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of the Founding of The People's Republic of China**

**H.E. Xi Jinping, President of The People's Republic of China**

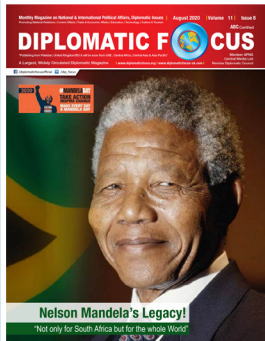


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Mian Fazal Elahi

This year marks the 71st anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China. In 1945, the United Nations was born in response to the call of the times. Four years later, The People's Republic of China was founded, and the Chinese nation re-emerged before the eyes of the world as a completely reborn nation. Seventy one years ago, China put an end to a period in modern history in which the country was torn apart and trampled upon. Since China began to open up and reform its economy in 1978, GDP growth has averaged almost 10 percent a year and today, China is the world's second largest economy. This sustainable growth is based on domestic consumption, services, private enterprise, green energy efforts and increased technological innovations. China has revived its economy due to its great political leadership and an environment conducive to entrepreneurship and innovations. President Xi and other Chinese leaders are wise, pragmatic and strong-willed. The people of China are creative, enterprising and persevering. Therefore, in just several decades, China has finished what took developed countries several hundred years to complete.

In recent years, China has expanded its diplomatic and economic relationships. China have always treated the others with sincerity and mutual support. Increasingly, China and other countries have become stakeholders sharing a common future. China always stands ready to share its development experience with other countries and provide necessary assistance in time of need. When this support and cooperation discussed with reference of Pakistan then these relationships has been described as "higher than the mountains, deeper than the oceans, stronger than steel, dearer than eyesight, sweeter than honey".

At present, the Chinese government and Chinese people worked hard and got an all-around victory against the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Indeed, China has set an example for the whole world and world should learn from China.

The "Diplomatic Focus" and its team avail this opportunity to on the auspicious occasion of the 71st anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China, it is great pleasure to convey cordial greetings and best wishes to the Government and the people of The People's Republic of China.

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## Message of

# Congratulations on the 71st Anniversary of the Founding of The People's Republic of China

Mdm. Pang Chunxue, Chargé D'affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

2020 is a remarkable year to China. The biggest goal for China is win the battle against poverty and build a Moderately Prosperous Society in All Respects set up the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese Government. It is a long journey since the founding of The People's Republic of China the 71 years ago and an important step in realizing the China Dream. We have the full confidence of achieve it under the strong leadership of President Xi Jinping.

Over the past 71 years, the CPC and the Chinese government have always regarded the people's yearning for a better life as our goal, leading the people of the whole country to stay true to their original aspirations, work hard, and develop China from a weak and poor populous country to the world's second-largest economy. China has successfully lifted 760 million poor people out of poverty. It has become the first developing country to achieve the United Nations poverty reduction goal and contributes more than 70% to global poverty reduction. In 2019, China's total economy exceeded 99 trillion yuan (14.4 trillion US dollars), and the per capita GDP exceeded 10,000 US dollars. Since 2017, China's economy has contributed more than 20% of the world's economic growth, becoming an important engine for world economic growth. The Chinese nation, with an entirely new posture, now stands tall and firm in the East.

2020 is an extraordinary year witnessing the global community fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic and China suffered a lot. Under the strong and decisive leadership of President Xi Jinping, the whole nation adopted the strictest, most comprehensive and thorough prevention and control measures to effectively curb the spread of the epidemic in a short time. We are proud to quickly achieve the success in the people's war against the coronavirus and take the country back to order. China's GDP grew by 3.2% in the second-quarter, and exports rose by 10.4% in July. China became the first major country to overcome the crisis and the first major economy to recover from the pandemic.

China is also actively contributing to the global fight against COVID-19. We have carried out international anti-epidemic cooperation within our capacity, donated US\$50 million to the WHO, sent 29 medical expert teams to 27 countries,



and provided assistance to 150 countries and 4 international organizations. President Xi Jinping announced that China will provide US\$2 billion over two years to help with COVID-19 response and with economic and social development in affected countries. COVID-19 vaccine development and deployment in China, when available, will be made a global public good.

2020 also witnesses the world undergoing profound changes and challenges, something unseen in a century. As a responsible major country, China will continue to adhere to openness, cooperation, win-win, and inclusive development, establish a "dual circulation" development pattern in which domestic economic cycle plays a leading role while international economic cycle remains its extension and supplement. With this new pattern, China's door will open wider to the world. China will continue to work for the improvement of global governance based on consultation, cooperation and shared benefits. We will continue to take concrete actions to protect the diversity of civilizations and promote exchanges and mutual learning between development models. We will work with other countries, including Pakistan, to jointly uphold the trend of peace and development of our world.

In this year, China-Pakistan relations stood the test of COVID-19 and have become even stronger with greater mutual trust, cooperation and friendship. The governments, people and societies of China and Pakistan strongly supported each other in fighting against COVID-19. In March, President Arif Alvi paid a visit of solidarity to China. In

August, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held the second strategic dialogue with Minister of Foreign Affairs Mahmood Qureshi and reached important consensus on the comprehensive development of China-Pakistan relations. The construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is advancing steadily, and has made outstanding contribution to Pakistan's resilience against the challenge. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the domestic epidemic situation in Pakistan has been greatly improved. The unity and tenacity shown by the Pakistani government and people is commendable. We firmly believe that Pakistan will eventually overcome the epidemic and rejuvenate the economy. We will continue to provide support and assistance to our iron brothers and sisters.

Looking back, Pakistan is the first Muslim country to formally establish diplomatic relations with New China. China-Pakistan relations are an outstanding example of relations between countries with different social systems and different historical cultures. No matter how the international situation changes, China-Pakistan relations have been developing in a healthy and stable manner, and the two sides have always firmly supported each other on issues concerning each others' core interests. When President Xi Jinping visited Pakistan in 2015, the two countries announced the establishment of an all-weather strategic cooperative partