the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road to share China's development opportunities with countries along the Belt and Road and achieve common prosperity. Major progress has been made in launching key projects and building the



economic corridors of the Silk Road Economic Belt, and the building of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road is well underway. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank initiated by China has already started its positive role in regional infrastructure development.

Here, I wish to stress that the new mechanisms and initiatives launched by China are not intended to reinvent the wheels or target any other country. Rather, they aim to complement and improve the current international mechanisms to achieve win-win cooperation and common development. China's opening drive is not a one-man show. Rather, it is an invitation open to all. It is a pursuit not to establish China's own sphere of influence, but to support common development of all countries. It is meant to build not China's own backyard garden, but a garden shared by all countries.

We are firm in our resolve to implement the above-mentioned reform and development measures; and they have indeed worked. In the first half of this year, China's GDP grew by 6.7%, its industrial upgrading and structural adjustment picked up pace, the final consumption expenditure contributed 73.4% to GDP, and the added value of the tertiary industry took up 54.1% of GDP. Household income grew steadily, and 7.17 million urban jobs were created. We have reasons to believe that China will embrace even better prospects and make still greater contribution to the world.

Xi Jinping made 5 proposals to meet current challenges of global economy

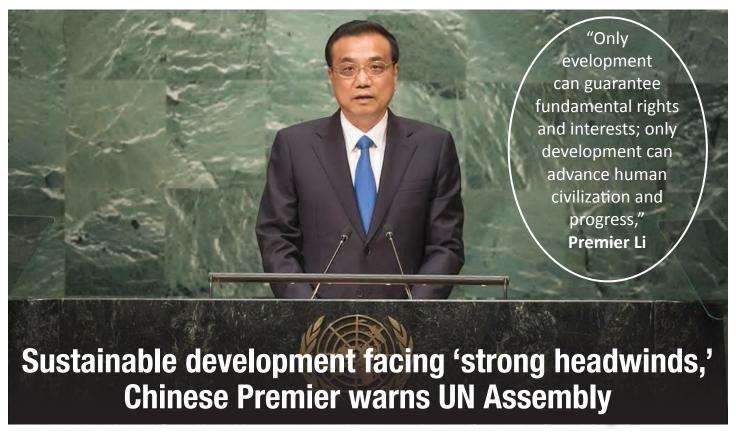
First, we should strengthen macroeconomic policy coordination, jointly promote global growth and uphold international financial stability.

Second, we should break new path for growth and generate new growth momentum. The G20 should change its policy approach, and place equal importance on both short-term and medium-to-long-term policies, and both demand-side management and supply-side reform.

Third, we should improve global economic governance and strengthen institutional safeguards. The G20 should continue to improve the international monetary and financial systems and the governance structure of international financial institutions and strengthen the global financial safety net to boost the resilience of the world economy against risks.

Fourth, we should build an open global economy and continue to promote facilitation and liberalization of trade and investment. We should honor our commitment of not adopting new protectionist measures, strengthen coordination and cooperation on investment policies and take credible steps to stimulate trade growth.

Fifth, we should implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and promote inclusive development. This year, development is high on the G20 agenda, and we have committed ourselves to implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and formulated an action plan. Through supporting industrialization in Africa and the least developed countries, we can reduce the inequality and imbalance in global development and deliver the benefits of global growth to people of all countries.



By Monitoring Desk

21 September 2016 - In his address to the United Nations General Assembly, Li Kegiang, Premier to the State Council of China, said the 2030 Agenda, the new vision for global development adopted last year, faces an 'uphill battle' and its full implementation will require the international community to acknowledge a shared, interconnected future and to take concretes steps to tackle challenges.

Telling the delegations at the Assembly's annual general debate that China has been among the first countries to submit to the UN its national plan for implementation of the 2030 Agenda, he said that sustainable development should underpin progress at all levels by addressing many of the world's pressing challenges -- from poverty to conflict and the current refugee crisis, "all of which, could be attributed to insufficient development."

"Only development can guarantee fundamental rights and interests; only development can advance human civilization and progress," he continued, buts stressed that such development must be broadly sustainable. Development would not be sustainable he said, if it was imbalanced; if it widened the gap between the global North and South; if driven by high consumption and pollution; or if economic and social progress were not well coordinated.

"Currently sustainable development is faced

with great challenges," he noted, pointing to "incessant" conflicts, traditional and nontraditional security threats, the lukewarm world economic recovery and the recurrence of major diseases and natural disasters. "Difficult moments call for stronger confidence," he said, urging the international community to see itself in a shared future of interconnected interests and to make concerted efforts to tackle global challenges.

Continuing, he said that advancing sustainable development and "achieving our new vision" requires keeping both long- and short-term goals in mind and making concrete efforts to address real problems.

Urging that the United Nations Charter be upheld, he called for States to support the Organization's lead role in international affairs, support reformed global governance mechanisms that reflect the changed international landscape, and take part in a global partnership that featured dialogue over confrontation. Turning to other issues, Mr. Li also said the international community should urge parties in Syria to end the fighting. In addition, he advocated denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and seeking solutions to maintain the non-proliferation regime.

While economic globalization, including trade and investment, has been a driving force for growth, it has also taken a toll on certain industries and requires measures to address such problems while "keeping the bigger

picture in mind." Globalization is in line with interests of all countries. He cautioned against protectionism and voiced support for the open trade regime of the World Trade Organization (WTO), among other things.

Redoubled efforts to support Africa and the least developed countries are needed, he said, stressing that developed countries should make good on their official development assistance (ODA) pledges, while developing countries must pursue self-development and find paths suited to their national conditions.

On his country's economic growth, he said it registered 6.7 per cent in the first half of the year, with 9.5 million jobs created in the first eight months. A developing country, with a long way to go before achieving modernization, China would promote development through deepening reforms and opening its doors to the outside world, as closed door policies had only led to stagnation. China would also pursue cooperation with all countries on the basis of the principles of peaceful co-existence.

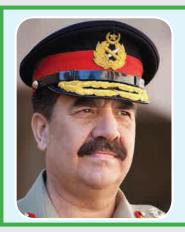
His Government, as well, would provide \$300 million in humanitarian assistance to relevant countries and international organizations. With 1.3 billion people, "we need to run our own affairs well", he said "and take our international responsibilities." China would boost cooperation with other developing countries, and increase its assistance as its economy grew.

H.E. Xi Jinping,

President of the People's Republic of China







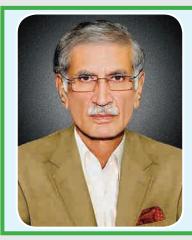
"The trade corridor held enormous potential for transforming lives of the people of the region. We are acutely aware of our enemy's campaigns and will defeat its designs against the CPEC"

> Gen Raheel Sharif Chief of the Army Staff



China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project will be carried out expeditiously to bring about socio-economic development in all parts of the country. The project would help transform Pakistan into Asian Tiger with close collaboration of China

> Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif **Chief Minister Punjab**



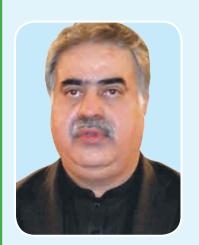
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> Mr. Pervez Khattak Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



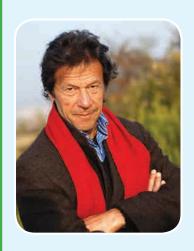
China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project will bring an economic revolution and change the life standard of the people of Gilgit-Baltistan

> Hafiz Hafeez-ur- Rehman Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan



"In the near future, with Gwadar port becoming operational and with the advent of the CPEC, Balochistan can expect to see a massive influx of economic activity. The government is now dedicating its resources to preparing both infrastructure and people to absorb this activity"

> Mr. Nawab Sanaullah Khan Zehri Chief Minister of Balochistan



"CPEC is also a great opportunity to knit the country together as the highway being constructed under it from China to Gwadar would lift those parts of the country out of poverty which were being neglected in the past. If the project was executed with its positive effects, it would bring positive impact on the national economy."

> Imran Khan Chairman Pakistan Tehrek-E-Insaf (PTI)



"The CPEC project for its enormous potential to not only spur development in Pakistan but also promote regional connectivity and thereby regional peace and stability"

> Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party





Congratulatory

Message



On the Occasion of The 67th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

n the occasion of the 67th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, on behalf of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, I would like to extend my warm greetings and good wishes to the staff members of Chinese institutions and enterprises, Chinese students and overseas Chinese in Pakistan. I would also like to express my high tribute and sincere gratitude to all the Pakistani friends who have for long rendered their support to China's development and China-Pakistan friendship and cooperation.

Over the past 67 years, the Chinese people have made remarkable achievements with dedication and tenacity, which has attracted world-wide attention. During the past year, China has achieved sustained economic growth, social stability and harmony as well as uplifting of overall national strength. The Chinese people are making great strides in advancing the realization of the Chinese Dream.

China's development continues to make fresh contribution to the world peace and stability. In September this year, the G20 Summit was successfully held in Hangzhou. Chinese President Xi Jinping put forward "China's approaches" for promoting the growth of the world economy. The Belt and Road Initiative is now under smooth implementation. It follows the trend of world development and is aimed to promote the common development of all countries. It will bring positive energy and fresh vitality for the speedy recovery of the world economy.

For Pakistan, a developing and progressive China means great opportunities. Pakistan will benefit from China's development. China Pakistan Economic Corridor provides an important platform for the substantive cooperation between our two countries. It will deliver benefits to all the people of Pakistan and inject new impetus for the future development of China-Pakistan relations.

China always takes Pakistan as the priority of its diplomacy. China is committed to consolidating the traditional friendship and deepening the substantive cooperation between our two countries. China is fully confident about the bright future of China-Pakistan relations. The Chinese side is ready to maintain close communication and coordination with the Pakistani side to advance the major projects under the framework of CPEC, so as to get our strategic cooperative partnership uplifted to a higher level.

I sincerely hope that the staff members of Chinese institutions and enterprises. Chinese students and overseas Chinese in Pakistan could enjoy your life and work here in Pakistan. I hope you could continue to render your support to the development of our motherland and play an active role of the envoy of friendship between China and Pakistan. I look forward to stronger commitment and greater devotion from more Pakistani friends to support, carry on and further develop the China-Pakistan friendship and cooperation. I am firmly convinced that with our joint efforts, the towering tree of China-Pakistan friendship will surely become more flourishing and yield more fruits in the days to come, and bring tremendous benefits to the peoples of our two countries and the whole region.





Global community must lend a hand to the refugees

remier Li Keqiang addressed the summit for refugees and migrants at the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly on Sept 19 in New York.

It was the UN's first high-level meeting addressing large-scale movements of refugees and migrants since the organization's founding, as the problems were becoming increasingly urgent and the meeting raised the attention of the world community on the issue, said the

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The refugee and migrant problem concerns global peace and development and affects regional stability, so the global society needs to cope with it proactively: Premier Li

community must lend a hand to the refugees, promote humanitarianism and safeguard the moral bottom line, said Premier Li.

He added that the resolution of such problems required global cooperation and the UN should fully exert its coordinative functions, work out and implement comprehensive solutions

to jointly crack down on stowaways, human trafficking and terrorism. Cooperation from refugee-origin countries is also important, Premier Li noted. He urged stakeholders to resolve disputes through dialogue and negotiation and called on the international community to lead peace talks and promote more balanced global development.



Message

on the occasion of

67th Anniversary

of founding of the People's Republic of China

CCDC – Pakistan Branch wishes to take this opportunity to celebrate China 67th National Day and join hands in Pakistan to promote regional and friendly investment atmosphere

This is certainly a very important event for both of the nations as it marks a flourishing brotherly symbol and reassuring, milestone in Pakistan's glorious march towards the consolidation of efforts at mainstreaming civil society participation in the enterprise of economic and investment governance.

Excellencies, distinguished friends, we wish on this note and on behalf of the CNPC Chuanqing Drilling Engineering Company Limited to reaffirm our conviction and believe that collaboration between Pakistan and China remains the hallmark for achieving the relational goals. Pak China friendship would construct an enduring partnership in a framework that would be useful, practical and effective. It would mark the beginning of an era of sustained interaction between key social actors in the continent. We wish with these expectations in mind and wish you all useful deliberations and memorable launching ceremony.

I feel great pleasure to express with convictions on the China 67th National Day as the two nations always join hands together

China and Pakistan always share a dynamic and growing relationship with deep social and economic roots. Thousands of Chinese expatriates are working in Pakistan and engaged with different socio economic activities. The contributions of these individuals, along with the companies and organizations with direct ties to both lands, help bring together two nations half a world apart. The linkage between China and Pakistan continue to strengthen and multiply the relational and investment opportunities.



Zeng Weijun
Chief Executive







By Tashfeen Jamal

esides India, some EU countries do not feel comfortable with China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) based growing relationships. Background interaction with policy makers in Islamabad and elsewhere has revealed that these countries consider that at the end of the day Pakistan can realign its political and economic focus on China, instead of Europe and USA.

CPEC project symbolizes the growing mutuality of interest and the vision of a shared politico-economic future on the part of two neighboring countries that has nothing to do with UK-EU fears. It creates a new framework of interaction on the basis of economic connectivity and regional cooperation which will have far reaching positive implications for the two countries as well as the adjoining regions, as economic uplift of any region or country has the potential to send peace and development signals across the continents.

The proposed China-Pakistan Economic Corridor recognizes the new realities of global and regional politics by cultivating a more systematic, up-graded and need-based



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shaking hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

interaction for socio-economic, industrial, energy and trade development. This also provides an opportunity to china and Pakistan to improve their interaction with Central Asia, West Asia, the Middle East and Europe. Both

Pakistan and China are expected to gain from the proposed connectivity through highways, railways, sea lanes, energy pipelines and electricity transmission lines. They will equally contribute to socio-economic development







of other countries that become part of these arrangements. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang's decision to include Pakistan in his first foreign visit in May 2013, after assuming office in March 2013, underscored the importance Chinese leadership attaches to Pak-China relationship. The visit's timing significantly indicated a process of political-economic decision making in china as it took place immediately after elections in Pakistan.

The visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif to China in July, 2013 marked a new phase in the development of the relationship by putting economic cooperation and connectivity squarely at the centre of the bilateral agenda. During the visit MoU on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was signed. The aim of MoU is to enable the two governments to cooperate in the planning and development of the Economic Corridor-based relationship, facilitate and intensify economic activity along the corridor map. The MoU further envisages development of long term plan for economic corridor up to 2030.

China and Pakistan have developed strong mutual trust through the multifaceted bilateral interaction over the last six decades. This experience demonstrates that "there are no contradictions in the strategic and political goals of Pakistan and China, and they have found out over the years that their relationship is mutually rewarding.

Currently there is a new ball-game of interdependence in international and regional politics and positive connectivity with immediate neighbors. This will require changes in Pakistan's foreign policy strategy that has, in the past, preferred closer economic ties, trade and security interaction with the faraway states. Now, Pakistan will be required to cultivate more active relations with the immediate neighbors for sharing energy and









pursuing economic development and trade. This will give a major boost to Pakistan's economy.

A series of Meetings of Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) and Joint Working Group on Transport Infrastructure, Energy and Planning were held, followed by the findings and recommendations of Working Groups Meeting wherein a list of priority projects/Early Harvest Project (EHP) of Pak-China Economic Corridor (CPEC) have been finalized during 3rd JCC meeting which was held on August 27, 2014.

The first progress is on the long term planning: the outline for long term planning of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has been prepared on the basis of understanding reached in the 2nd JCC meeting on the basic contours of the long term plan and experience in the context of economic corridor's development. It identifies the key areas and major projects including spatial structure and functional zones, construction of an integrated transport system, IT connectivity, energy cooperation, industries and parks, agriculture development and poverty alleviation, cooperation in livelihood areas and people to people communications, financial cooperation etc. It has been agreed that the outline of the long term plan would be finalized at the earliest so that the long term plan should be inked by the end of July, 2015.

Second progress is on Transport Infrastructure Projects: the salient features of progress on early harvest projects include CPEC transport planning, road map of future work and port related issues which are the key elements of Transport Infrastructure Projects. It has been agreed that further efforts are still required to increase the pace of work on implementation of Early Harvest Projects (EHPs) in rail and port sectors. Both countries are stressing the importance of sustainable development of the Gwadar Port and Balochistan region.





The primary focus is on associating the local community in the development initiative at Gawader and building public ownership through social and economic development project.

The emergence of Gawadar Port as a vibrant regional economic hub has provided an opportunity to regional and extra regional powers to develop strategic and infrastructural connectivity with Gawadar Port. Geo-political environment is considered as important factor influencing the development of human society. The most critical element of the environment is the sea, which occupies almost three-quarters of the surface of earth.

The location of Gawadar port has two advantages; it is a warm water port making it available for operations throughout the year. Secondly it is to be a deep-sea port, which is a reality on the earth and allows large-scale















trade and economic activity. Gawadar can be a trading point for all the countries, making it the maintenance and fuelling hub.

Third progress is on the Energy Sector: both sides have agreed on the developments relating to energy planning. A meeting of the energy planning expert group was held in the first week of August, 2015 where discussions focused on Energy Development Plan, Guiding Principles of Power Planning, Power Grid Development, Short Term Power Planning Principles, Conditions and list of Priority Projects like Gaddani Power Park and other energy resources so as to reduce energy imports.

The list of priority in energy sector projects calculates a total capacity of 10400 MW of power generation in Pakistan at an estimated cost of \$15,506 million. Both the sides have entered into serious deliberations to evaluate return on the projects and risk management. The primary focus is thermal and wind power in order to put them in to operation by the year 2017-18. The hydro power projects are envisaged to be operational around 2020. The forecast of deliverables in energy and communication sectors have been agreed, and are out lined below:

- Institutional capacity building infrastructure and energy sector.
- Long term plan of CPEC encompassing all development sectors including rail and road links.
- Joint feasibility study of Havelian Dry Port.

- Transmission lines to Lahore and faislabad.
- Salt Range Mine Mouth power project.
- KKH Phase-2 (Raikot-Islamabad section).
- Karachi-Lahore Motarway (Multan-Sukkhar Section).

Pakistan's leadership describes the CPEC as a game changer for Pakistan and the region at a total anticipated cost of USD 45 billion plus. However, the dividends of these projects will fully materialize gradually over a period of 10 to 15 years. It therefore requires a continued determination on the part of China and Pakistan to stay firm on the course.

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We attach great importance to Pakistan's position on Kashmir: Chinese Premier

By Jamil Ahmad/Web Desk

hinese Premier Li Keqiang on Wednesday categorically said that China would stand with Pakistan, supported it and would speak for it at every forum.

Premier Li expressed these views during the meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in New York, where both leaders were attending the 71st UN General Assembly session.

We are ready to play constructive role in improvement of relations between Pakistan and India," Li

"We attach great importance to Pakistan's position on Kashmir," the Chinese Premier

He said Pakistan itself was a victim of terrorism, adding, "We hope that the situation between India and Pakistan will not escalate."

"We also hope that there will be better understanding of Pakistani position on Kashmir by the international community," the Chinese Premier added.

"We are ready to play constructive role in improvement of relations between Pakistan and India," Li said.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction on the efforts made by the two countries to deepen ties anchored by a shared vision of peace and progress for their peoples and for the region.

"We are thankful to Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif for investing huge resources for the safety and security of Chinese personnel in Pakistan," the Chinese Premier said.

Prime Minister Sharif expressed his satisfaction on the state of Pak-China relations.

He welcomed the statement of China on the atrocities being committed in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Prime Minister Sharif said that Pakistan was committed to regional peace and stability. "We condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestation," the Prime Minister reiterated.

"We also hope that there will be better understanding of Pakistani position on Kashmir by the international community," Chinese **Premier**

"Operation Zarb-e-Azb is going on successfully; we have dismantled the network of terrorists from Pakistan," Nawaz Sharif apprised the Chinese Premier. Peace with neighbors was part of Pakistan's vision, he added.

Prime Minister Sharif condoled with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on the deaths in China due to recent floods. "Whatever unfortunate happens in China is a matter of great concern for us; Pakistan and China are iron brothers," he said.

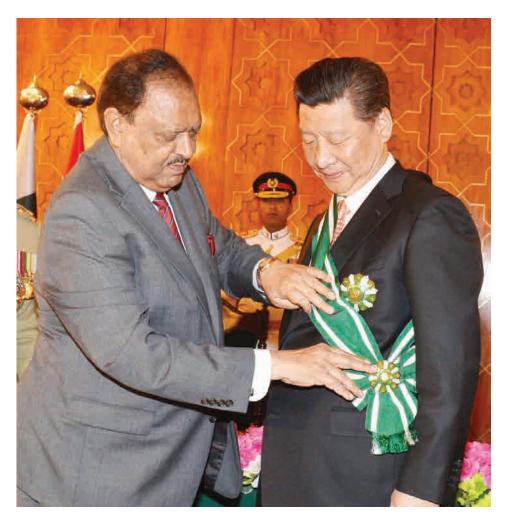
The Pak-China relations have entered into a different phase from political to economic one, which was a matter of great happiness for Pakistan, he stated.



his year, 2016, is a special year for Pakistan-China relations. On the 65th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic relations, we celebrate our strong bonds, successes andbrighter prospects

for the future. In the past six decades, our relations have remained steadfast and resilient. Our friendship has been a constant despite changes in domestic polities. It has survived profound changes in regional and

international developments. It is a time-tested relationship. It is an ever-green tree whose fruit and shade would be enjoyed by several generations to come. Back in the 1950s, when the world was in the grip of the Cold War, our





By Masood Khan

The writer H.E. Masood Khan is the 27th President of Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir. He took oath of office of the President Azad Jammu and Kashmir on 17th of August, 2016. Over the years, Masood Khan had worked hard in the United Nations and various capitals as a diplomate.

He was Pakistan's Ambassador to China from 2008 to 2012. President Xi Jinping conferred on him Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence Award

leaders quickly realized that destinies of our two countries were intertwined. Three things made a material difference in building trust between our two nations. First, Pakistan openly demanded restoration of China's legitimate rights in the United Nations. Second, Pakistan and China signed the 1963 border agreement. Third, Pakistan provided an air corridor to China at a time when China was under a blockade.

For its part, China stood by us during the 1965 and 1971 India-Pakistan wars. Pakistan played its diplomatic role in bringing about a rapprochement between and the US and China. We collaborated during the war in Afghanistan in the 1980s and and in the war against terrorism in this century.

Young men and women of Pakistan in the 1960s and 1970s looked up to China as a fair and just country which stood for the rights of

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the poor and the weak. Today, the impression that China is a true and reliable friend of Pakistan is deeply etched in the collective memory of the people of Pakistan. Likewise, Chinese young and old alike consider Pakistan to be their closest friend and ally.

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Very few people know that our ties date back more than two thousand years ago. Pakistan and China are joined by mountains and rivers and most of the rivers in Pakistan have their origins in China. But we also share civilizational fault lines. Monks and envoys crossed the











daunting heights of the Karakorum, the Hindukush and the Himalayas to connect the Gandhara and the Indus Valley civilizations with the Chinese civilization. Fa Xian and Xuan Zang, in the 4th and 7th centuries, respectively, were not deterred by the inaccessible altitudes of these mountain ranges. Many scholars from the territory that is now Pakistan traveled to China to understand and imbibe the glorious civilization of China. So, cross-fertilization of our civilizations took place much before the modern era.

Pakistan and China are strategic cooperative partners. We work together to strengthen bilateral ties and promote peace and stability in the region. Our relationship does not target a third country.

Over the decades, our armed forces have cooperated most productively. Defense cooperation between the two countries covers security dialogue, joint exercises, training, defense technology, and defense trade. In all these areas, we have made impressive progress. We have established new thresholds in joint defense production by manufacturing jet fighters, frigates, and tanks.

Terrorism is a common enemy of Pakistan and China. Pakistan and China would continue to help each other to fight and eliminate terrorism from our soils. We believe that China's security is Pakistan's security; and in Pakistan's security lies China's security. Pakistan and China are linked so closely that any move to hurt China's security in Xinjiang hurts us simultaneously. Our two countries are determined to fight the evil forces of terrorism, separatism and extremism. Over the years, we have been cooperating successfully to frustrate the designs of terrorists. Our solidarity in this regard is rock solid. No country or force can drive a wedge between us.

China recognizes the tremendous sacrifices Pakistan has made in the war against terrorism. We deeply appreciate China's support to our efforts to uphold our sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity. China also appreciates Pakistan's efforts for peaceful resolution of all outstanding disputes with its neighbors.

In the international forums, no two delegations



















are as close as Chinese and Pakistani delegations. Committed to One-China Policy, we support, in all international forums, China's stand on Taiwan, Tibet, Xinjiang and human rights. We consult and support each other on global governance, UN reform, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, climate change and food security, to name a few areas.

Although our friendship is unique and we have achieved so much, we will not sit on our laurels. We have our work cut out for us for the next fifteen years. The time is ripe for integrating our geo-strategic and geo-economic streams for peace, stability and development. In the years to come, we will maintain and enhance our strategic communication to protect our shared interests.

We compliment the Chinese leadership over its initiative to build the land and maritime Silk

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Roads. The Belt and the Road will promote connectivity between Asia, Europe and Africa, foster peace and development, usher in prosperity, create fairer international economic and trade regimes, increase tolerance for diversity, and bring world civilizations closer.

Pakistan too is negotiating a historic transition. As we consolidate our democratic institutions and develop our economy, we are determined to eliminate terrorism, work towards creating a peaceful neighborhood, stimulate economic growth, and bring Pakistan on par with other emerging nations. Our interface with China helps us achieve these goals.

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is a joint product of the vision of the two countries. It is



























the central plank of the Belt and the Road. The Corridor is spurring growth in transportation infrastructure, energy and industrial development. It leverages the strategic economic geography of Pakistan and China to build roads, railway lines, oil and gas pipelines, and optical fibre cables within Pakistan and across the border with China. It should help us double Pakistan's power generation in less than a decade. It will enable us to create new jobs, start new businesses, and eradicate poverty.

The Corridor will link East Asia to South, Central and West Asia; as well as the Middle East and Africa. Pakistan will emerge as a hub and a pivot for multiple regions.

The Corridor running from Kashgar to Gwadar will become a new metaphor for correlation and cooperation. It has the potential to become the most muscular economic artery and to evolve a new regional economic architecture.

The people of Pakistan - of all provinces and areas - will be primary and direct beneficiaries of the Corridor. It is not a road, it is network we are building. Some projects will yield early dividends; others will take time; but all will be completed. Nobody will be left behind once the Corridor is complete.

Trade between China and Pakistan has crossed the \$ 16 billion mark; and Pakistan's exports have also registered a substantial increase. Given the complementarity of our economies, this is still modest. We must soon cross the target of \$ 20 billion and strive to go beyond it.

Pakistan and China will continue to work for lasting peace and stability in our region. We realize that peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan are key to regional security and economic development. In this regard, we appreciate China's constructive and supportive role to promote peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan.

Other nations try to decipher the mystique of our special bond. The secret ingredient in our relations is mutual trust.

The popular sentiment reinforcing our ties is our soft power. The torch of the bond of our two peoples will be passed to the new generations and therefore it is imperative that we invest more heavily in people to people exchanges, especially in the current year. It should be our common resolute endeavor to facilitate visits of young entrepreneurs, academics, students, scientists, and artists so that they can open a new chapter in the glorious history of Pakistan-China relations.































Silk Road International Cultural Expo:

Development & prosperity requires peaceful coexistence: **Pervez Rashid**

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

evelopment and prosperity requires peaceful coexistence among people from different nations, ethnic groups, diverse cultural backgrounds and faiths therefore nations need more cultural interactions to facilitate economic development driven by cultural exchange."

This was stated by Federal Minister for Information Broadcasting and National Heritage Senator Pervaiz Rashid while addressing the inaugural session of the Silk Road International Cultural Expo in China today.

Senator Pervaiz Rashid said that Pakistan would be able to act as a bridge between the Asian,



Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, Senator Pervaiz Rashid in a group photo at the opening ceremony of the First Silk Road International cultural Expo held in Dunhuang City of Gansu Province in China.



Federal Minister for Information, Braodcasting and National Heritage, Senator Pervaiz Rashid addressing the First Silk Road International Cultural Expo Summit Conference in Dunhuang City of Gansu Province in China.

European and African continents. "The linkage between South Asia, Central Asia, North Africa and Gulf states would further strengthen the economic and cultural ties leading to peace, stability and prosperity along the Silk Road", he added.

Senator Pervaiz Rashid commended the People's Republic of China for taking the initiative of hosting the first International Silk Road Cultural Expo when peace, harmony and prosperity was the need of the time. He said that the gathering of representatives of eighty five countries at the Expo has sent a message to focus on inclusiveness and to encourage economic and cultural exchanges among the Silk Road nations.

Senator Pervaiz Rashid thanked the Chinese government for being a steadfast partner in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. He said that the corridor would transform communication, economic and cultural landscape and promote shared progress and development for both the countries, region and beyond.

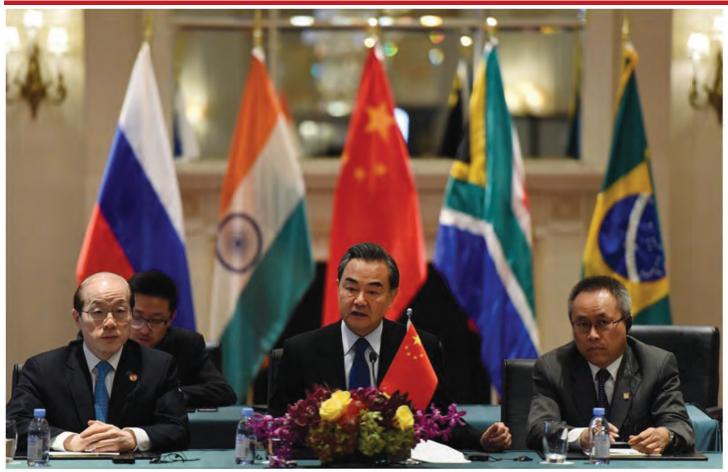
At the conclusion of the Expo at Dunhuang a declaration was issued whereby the member countries pledged to realize the cultural mission of the Silk Road (Dunhuang) International Cultural Expo and to advance global peace and development.

The Minister also expressed his gratitude to the People's Republic of China for hosting the event and extending warm hospitality to the Pakistan delegation.



Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Perviaz Rashid shaking hand with the Minister of Culture of China Luo Shugang in Dunhuang city of Gansu province, China.





China comes to the fore in multilateral diplomacy

By Zhang Chunxiao, Li Sibo, Gao Jianjun & Lucas Liganga

ecent years have seen China's increased involvement in multilateral diplomacy, either actively attending multilateral events, or as a trusted host of events such as the 2014 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2016 G20 summit.

"It can be said that China has always been in the driver's seat when it comes to multilateral diplomacy," said Aziz Mlima, Permanent Secretary of the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He cited China's participation in UN peacekeeping operations, cooperation with other developing countries in the G77, and signing the Paris Agreement on climate change.

China has used multilateral events to voice its ideas on building a world that is more developed, secure and just. It is also working to this end through individual efforts and collaboration with other countries.

"China is transforming from a limited participant in multilateral diplomacy to a proactive supporter and contributor," said Zhu Shuai, a researcher at the China Center for Information Industry Development under the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

Zhu attributed the transformation to the country's growing strength, constantly changing security environment and the world's rising expectations of China.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS

Treating multilateral diplomacy as an important arena of foreign policy, China has at various events offered constructive proposals on topics ranging from international relations to sustainable development, security and climate change.

With the proposals, China seeks to reinforce its role in strengthening international cooperation, maintaining global security and building a fairer and more reasonable international order, said Professor Yang Baoyun, of Thailand's Thammsat University.

In March 2014, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed at the third Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague "a rational, coordinated and balanced" nuclear security concept and called for a global nuclear security system featuring fairness and win-win cooperation.

Later in May, Xi proposed a new concept of Asian security at a summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, stressing common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security to tackle rising challenges facing the region.

In September 2015, he suggested a new type of international relations featuring win-win cooperation, and creating a community of common destiny for mankind when speaking at the annual UN General Assembly high-level debate.

China is the first among world's major countries to set win-win cooperation as its main objective in dealing with ties with other nations, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said.

At the just-concluded G20 Hangzhou Summit, Xi highlighted equitable and efficient global financial governance, open and transparent global trade and investment governance, green and low-carbon global energy governance, as well as inclusive and interconnected global development governance as priorities for global economic governance.

Xi's elaboration on global governance showed China is committed to contributing its ideas and wisdom to world economic growth, State Councilor Yang Jiechi said after the summit.

Moreover, Chinese leaders have on multiple occasions pushed to align its initiatives, such as the Belt and Road Initiative, with the development strategies of other regions.

Many share the idea that the Belt and Road Initiative, with a focus on connectivity and unimpeded trade, could work in synergy with the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, the Investment Plan for Europe, and the African Union's Agenda 2063, among others.

"China is making its voice heard in international policymaking. It is getting creative in diplomacy, especially by spearheading new international institutions or assuming bigger roles in existing ones," said Gao Zhikai, of the China National Association for International Studies.

PUTTING WORDS INTO ACTION

China doesn't preach – it walks the walk. It has strived to honor its promises through concrete action.

China has sent more than 30,000 military personnel to 24 UN peacekeeping missions, 13 of whom have lost their lives. It is also working to establish an 8,000-strong standby peacekeeping force.

China is now the second largest financial contributor to UN peacekeeping and the largest troop contributor among the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

China has remained a steadfast climate-change fighter, recently depositing its instrument to join the Paris Agreement with Ban Ki-moon, together with the United States, paving the

way for the early entry into force of the climate pact.

At China's suggestion, the first presidential statement on climate change in G20 history was issued at a G20 Sherpa Meeting in April, when concerned parties pledged to promote the implementation of the Paris Agreement by signing the agreement on April 22 or thereafter.

Meanwhile, to boost sustained global development, China has beefed up across-theboard cooperation with other regions through existing mechanisms or by creating new ones.

For example, since the establishment of the 16+1 mechanism in 2012, China and Central and Eastern European countries have witnessed strong momentum in the growth of their cooperation, with trade values hitting 56.2 billion U.S. dollars in 2015, a 28-percent increase from 2010.

China's Belt and Road Initiative has engaged more than 100 countries and international organizations since it was proposed in 2013, delivering greater-than-expected progress and results.

China invested a total of 51.1 billion U.S. dollars in Belt and Road countries from autumn 2013 to July 2016, accounting for 12 percent of its total outbound direct investment.

China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank started operating in January, and in June, it approved its first four loans, totaling 509 million dollars, to fund power, housing and transport projects in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Tajikistan.

Under the Belt and Road Initiative, China and Laos are pushing forward cooperation on a 418-kilometer railway that stretches from the Laos-China border to Vientiane.

Once completed, the railway will greatly improve trade and personnel exchanges with Laos, a landlocked country on the Indo-China Peninsula, and help it achieve the goal of shaking off poverty by 2020, said Khemthong Sanoubane, deputy director of Khaosan Pathet Lao, or the Lao News Agency.

SPEAKING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Though growing in strength, China is still in essence a developing country, and will, as always, stand up for the interests of developing nations.

"We firmly support the greater representation and say of developing countries, especially African countries, in the international governance system," Xi said at a UN General Assembly debate in 2015. "China's vote in the United Nations will always belong to developing countries."

China's support is not just empty talk.

In September 2015, Xi launched a fund, with an initial contribution of 2 billion U.S. dollars, to support South-South cooperation, and promised that China would do its best to raise its investment in the least developed countries to 12 billion U.S. dollars by 2030.

The same month, China announced the establishment of a 20-billion-yuan (about 3 billion U.S. dollars) China South-South Climate Cooperation Fund to help other developing countries combat climate change.

"As a responsible world power, China has taken a lot of concrete actions to put its proposals into practice. Such actions are conducive to world peace and development, and especially enable other developing countries to share the benefits of China's reform and opening up," said Professor Yang Baoyun.

Africa, in particular, enjoys China's unswerving support for its peace and development.

To ensure the smooth implementation of 10 major plans, which China announced last December, to boost cooperation with Africa over the next three years, China has pledged to offer 60 billion U.S. dollars of funding support.

Under the Belt and Road Initiative, China is committed to working with relevant African countries in developing key regional infrastructure.

Citing China's support for constructing modern ports in Djibouti, a modern Mombasa-Nairobi railway and an expressway in Addis Ababa, Tanzanian diplomat Aziz Mlima said such infrastructure would not only connect the concerned countries with Chinese markets and production chains, but also ensure deeper connectivity between African countries.

China also announced in September last year that in the next five years, it will provide a total of 100 million U.S. dollars in military aid to the African Union to support the establishment of the African Standby Force and the African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crisis.

"China has always been Africa's dependable ally in the international arena," Mlima said, adding wider Africa-China cooperation "will definitely contribute sustainably to bilateral, regional, multilateral and world wellbeing." Enditem

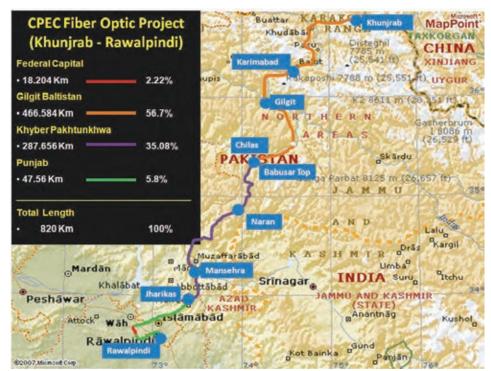


Old silk route and building CPEC, is indeed a game changing initiative by China

By Malik Muhammad Ashraf

hinese quest for global outreach and expansion of its commercial interests, as dictated by its newly acquired status as one of leading economic powers, decision to revive the old silk route and building China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC), is indeed a game changing initiative at the regional and global level. China has steadily increased its commercial interests in South Asian States and much of central Africa. It has built or is building ports in Bangladesh, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. It also signed pacts and agreements in the economic arena with India worth US\$ 20 billion during the visit of the Chinese President to that country last year. The Chinese President XI Jin Ping summed up the new thinking of China in these words "A war like-state, however big it may be, will eventually perish. China believes that its neighbors were a key to its well being".

China has a clear vision about building regional connectivity which it considers utmost necessary to project its commercial interests world-wide. The geographical location of Pakistan and the exemplary friendship between the two countries that has grown from strength to strength in all the conceivable spheres and the shared vision of building regional linkages to unravel the potential for shared economic prosperity, make them

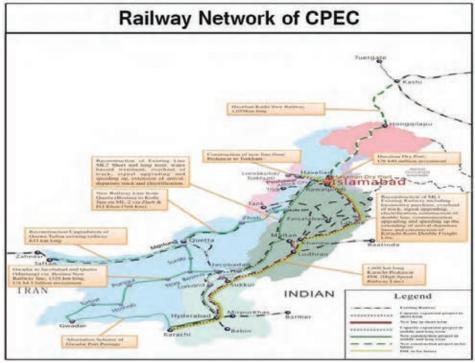


natural allies and strategic partners in pursuing the common goals. The China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the pivot of this wholesome undertaking for the revival of the old silk route. The investment of US\$ 45 billion in CPEC is decidedly the biggest Chinese commitment overseas and the Pakistan government by aligning itself with the Chinese initiative that also serves Pakistan's long term economic and geo-political interests has shown remarkable pragmatism, wisdom and vision. The CPEC undoubtedly would accrue infinite economic benefits to both the countries besides nudging the process of regional prosperity. The energy projects with a cumulative power producing capacity of 10,400 MW over the next three years would surely winch Pakistan out of the diabolical energy crisis. This would have a tremendous impact on the process of industrial development in the country and supplemented by the other auxiliary projects of the CPEC would kick start an era of economic prosperity in Pakistan. With the implementation of project under the CPEC, Pakistan would become a hub of regional economic activity with all the attendant resource generating avenues on perennial basis. China will have easy access to the markets in Middle East and Africa in addition to import of its oil requirements

support Pakistan's bid for full membership of the Shanghai Security Organization, a regional entity which is striving to promote economic development in the member countries and also jointly trying to deal with the scourge of terrorism.

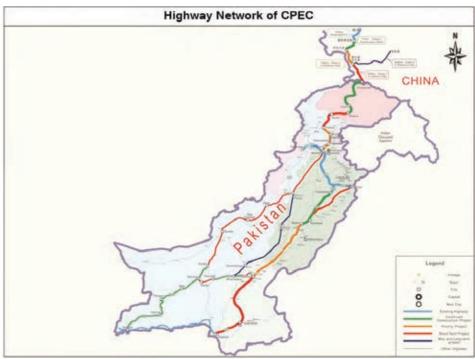
As regards fighting terrorism, Pakistan, Afghanistan and China seem to be on the same wavelength which augurs well for peace and security in the region. A well considered paradigm shift in our foreign policy and the new narrative evolved to recalibrate relations with neighbours, especially Afghanistan has already changed the complexion of things in the region. The philosophy of building connectivity through creating economic interdependence is the best recipe for unleashing the potential that waits to be exploited for promoting well being of the people of the countries in our region as well Central Asia. The economic linkages and the resulting common interests would also help in promoting peace and security in the region. Pakistan in any case would be the biggest beneficiary of this changed environment. However it will have to make sure that the projects under CPEC are completed on time, by tackling the law and order and security issues.



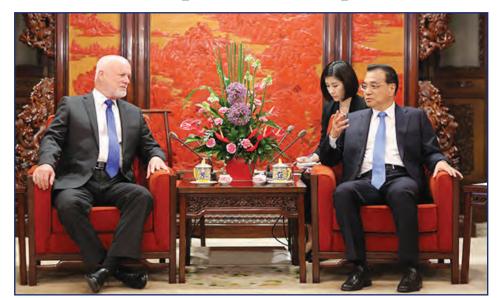


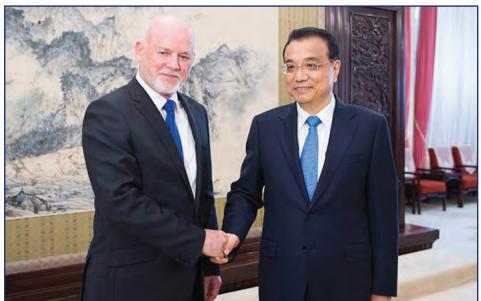
through the shortest route, reducing the costs considerably. This would make Chinese products more competitive in the international markets due to less production costs.

China is also making investments in the development of infrastructure in Afghanistan and looking for enhanced bilateral trade with her and consequently is very much interested in peace returning to that country. Pakistan is also striving for promoting peace and stability in Afghanistan and making collective efforts with Afghanistan to fight the curse of terrorism. China also has an abiding interest in eliminating this menace from the region to quell insurgency in its province of Sinkiang which probably has links with the phenomenon of terrorism in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Chinese President during his visit appreciated Pakistan's efforts to tackle terrorism through the successful implementation of Zarb-e-Azab and vowed to work with and support Pakistan in these endeavours. It also promised to



2016 marks the 45th anniversary of restoration of the lawful seat of the People's Republic of China





In the past 45 years, China has committed itself to maintaining the international system with the United Nations as the core, and upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, Premier Li By M.Saeed Yousafzai/ Monitoring Desk

n Aug 26, Premier Li Keqiang met with Peter Thomson, president of the 71st United Nations General Assembly session, at Zhongnanhai in Beijing.

With sluggish recovery of world economy and increasing terrorism, refugee, and geopolitical risks, the process and confidence of globalization are frustrated and unstable, and uncertain factors keep growing, according to Premier Li.

China firmly supports the United Nations as the most universal, representative and authoritative intergovernmental organization to play a strong role in coping with global threats and challenges, he said.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of restoration of the lawful seat of the People's Republic of China. In the past 45 years, China

China, as a country of great influence in the world, plays an important role in promoting global peace and sustainable development: Peter Thomson

has committed itself to maintaining the international system with the United Nations as the core, and upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Premier said.

"Under the new situation, we will continue to uphold the authority and support the work of the United Nations, work with the rest of the world to meet global challenges, strengthen and improve global governance, promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and better achieve win-win outcomes for the globe," the Premier

Thomson said China, as a country of great influence in the world, plays an important role in promoting global peace and sustainable development. He thanked China's long-term, strong support on behalf of the United Nations, and looked forward to a new level of relations and cooperation with China.



PAKISTAN COMMITTED TO DEEPEN REGIONAL COOPERATION, CONNECTIVITY IN ASIA & BEYOND: AYAZ

Speaker National Assembly briefs CPEC projects at China-Eurasia Expo in Urumgi

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

peaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Wednesday said that Pakistan is committed to deepen an unprecedented regional cooperation and connectivity in Asia and beyond.

The Speaker remarked that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is manifestation of Pak-China time tested friendship and a demonstration of our resolve to broaden cooperation in all spheres of development.

Ayaz Sadiq was speaking at the 5th China-Eurasia Expo, said a message received here from Urumqi, China.

He highlighted that robust macroeconomic and financial cooperation among nations is prerequisite to secure regional and global economic stability.

Referring to Pak-China strategic and interparliamentary relations, he added that this relation enjoy across-the-board political and popular public support that is unique and sets it apart from the rest of the world.

"The CPEC is surely going to open up new vistas of development for the entire region,"

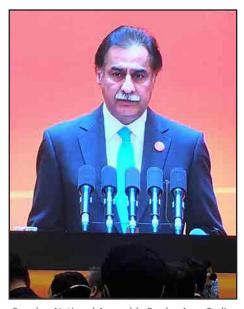
he added. The Speaker remarked that Pakistan welcome the participation of public and private companies from across the region to invest in Pakistan and make the most of this regional connectivity.

He urged the need for boosting trade, investment and industrial integration within Asia and Europe through trade liberalization, allowing greater access to markets and investment-friendly policies.

Ayaz Sadiq highlighted that the investment policy in Pakistan has been immensely conducive, welcoming and consistent for the last few years with trade liberalization, de-regulation and privatization being its cornerstone.

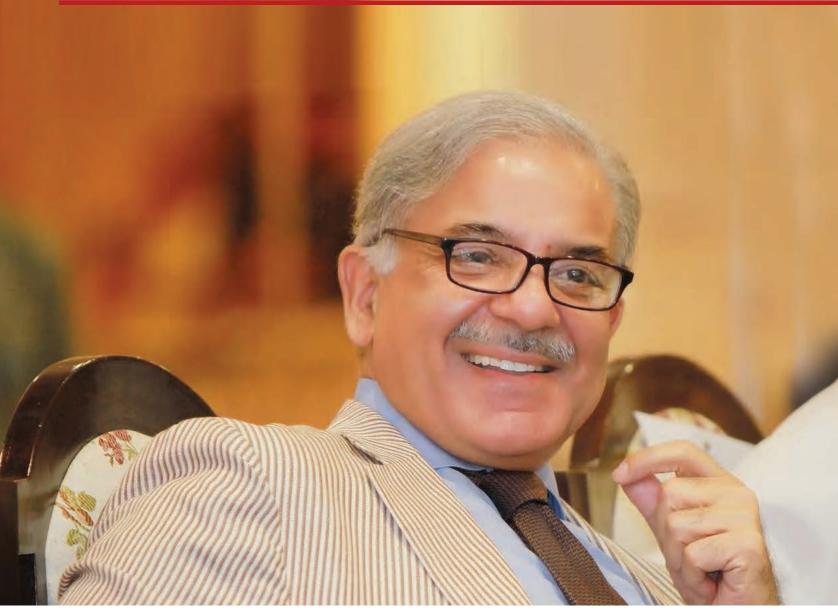
He said that the recently awarded GSP Plus status to Pakistan by the European Union is a demonstration of the confidence of the international market in the quality of Pakistani products.

Ayaz Sadiq urged the participants states to muster their respective expertise vis-a-vis oversight on the executive and influencing governments to invest more in promoting peace, harmony and development for secure and sustainable future of coming generations.



Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq addressing the inaugural session of 5th China-Eurasian Expo in Urumqi, Xanjiang China.

Pakistan at the centre stage of connectivity between Asia-Europe



Pakistan, China sign seven agreements, 17 MoUs

unjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif hopes his fresh visit to China would attract more Chinese investment to Pakistan in different sectors.

Talking to newsmen in Lahore soon after his arrival from Beijing after a five-day visit to China, the chief minister said he held useful meetings with the Chinese leadership, leaders of Communist Party and investors during the visit.

Earlier, while talking to Chinese investors

and media during his visit to Jimo City before returning to Pakistan, Shahbaz Sharif said

The construction of first phase would be completed soon whereas; CPEC would further improve the ties with China: CM Shehbaz

that a number of important agreements were signed between China and Punjab in energy, vocational training, textile, infrastructure and transport sector for accelerating the pace of implementation of the existing agreements.

The chief minister said that the term 'Punjab Speed' with regard to pace of implementation of agreements in energy sector in the province was not only an honour for him but also for Punjab government as well as the people of the province. He said that the provincial government was utilising all its energies



for living to the expectations of Chinese government and the ruling party.

Addressing the Chinese investors in garments sector, Shahbaz said that Chinese garments were very popular throughout the world including western countries. "Punjab is an ideal place for investment and the Chinese investors should keep in mind that load shedding would end by next year and abundant electricity would be available for industry," he added.

Replying to a question, the chief minister said that maximum facilities would be provided to foreign investors as his efforts were for progress and prosperity of the province. He said that setting up of industries and creation of job opportunities would result in prosperity of the masses.

Replying to another question, Shahbaz said that unprecedented welcome accorded to him has proved that there was complete harmony between Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and the Communist Party of China with regard to progress and prosperity of Pakistan.

Shehbaz Sharif on his visit to China inked seven agreements and 17 memorandums of understanding (MoU) with Chinese enterprises in Beijing.

According to Chinese State Media, the agreements are related to energy, textiles, water treatment, steel, establishment of industrial estates, training of master trainers in





different skills and the promotion of trade fairs and exhibitions.

On the occasion, CM Shehbaz Sharif urged the entrepreneurs and industrialists in Pakistan to strengthen cooperation with Chinese firms.

Lauding the implementation of Chin-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the minister said that the construction of first phase would be completed soon whereas; CPEC would further improve the ties with China.

He said that Punjab has developed a lot in the government of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

Shahbaz Sharif said that 66 Pakistani students are learning a two-year Chinese course at Peking University now while Chinese companies are also helping local engineers and technicians to furnish their skills.

Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Song Tao, and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui met Shahbaz Sharif in Beijing at separate meetings before the chiefminster headed for east China











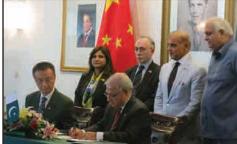
















The rise of China's innovation

by Wang Yaguang & Wang Pan

hina has long been seen as the "world's factory," churning out vast mountains of low-quality goods, but it is also considered a nation incapable of producing innovative products and ideas.

Now, this is beginning to change -- China is closing the innovation gap. From drones to artificial intelligence, the Internet to genetic engineering, innovative Chinese companies are leading global innovation and reshaping China's technology and business landscape.

"There is a huge market with great opportunity," said Dai Xiang, co-founder and general manager of Enpower Energy, a manufacturer of aqueous ion batteries, which are cleaner, safer and more cost-effective than lead-acid batteries.

After 20 years in the United States, working as a senior manager for start-ups in Silicon Valley, Dai decided to go back to China and start his own business. To tap into the energy storage market, Dai and his friends set up Enpower Energy in 2012, with registered capital of 5 million yuan (about 746,270 U.S. dollars), in eastern Jiangsu Province.

"We get a lot of support from the local government," Dai said. Enpower Energy provides wind and solar energy storage solutions for households and businesses, and favorable policies allow it to attract talent and stay in Jiangsu for three years without paying rent.

The company, now with more than 50 employees and nearly 66 million yuan in total investment, plans to complete large-scale tests of its aqueous ion batteries by the end of the year and move to mass production in the

middle of 2017, Dai said. "We will become the world's second producer of aqueous ion batteries, after Aquion Energy in the United States, and we expect the company's business revenue to top two billion yuan by 2020," Dai said.

For much of China's economic boom over the past decades, labor and capital flocked to garment and mobile phone manufacturers. But now China is trying to move beyond just being the world's factory. Policy makers want the country's future growth to drain strength from new technologies, new ideas and new business models.

"To make China an innovative country and a leader in science and technology is what China must do now in pursuing development," President Xi Jinping said at the opening of the B20 summit in September.

High research and development spending, large numbers of engineering and science graduates and a wave of new businesses all signal that China has the potential to occupy the forefront of global innovation.

According to a global survey by Cornell University, INSEAD, and the World Intellectual Property Organization, China is now of the world's 25 most innovative economies.

China moved up four places from the 2015 survey to 25th overall, making it the first middle-income economy to break into the top 25, an area traditionally dominated by highly developed economies.

China's rise up the global innovation rankings has also been reflected in its businesses. It is now home to some of the world's most innovative companies, particularly in the fields of mobile technology, biotechnology and

medical services.

In Forbes magazine's "World's Most Innovative Companies 2016," which ranks businesses on their ability to be innovative "now and in the future," Shanghai RAAS Blood Products ranked 16th.

A separate survey by Fast Company magazine ranked Huawei 13th "for taking the upper hand in the global mobile competition."

Rising from a small workshop in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen in 1987, Huawei has grown into one of the world's leading manufacturers of telecoms equipment. Spending 10 percent of its annual budget on research and development, Huawei is the subject of particular scrutiny now that the government is encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship in the hope that creativity can spur a slowing economy.

Despite embracing innovation, China still lags behind on some issues.

Ren Zhengfei, founder of Huawei, said China must do more to protect intellectual property.

"Only if it protects intellectual property will China see more inventions. Ensuring originality is respected will attract more people into this field and help original ideas grow into industries," Ren said.

Dai Xiang believes the Chinese government needs further reform to cut red tape.

Calling it a painful process, Dai said it took him about eight months to register a joint venture with the Institute of Tsinghua University, Hebei Province.

"The administrative procedure should be simplified," he said.

Foreign firms grab China opportunities



By Zhang Zhongkai

1992, Switzerlandheadquartered global technology company in power and automation ABB Group established its first branch in China. However, it was required then to be joint venture as the country just started to open up its market.

Now, ABB has 40 companies in China, many of which are fully owned by itself and China has become ABB's second largest market.

"We have seen fewer investment barriers during the past 30 years, especially in the manufacturing sector. The Chinese market is opening wider to foreign companies," said Dong Huijuan, vice president with the China branch of ABB Group.

While global economic slowdown has put pressure on foreign companies in China, new opportunities have emerged as the Chinese market continues to open.

Since it opened up over 30 years ago, China has been the top investment destination among developing countries for 24 consecutive years, with over 850,000 foreign firms investing in China with the total investment reaching \$1.7 trillion U.S. dollars.

Facing economic headwinds, China is opening its markets more quickly to attract more foreign investment and will continue to open up, the Chinese leadership vowed during the recent G20 Summit.

China's top legislature revised four laws regulating inbound investment earlier this month, with an easing of rules for foreign and Taiwanese investors looking to start businesses across China. The Ministry of Commerce also released a new set of supporting measures to promote a "negative-list" approach in

approving foreign investment. China was no longer the top destination for foreign investors as foreign investment in China slowed last year, according to a report released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Companies cannot do business in China the same as 20 years ago because the market has evolved, according to Harley Seyedin, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in South China, adding that China continues to offer new opportunities to foreign investors and will remain a great destination for US investors for many years to come.

The time for simple manufacturing and exports is gone, and now opportunities to tap Chinese consumption, health care, education and other sectors have arrived, Seyedin said, adding it is important to be Internet-savvy and consumerminded.

A survey of 246 US companies operating in south China released earlier this year showed that 75.6 percent of all participants report providing goods or services to the Chinese market as their primary business focus rather than creating goods or services for export.

a view of the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone in Shanghai, east China, on Sept. 19, 2015. (Xinhua/Ding Ting)

Official data showed that foreign investment actually utilized in the services sector grew 10 percent year on year in the first eight months of this year, accounting for about 70 percent of the total, while that for high-tech services surged 98.2 percent year on year.

"While I were introducing our camera technologies and products, most of the audience took pictures with smart phones, so it's important to keep abreast with the demands and habits of consumers," said Lu Jie, director with the Corporation Communications and External Affairs Group with Canon, which developed a smart picture editing and sharing device to cater to increasingly Internet-savvy consumers.

ABB also spot emerging investment opportunities as Chinese economy transitions to greener and more efficient growth. It located its global robotics research center in Shenzhen to better serve the country's drive for manufacturing modernization and China is now ABB's largest production base for industrial robots and sales market.

"China is in a new phase of development and our products and services have been in synergy with industrial evolution in China and across the world. This is a win-win story," Dong said









FTZs are designed to provide greater access and convenience for foreign companies to expand in China and for Chinese companies to move money abroad

By International Desk

hina's new free trade zones are expected to create new growth momentum to develop the service, logistics ●and high-end manufacturing sectors via foreign investment and domestic support in both inland and costal provinces, business experts and officials said on Sept 1.

Their comments came after the central government decided to set up seven new FTZs in the provinces of Liaoning, Zhejiang, Henan, Hubei, Sichuan and Shaanxi, and in Chongqing municipality, taking the total number of such zones to 11 as it looks to replicate the success of previous trials, the Ministry of Commerce announced on Aug 31.

FTZs are designed to provide greater access and convenience for foreign companies to expand in China and for Chinese companies to move money abroad in diverse services and financial operations, as well as in manufacturing.

For foreign companies especially from developed economies, FTZs in these provinces and municipalities can help establish beachheads quickly in important services such as healthcare, education and transportation, said Liu Chenyang, a researcher with the APEC study center at Nankai University in Tianjin.

The first and second batch of China's FTZs are all in the country's coastal regions, including Shanghai, Guangdong and Tianjin.

Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng said among the successful trials in the first two groups of FTZs was the introduction of a "negative list", which specifies investment sectors as offlimits to foreign investors and allows industries not on the list to follow the same new investment rules as domestic

Xing Houyuan, vice-president of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, a think tank under the Ministry of Commerce, said the new batch will most likely give priority to inland areas that play a key role in the Belt and Road Initiative, connecting with countries across Europe and Asia.



Maker education: the next generation of Chinese creativity

By Guo Ying

n a classroom of the elementary school affiliated to Renmin University of China, 11-year old Yao Bohan swings from left to right before a computer screen, occasionally shouting. The character on the screen follows his movements and jumps high to eat a fruit every time he shouts.

This is a motion sensing game and Yao is the designer.

Using what he learned in the school's information technology course, Yao made the game with S4A software, Arduino microcontrollers, infrared?sensors and?sound?sensors.

Although the low-cost game cannot compare with sophisticated branded motion-control devices, Yao still has a sense of achievement.

The 40-square-meter classroom is filled with

creativity: art works made from copper foil tape, LEDs and button batteries; a robotic car that can be controlled remotely through Bluetooth.

Yao's teacher Zhao Yu employs project-based learning to encourage his students to make their own open-ended creations, based on their personal interests. He was amazed at their wild imaginations and unrestrained creativity.

"In the information technology course, we used to focus on software knowledge that is solely used on computers, but now we often combine hardware and relate it to daily life. When programming is used for real-world projects, it's not boring for primary school students," Zhao says.

He and his students showcased their DIYproducts at a booth at the Maker Faire Beijing in August, becoming part of China's dynamic maker movement.

The maker movement – a term for grassroots creativity - is viewed as an engine?for China's future economic growth. China is pursuing an innovation-driven development strategy and embracing the maker movement's potential for entrepreneurship and innovation.

Zhao thinks the movement has inspired in teachers the desire to bring the maker spirit into the education system.

In recent years, pioneering schools in cities like Beijing, Shenzhen, Wenzhou and Ningbo have explored ways to bring the maker spirit into schools by launching experimental programs that emphasize making, inventing, and creativity. School maker spaces, maker carnivals and student innovation contests are also popular.

The Ministry of Education released guidelines in 2015 on exploring maker education to equip students with information technology awareness and innovation ability.





Li Yifei, deputy director of the Science Communication and Education Research Center at Beijing Normal University, said that for years, Chinese students were subject to rote learning and test-oriented education that suppressed their natural tendencies to innovate, experiment and create.

"The growing popularity of maker education shows that some schools and teachers have recognized the importance of protecting creativity. The introduction of maker education might be a breakthrough for China's education reform," Li says.

But promoting maker education is no easy task, he cautions. Most Chinese teachers are accustomed to the established curriculum and direct instruction, so they need to explore how to implement project-based teaching and engaging with students.

Wu Junjie, of Beijing Jingshan School, was one of the first Chinese teachers to bring maker education into school. The widespread use of open-source hardware and high-tech tools such as 3D printers offers technology support to maker education, he says.

He and other information technology teachers have watched recent developments and updated their courses. In 2015, they introduced a course on S4A software, and this year, 3D printing.

"The ultimate goal of these courses is to equip students with advanced technology tools to make their own unique creations. Learning is supposed to happen?as?part of the student's experience as they tackle hands-on projects." Wu says.

Zhu Zhongwen, one of Wu's students, shows great potential. He began to write software when he was 9 and touched on intelligent hardware when he was 12. When he was 14, he became the youngest contestant in China's Hackathon and put forward a concept product called "Dream Swimmer" that can control the dreaming process. "I believe Chinese students are no less creative than students in other countries. With maker education, I hope more creative minds like Zhu will emerge and continue to develop," says Wu.

Family and social environments are also vital to nourish the maker spirit, he adds. "In the West, the garage culture and the DIY philosophy are the foundation for maker education. I hope more Chinese families will also add maker culture to home life."

"I'm happy to see him fully absorbed in the hardware like an engineer and making something he is really proud of," she says. "I think children's passion to create needs to be protected and encouraged."

The Young Maker Institution is an extracurricular training agency that focuses on maker education and provides project-based teaching for students aged 9 to 14. Co-founder Ma Qingyang thinks there is a growing market for maker education in China.



Jia Sifei attends an international school in Beijing and Elon Musk, a typical incarnation of the maker spirit, is his idol.

According to Jia's mother, he has been obsessed with making things with all kinds of materials since the age of 3. When he was 6, he developed a strong interest in open-ended tools such as Arduino microcontrollers and began to build his own interactive hardware.

"Although China is to some extent an examoriented country, the Gaokao (National College Entrance Exam) is no longer the only path to success," Ma says. "The popularity of overseas study and the emergence of start-ups offer more possibilities to China's youth. Students and parents are starting to pay more attention to independent?thinking?and creativity, which counts for a lot in their future development."

People's Republic of China Celebrates its 67th Anniversary



The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China hosted a reception to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China at Islamabad Marriott hotel. Mr Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker of the National Assembly, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Chairman Parliamentary Committee on CPEC, Senator Mushahid Hussain, as well as politicians, senior members of the armed forces, diplomats and the civil society were present in large numbers.







Performance arranged to mark 67th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

A special cultural performance was arranged here at Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Pervaiz Rashid was the chief guest on the occasion. Advisor to the Prime Minister on National History and Literary Heritage Irfan Siddique was guest of honour on the occasion. Ambassador of People's Republic of China Sun Wei Dong, Director General PNCA Jamal Shah was also present on the occasion. The event was organized by China Cultural Center in Pakistan in collaboration with Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA).





































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- Chairman TABA Youth Force www.tabayoth.com
- Foreign partners in Gwadar
- Beijing Baolong FDX International Investment Management Co. Ltd China (Investors)

(Note; AM 99 (pvt) Ltd. SPV Company for JV Project with Malaysians (Under process).













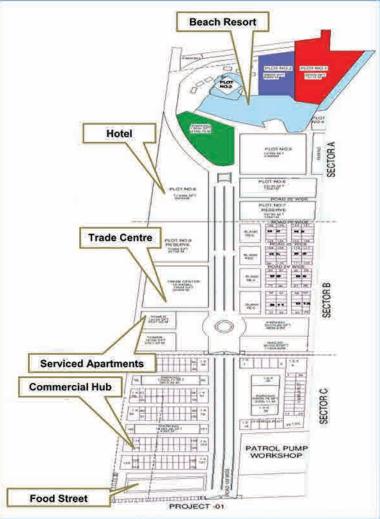


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"THE TABA"

AM 99 is leading various Mega Projects in Gwadar. Project I

"THE TABA" is spread over 70 acres land which is 300 m from main entrance and 2 km from new airport. Project is business cum tourist's beach resort, 5&4 star hotels, service apartments, TABA education center industrial trade offices and residence. The Project II is a joint venture at Surbandar, Gwadar, Pakistan. 100 acres of area is being processed for town planning and tourist attractions.





























China's aviation power gears up to takes off



by Xinhua writer Hu Tao

n the past year, three China-developed large aircraft have debuted on the world stage: the Y20 heavy air freighter; the C919, Chinas first homemade large passenger aircraft; and the massive amphibious AG600.

They are part of Chinas aim of becoming a global aviation power.

"The aviation industry is the crown in the manufacturing sector. Large aircraft show the exclusive capacity of a great power," said Geng Ruguang, deputy manager of the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), the country's largest state-owned aircraft producer.

"These latest aircraft models are the harvest of years of constant efforts. They represent the general upgrading of national and scientific strength."

The unprecedented effort in innovation includes the aim of having China-made aircraft with China-made engines. On Aug. 28, the state-owned Aero Engine Corporation of China (AECC) was established in Beijing with the goal of becoming a world-class aircraft engine company with Chinese innovation.

The aviation engine has long been an obstacle for China's aviation industry. The new firm is a strategic move to enhance national strength as well as the capacity of the armed forces.



"Based on independent innovation, the AECC will strive toward creating a strong 'China heart' for our aircraft,"said AECC president Cao Jianguo.

The corporation will focus on building a complete industry chain including design, manufacturing, testing and key materials research.

"It will adhere to independent research and development," Cao stressed.

The AECC received investment from the State Council, the Beijing Municipal Government, AVIC and the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, with registered capital of 50 billion yuan (around 7.5 billion U.S. dollars).

Aircraft engines are sophisticated products to manufacture, and any breakthroughs in this area will greatly improve China's economic and military power. Aviation development is included in at least 100 key projects over the next 15 years to increase China's technological capabilities and improve living standards, as outlined in the governments 13th Five-Year Plan unveiled earlier this year.

China's large aircraft family now boasts key members with specialties to meet its national requirements and demands.

The C919, unveiled by the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, will be muscling into a civil aviation market dominated by Airbus and Boeing. With its maiden flight set for next year and at least another three years of test flights, it will be some time before the single-aisle jet is in commercial service.

On July 6, two Y-20 aircraft, China's largest homegrown transport aircraft, officially joined the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force. They represent Chinas new capacity for longrange transportation and its entry to the international "large aircraft club".

On July 23, China completed production of the AG600, the world's largest amphibian aircraft under development. About the size of a Boeing 737, the AG600 is designed to fight forest fires and perform marine rescue missions.

"China has bright prospects with a great nation's determination to become a global aviation power, equaling the traditional Western powers," said Geng Ruguang.







Celebration of the 65 years diplomatic relations between Pakistan & China: A symbol of everlasting friendly bilateral relations

Pakistan leading diplomatic magazine "Diplomatic Focus" hosted a seminar on July 21st, 2016 on the occasion of completion of 65 years diplomatic relations between Islamic Republic of Pakistan and People Republic of China. The event was organized in Marriott hotel at Islamabad and was graced by the high level diplomats, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Government officials, Armed Forces officers and Chinese Business Community. Chinese Ambassador Sun Weidong and Madame Bao Jiquing were also the dignatories on the occasion. Federal Minister for Defense Production Rana Tanveer Hussain was the Chief Guest of the event.





















Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif meets President of Iran H.E. Hassan Rouhani in New York.

Dr. Rouhani expressed his desire to be part of the CPEC

We consider Pakistan's economic development as our development: Dr. Rouhani The hearts of the peoples of Pakistan and Iran beat together. Our interests are same: PM Nawaz

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

rime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and President Dr. Hassan Rouhani of the Islamic Republic of Iran met at New York today on the sidelines of the 71st UN General Assembly session.

Both sides expressed satisfaction on the positive trajectory of bilateral ties between Pakistan and Iran. The lifting of international sanctions against Iran has paved the way for resumption of economic relations between the two countries with a view to realizing the true potential of bilateral trade. Current trade volume remains low at US\$ 268 million per annum.

In this regard, Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif stressed on the need to remain engaged at expert level to remove whatever technical delays that continue to hold back resumption of full economic cooperation between the two countries.

Opportunities for bilateral cooperation in the field of energy, especially oil, gas and electricity were also discussed. The two sides noted that progress on Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline and electricity import from Iran would help overcome Pakistan's energy shortages in the coming years.

The Iranian President said that Iran can install a power plant on border with Pakistan to supply electricity. We consider Pakistan's economic development as our development, the President added.

The Iranian President said that Pakistan's security is security of Iran. There is a need for defence cooperation between Iran and



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Shrif in a meeting with President of Iran H.E. Hassan Rouhani in Yew York.

Pakistan as there is a history of defence cooperation between the two countries, the President mentioned.

There is also immense need for cooperation between Iran and Pakistan in the field of science and technology; we need to benefit from each others' strong points in science and technology, the President stressed.

The Prime Minister said that the hearts of the peoples of Pakistan and Iran beat together. Iran is a brotherly country. Our interests are same; we need to further consolidate our economic cooperation, expressed the Prime Minister.

President Rouhani lauded the vision of the Prime Minister for translating CPEC into reality and expressed his desire to be part of the CPEC.

Connectivity projects were recognized by both Pakistan and Iran as vital to the progress of the region. In particular, the two leaders reiterated the complimentarity between Gwadar and Chabahar sea ports that could boost regional trade exponentially in the decades ahead.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said that he will nominate two focal persons who will finalize energy projects with Iran in coming days. Border management and security were also discussed.

The Prime Minister apprised President Rouhani of Indian brutalities in Kashmir, particularly in the past two months. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been victims of heinous acts of state sponsored terrorism at the hands of Indian occupation forces. The Prime Minister shared the latest situation in Kashmir, which



continues to remain tense in the wake of the uprising that has surfaced in response to Indian barbaric acts in the Valley.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif also stressed on the need for building unity and cohesion within the Muslim world, particularly at a time of such great turmoil.

The Iranian President said that the future of Iran and Pakistan is similar and bright. The President extended an invitation to the Prime Minister for visiting Iran.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said that he has great affection for Iranian brothers since 1967. He accepted the invitation and said that he will visit Tehran soon.

The Prime Minister was assisted by Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs and Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, among others.

The two leaders had last met during President Rouhani's visit to Islamabad this year.

World Leaders gave positive response understanding Pakistan's stance on Kashmir issue: PM

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

rime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif says the world leaders gave positive response understanding Pakistan's stance on the Kashmir issue. The Prime Minister said he informed the leadership of the United States, China, Britain, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Turkey, and other countries about the prevailing grave human rights situation in Occupied Kashmir, and they all tried to understand Pakistan's position.

The Prime Minister said Turkey promised to send a fact finding mission to Occupied Kashmir, and a similar response was given by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Nawaz Sharif said when he shared the dossier on the Indian brutalities in Occupied Kashmir with the UN Secretary General, he was moved by the victims' photographs, and said the UN diplomats would see into it.

He said that he urged the UN Secretary General to get implemented the resolutions on Kashmir adopted by the world body itself. He said India also promised to give the Kashmiris right to selfdetermination, but it failed to honor its promises.

Pakistan ready for unconditional talks with India to resolve all issues

dviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz says Pakistan is ready for unconditional talks with India to resolve all issues including the core issue of Kashmir. Talking to a television channel, he, however, said that any talks between the two countries cannot succeed till resolution of the Kashmir issue. He said Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif forcefully

raised the Kashmir issue and brutalities of Indian occupied forces in Indian Held Kashmir at the United Nations. He said the international community accepted that Kashmir is a disputed territory. The Adviser said international pressure is now mounting on India.





Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shaking hands with US Secretary of State John Kerry in New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shaking hand with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shaking hand with H.R.H. Prince Muhammad Bin Baif bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Grown and Deputy Minister of Kingdom of Saudi Araiba in New York.



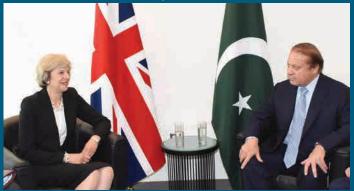
Prime Minister Muhammad Nazas Sharif shaking hand with Mr. David Miliband, former British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commenwealth Affairs, who called on him in New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shaking hand with Prime Minister John Key of New Zealand on the Sidelines of the 71st UN General Assembly Session in New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif meeting with President of Turkey H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyiab Erdogan in New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif meets Prime Minister Theresa May at New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nazas Sharif being received by Dr. Maleeha Lodhi Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and other senior diplomats at John F. Kennady Airport, New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif meeting with Prime Minister of Japan His Excellency Shinzo Abe in New York.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif meets Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqian along with delegation on the sidelines of 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.



Foreign Minister of Nepal Prakash Sharan Mahat called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in New York.



Envoys designate of Canada, Nepal and Bhutan presenting their credentials to President Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad

New Envoys presented

their credentials to

President

Mamnoon Hussain

nvoys designate of Canada, Nepal and Bhutan presented their credentials to President Mamnoon Hussain at an impressive ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Earlier, each envoy-designate arrived at the main gate of the Aiwan-e-Sadr in a horse driven carriage. On the occasion, the National Anthem of Pakistan and their respective countries were played and the envoys designate were also presented Guard of Honour.

Later, the High Commissioner/Ambassadors separately called on the President. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Pakistan is desirous of further promoting friendly and brotherly relations with all countries particularly with its neighbours for peace, stability and prosperity in the region. The President stated that Pakistan offers great investment opportunities and urged the foreign investors to avail them. He stated that Operation Zarb-e-Azb is progressing successfully emphasizing that the operation would continue till elimination of the last terrorist.

The President felicitated the newly appointed High Commissioner / Ambassadors to Pakistan and hoped that they would work for further cementing the existing ties of their respective countries with Pakistan. The President also wished the newly appointed envoys a comfortable and pleasant stay in Pakistan.

The envoys who presented their credentials included Mr. Perry John Calderwood, High Commissioner of Canada, Ms. Sewa lamsal Adhikari, Ambassador of Nepal and Mr. Sonam Tobden Rabgye, Ambassador of Bhutan (Resident in Bangladesh).



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and President of Turkey H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan shaking hands before their meeting in New York.

Turkey backs sending probe mission to IOK

"Turkey and Pakistan are inseparable countries. We are friends forever." Erdogan

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

urkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has pledged to make arrangements for sending a fact finding mission to Indian Occupied Kashmir in the capacity of the Chair of Human Rights Commission of the OIC Contact Group. He gave this assurance during his meeting with Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at the sidelines of United Nations General Assembly. Nawaz Sharif thanked the President for his support. The Turkish President said: "We are friends forever; Turkey and Pakistan are inseparable countries"

Premier Sharif met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan where he also raised the issue of ongoing human rights abuses by Indian troops in IOK. Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi, Turkey's foreign minister and other officials also attended the meeting.

President Erdogan said his country would send a fact-finding mission to IOK in its capacity as the chair of human rights commission of the OIC Contact Group. Premier Sharif thanked the Turkish president for his support. "Turkey and Pakistan are inseparable countries. We are friends forever."

Erdogan said Turkey and Pakistan have always been and will continue to remain strong and steadfast partners in bringing peace in their respective regions as well as in the Muslim world.

Premier Sharif offered condolences to the Turkish leader over the loss of lives in recent terrorist attacks. He also conveyed a sense of relief on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan to Erdogan for defeating the attempted coup by a section of the Turkish military.

He also hailed the positive contribution of Turkish companies which have invested heavily in infrastructure and services sectors in Pakistan. He called for an early finalisation of a free trade agreement between Pakistan and Turkey to maximise trade potential between them.

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talian Minister for Defence, Sen Proberta Pinotti Presenting A gift to Federal Minisetr for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif at Ministry of Defence in Rawalpindi





sador of Denmark, Mr. Ole Thonke called on Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad.



US Ambassador Mr. David Hale called on Federal Minister for Finance Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad







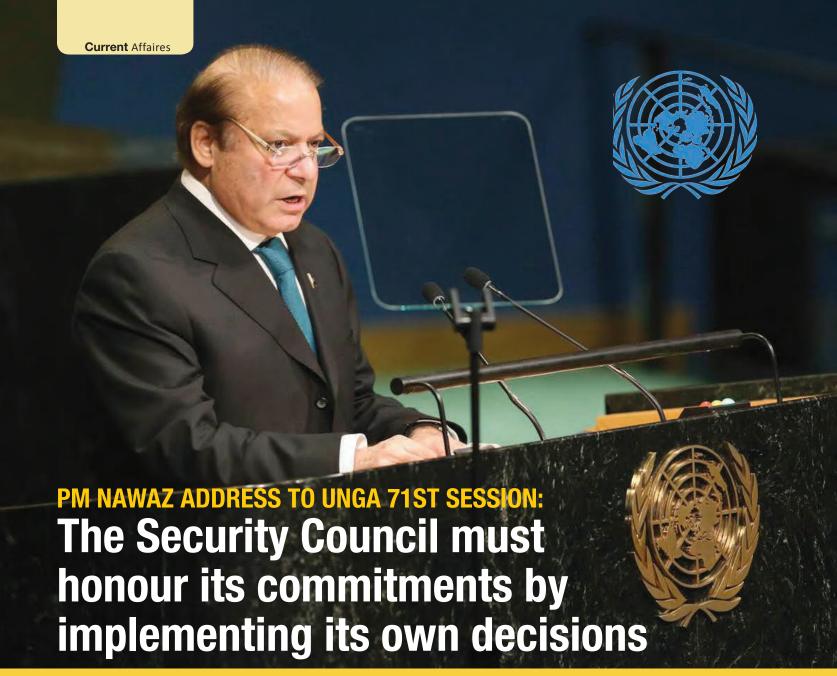












UN should send a fact finding mission to occupied Kashmir to investigate brutalities perpetrated by the Indian occupying forces

By Mian Fazal Elahi/Monitoring & Web Desk

rime Minister has urged the "Steps should be taken by the United Nations to de-militarize Jammu and Kashmir and undertake consultations with India, Pakistan and the true representatives of the Kashmiri people to implement the resolutions of the Security Council. Pakistan will take all out measures to maintain credible deterrence for strategic stability in the region. Peace and normalization between Pakistan and India cannot be achieved without a resolution of the Kashmir dispute. This is an objective evaluation, not a partisan position. PM Urges the United Nations to implement its resolutions on Kashmir granting right to selfdetermination to Kashmiris. Pakistan has



demanded of the United Nations to hold an independent inquiry into the extra-judicial killings in Occupied Kashmir. Pakistani nation, I demand an independent inquiry into the extrajudicial killings, and a UN fact finding mission to investigate brutalities perpetrated by the Indian occupying forces, so that those guilty of

"Peace and normalization between Pakistan and India cannot be achieved without a resolution of the Kashmir dispute," and "This is an objective evaluation, not a partisan position.": PM Nawaz

these atrocities are punished. United Nations should send a fact finding mission to Occupied Kashmir to investigate brutalities perpetrated by the Indian occupying forces so that those guilty of these atrocities are punished. PM also demanded immediate release of all Kashmiri political prisoners.

An end to the curfew, Freedom for the Kashmiris to demonstrate peacefully, Urgent medical help for the injured, Abrogation of India's draconian laws, and removal of foreign travel ban on Kashmiri leaders. The indigenous uprising of Kashmiris has been met, as usual, with repression by India's occupation force of over half a million soldiers. Indian brutalities will not suppress the spirit of the Kashmiris; it will only intensify their anger and fortify their determination to see India end its occupation of Kashmir.

Regarding Membership of Nuclear Suppliers' Group

As a responsible nuclear weapon state, Pakistan will continue to cooperate with all international efforts that seek to promote and equitable solutions to disarmament and nonproliferation challenges. We have introduced 'state of the art' measures to strengthen the safety and security of our nuclear materials and facilities. Judged on the basis of objective criteria, and without discrimination, Pakistan is fully eligible for membership of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group.

About Afghan issue

Over three and a half decades of conflict and chaos in Afghanistan has grave security and economic consequences for Pakistan. Almost three million Afghan refugees remain in Pakistan, and the international community must shoulder its responsibilities to sustain them until their return home. Pakistan has long proposed dialogue as the most viable course to end decades of conflict and suffering in Afghanistan. Based on this belief in a negotiated peace and in response to requests from President Ashraf Ghani, Pakistan has been facilitating the process of reconciliation in Afghanistan.

Terrorism

In his wide ranging address, the prime minister also spoke about Pakistan's commitment to eliminate terrorism, the Afghan peace process, the Palestinian people's right to selfdetermination, disarmament, but he kept his focus on the situation in Kashmir.

Pakistan has been the principal victim of terrorism. We will not allow externally sponsored terrorism and threats destabilization to cause turbulence in Pakistan. government's Pakistan comprehensive strategy and targeted military operations have produced remarkable results and enabled Pakistan to turn the tide against terrorism. Pakistan's Zarb-e-Azb Operation is the largest,

"The people of Kashmir have waited 70 years for implementation of this promise (right to selfdetermination)," PM

most robust and most successful anti-terrorism campaign anywhere in the world. Regarding the turbulence in Middle East, he called for international efforts to defeat Daesh. About economic reforms in Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif said his government has moved the country towards robust growth.



Meetings with UN Sec. **General Ban Ki Moon**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon in New York and handed over dossier of Indian state atrocities on the innocent Kashmiris to him. Showed to UN Secretary General the pictures of innocent and defenseless people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir

who have been victimized through brutal use of force and atrocities at the state level. The UN Secretary General expressed his shock while seeing the pictures of the victims of pellets being used by Indian occupying forces. Also apprised Ban Ki Moon of the gross human rights violations being committed by India that have resulted in over 100 deaths and injured thousands, during the last seventy four days in the Indian occupied Kashmir.



Nishan-i-Imtiaz:

President decorates **Turkish** general

By Agency

resident Mamnoon Hussain conferred Nishan-i-Imtiaz(Military) to Commander of the Turkish Land Forces General Salih Zeki Colak in a special ceremony at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The President decorated General Colak in recognition of his outstanding services and contributions in strengthening relations between the armed forces of Pakistan and Turkey and for enhancing strategic cooperation between the two countries. The special investiture ceremony was attended by the Army chief General Raheel Sharif, Secretary Defence, Ambassador of Turkey and other high officials. The Turkish general also met National Security Adviser (NSA) Lt Gen (retd) Nasser Khan Janjua. The NSA briefed the Turkish general about Pakistan's efforts to promote peace, security and stability in the region.



President Mamnoon Hussain conferring the Award of Nishan-I-Imtiaz (Military) on General Salih Zeki Colak, Commander of the Turkish Land Forces, in a Special Investiture Ceremony held here at the Aiwan-E-Sadr, Islamabad



President Mamnoon Hussain in a group photo with Foreign Delegation during the opening session of 2nd International Conference on Space-2016 at Comstech Secretaria, Islamabad. Director General Strategic Plans Division and Chairman Suparco are also present



Prime Minister Signs Condolence Book on the Demise of President Islam Karimov of Uzbekistan

M. Saeed Yousafzai

rime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif visited the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Islamabad today to sign the condolence book on the sad demise of President Islam Karimov, who passed away last Friday. Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs accompanied the Prime Minister, press release said by Ministry of foreign

The Prime Minister expressed heartfelt condolences with the bereaved family and the Uzbek nation. He recalled that Uzbekistan had made great progress in all fields under the leadership of President Karimov. The late President had secured a permanent place in the hearts of the Uzbek people, who will remember him with love and affection. In his demise, Pakistan had lost a great and sincere friend.

He prayed to Almighty Allah to bless the departed soul and give him eternal peace. He also prayed for courage and fortitude for late President's family and the Uzbek nation.



Resolution of Kashmir dispute is imperative for durable peace in the region: **President Mamnoon**

resident Mamnoon Hussain has said that if Kashmiris' right to self-determination is accepted with an open heart then as a result the environment in the region will become conducive and the resources that, at the moment, are being utilized to promote differences, will then be used for human welfare. The President said that resolution of Kashmir dispute is imperative for durable peace in the region.

The President stated that it is imperative to avoid negative behaviour for attaining region's progress and prosperity so that the process of progress and cooperation could continue in full swing in the interest of the people of South and Central Asia. For this purpose, Pakistan is optimistic to convert geographical proximity between all neighbouring countries into a positive and fast-paced partnership, added the President.

President Mamnoon Hussain said that the neighboring countries instead of clinging to the past should move ahead for the progress in the region to better the future of our coming generations. The President stated that the best way to resolve mutual differences and conflicts is to take measures in good faith to increase mutual interest because only cooperation and mutual trust can resolve issues. The President said that in this age, no region can attain the goal of progress, peace, stability and prosperity unless the international community cooperates with each other with all sincerity. For this, it is important that betterment of the mankind should be preferred over so-called strategic interests and instead of maintaining relations on the basis of acceptance and rejection driven by petty interests, avenues of cooperation in the whole region should be explored, emphasized the President.

The President said that according to International Financial Institutions Pakistan would emerge as an economic power in the next 10-15 years with the current pace of economic development. He stated that Pakistan is now on the path to progress and its economy is improving adding that now it is our collective responsibility to contribute our due share in Pakistan's development to secure our bright future.

The President said that the government is focusing on providing higher education to female students noting that the government has increased the funds of HEC which is evident of government's sincerity in promoting higher

Our neighbouring countries particularly **Central Asian States are** taking keen interest in **CPEC** and are desirous of linking up with it.

education across the country. The President added that female students can participate in economic progress of the country by acquiring the higher education.

of ongoing energy projects, Pakistan will get rid of the menace of load-shedding by 2018.

President Mamnoon Hussain said that our neighbouring countries particularly Central Asian States are taking keen interest in CPEC and are desirous of linking up with it. The President said that Pakistan is committed to a comprehensive strategy to take along all its neighbouring countries in this journey towards progress. The President stated that Pakistan, due to its unique geography, valuable workforce and many other characteristics, is playing a leading role for peace, stability and progress in the region.

The President appreciated Fatima Jinnah Women University for organizing this International Conference and hoped that such activities will continue in future to bridge distances between different nations of the region and expanding horizons of cooperation.

The President expressed confidence that



The President noted that our region has been badly affected due to events during the past few decades but fortunately Pakistan boldly faced this situation. The President said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a multipurpose project which will be a harbinger of progress and prosperity for all countries in the region as a result of which the living standard of people will improve. The President said that CPEC would generate immense employment opportunities and our country will be put on the path to prosperity. The President expressed his optimism that upon completion

many new and useful recommendation will come forward as a result of exchange of ideas between experts and scholars for peace, progress and prosperity in South and Central

The President said this while addressing the International Conference on Peace and Security in South and Central Asia organized by Fatima Jinnah Women University. Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed and Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Women University also addressed on the occasion.



oday is the 26th German Unity day. This is a reason for Germans all over the world to celebrate the peaceful reunification of Western and Eastern Germany.

The German and the Pakistani Governments have been cooperating for more than 50 years now in order to promote sustainable, equitable and inclusive growth in Pakistan. The launch of the German Pakistan Chamber and Industry (GPCCI) is the latest fruit of this encouraging development and plays a vital role in building bridges between the business partners from both countries. A few days ago the State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign Office, Stephan Steinlein, was visiting Pakistan with a German business delegation.

Various German development projects encourage Pakistanis to help themselves independently.

Furthermore, the cultural and academic exchange between our countries is growing: More and more young Pakistani students have been studying in Germany over the last years.

As we Germans celebrate our National Day, I wish all the best to both Germany and a democratic and prospering Pakistan. May our relations be further strengthened in the years to come.

Zahid Malik A veteran journalist

(October 5, 1937- September 1, 2016)

ahid Malik was born on October 5, 1937. Malik started his career as a civil servant. After his retirement as a joint secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Malik launched a monthly Urdu news and views magazine Hurmat in 1980 and later started English-language daily Pakistan Observer. He was the Editor-in-Chief and publisher of the newspaper. He was also Patron in Chief of Nazaria-e-Pakistan Council.

He received a Writers Guild of Pakistan First Prize for his book 'Public Relations' which was first published in Urdu in 1971. Another of Mr Malik's works 'Mazameen-i-Quran-i-Hakeem' an 800-page subject-wise classification of verses of the Holy Quran was translated into English, French and German.

Mr. Malik received a Sitara-i-Imtiaz on Aug 14, 2011 for his contributions towards journalism, the promotion of the ideology of Pakistan and writings about religion.





























Mr. Harmut Noack presented shield to **CM Murad Ali Shah**

Glimpses of the event held at the Pool Marquee, "Breakfast with Jang". Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah was the guest speaker. Mr. Harmut Noack was presented with a Shield by the Chief Minister





Pakistan's Forces Combat Exercise

The Strength in Focus

Friendship 2016: Russian troops in Pakistan for first-ever joint military exercise





By Monitoring Desk

n a first, the Russian forces arrived in Pakistan on Friday to participate in a joint military exercise. "A contingent of Russian ground forces arrived in Pakistan for first ever Pak- Russian joint exercise (two weeks) from September 24 to October 10," tweeted Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt-General Asim Bajwa.

The Express Tribune quoted Pakistan's Ambassador to Moscow Qazi Khalilullah as saying this is the first time that military personnel from the two countries would be taking part in joint military drills, otherwise called 'Friendship-2016'.

Khalilullah said that this development reflected increased cooperation between the two countries and "indicates a desire on both sides to broaden defence and military-technical cooperation."

The Russian troops will be in the country for two weeks from September 24 to October 10 and the drill is being seen as a step to strengthen military-to-military cooperation and bilateral relationship, which had been marred by Cold War rivalry for decades. A senior Pakistani official said that around 200 military personnel from the two sides would take part in the joint military exercise.



9 days Pak-US Joint Exercise

"Inspired Gambit"

Concluded at South Carolina USA.SSG& Aviation troops participated-1







Exercise was aimed to gain from each other experience in the domain of counter terrorism & counter IED operations-2

Pak Army team Won







194th National Day of Brazil Celebrations

Ambassador of Brazil, H. E. Claudio Lins along with his better half hosted a reception to celebrate 194th National Day of Independence of Federative Republic of Brazil at Serena Hotel Islamabad. Chief Guest of the event was chairman and CEO of the Nishat Group Mian Muhammad Mansha. It was attended by large number of Honourable guest from all sects of the society.





Satrang Gallery, Serena Hotel organized an a exhibition titled

'A Lifeline Spread Long'

Featuring photographs by Mobeen Ansari Mobeen, a photojournalist, documentary maker and painter



Ukraine celebrated the 25th anniversary of independence Ambassador Volodymyr Lakomov hosted a reception to celebrate the 25th anniversary of independence of Ukraine at Serena hotel, Islamabad. Minister for Defence Production Rana

Tanveer Hussain was the chief guest on the occasion. The event was attended by who's who of the diplomatic corp, political parties and notables of the federal capital.





Czech Statehood Day Celebration

On the occasion of the Czech Statehood Day of Good King Wenceslas the Czech Embassy has orginezide a national day reception at Serena hotel, Islamabad. Chief Guest of the event was H.E. Tariq Fazal Chaudry, Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division.







Constitution day & The National day of Nepal celebrated at Serena hotel Islamabad





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Victory Day of Turkey

H.E. Sadiq Babur Girgin Turkey's Ambassador hosted a reception to celebrate Victory Day of Turkey at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Zakaullah was the chief guest while Federal Minister for Planning and Reforms Prof. Ahsan Iqbal was the guest of honour. Prime Minister's National Security Advisor (NSA) Lieutenant General Nasser Khan Janjua, Minister of State Pir Hasnat Shah, former Naval Chief Admiral Asif Sandheela, three former air chiefs, Aziz Bulani and PML-N leader Hanif Abbasi were conspicuous with their presence.

























National Day of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia celebrated

Ambassador H.E. Abdullah Marzouk Al-Zahrani, hosted a reception to celebrate commemoration of the establishment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at Serena hotel, Islamabad. The event was attended by who's who of the diplomatic corp, political parties and notables of the federal capital. Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif was chief guest of the ceremony with Governor Punjab Malik Rafiq Rajwana, Leader of the House in Senate Raja Zafarul Haq, head of Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir Affairs Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Senator Mushahid Hussain, Pakistan Muslim League chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, Senator Lt. General (Retd) Abdul Qayyum, besides diplomats from various countries also in attendance.





















Islamabad Foreign Women's Association (IFWA) hosted a charity bazaar

The Islamabad Foreign Women's Association (IFWA) hosted a charity bazaar at the Serena Hotel, to raise funds for the Pink Ribbon Charity Hospital. IFWA President Jasmina Makarevic, who is the wife of Bosnian envoy Nedim Makarevic, said: "IFWA is very pleased to had the chance to support Pink Ribbon in their noble cause in building a charity hospital for breast cancer patients."















1st Anniversary of Suzie Wong

at Karachi Marriott

Mr. Hartmut Noack, Regional General Manager, Karachi Marriott Hotel invited the Crème de la crème of Karachi city to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the New Suzie Wong. The Suzie Wong restaurant went through a very extensive refurbishment last year. Along with revamping the entire restaurant, a brand new menu was also launched. The Chinese Chef, Huan Ying from China, who has made a lot of friends here in Karachi because our guests simply love what he prepares at Suzie Wong. Huan Ying originates from Guangzhou. The guests immensely enjoyed the menu that had specialties from Cantonese, Szechwan and Hu Nan style of cooking. Mr. Hartmut thanked all the distinguished guests for making the event more special with their presence. The event was concluded with a cake cutting ceremony and scrumptious dinner was served.

































25th National day of Tajikistan celebrated

Ambassador of Tajikistan Sherali Jononov hosted a grand reception to celebrate 25thAnniversary of Independence of Tajikistan at Serena Hotel Islamabad. Federal Minister for Water and Power and Defence Minister Khwaja Asif was the chief guest. A large number of people from all walks of life attended the reception.

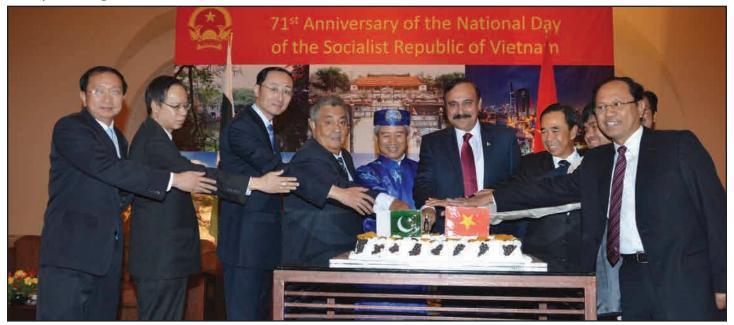


Vietnam celebrates National Day

Ambassador Nguyen Xuan Luu and Mrs Tran Thi Hanh hosted a warm reception to celebrate the national day of Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Serena Hotel Islamabad. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, the state minister for CADD was the chief guest. A large number of guests graced the reception. They were diplomats, former diplomats of Pakistan and senior government functionaries as well as prominent people from various segments of the society.



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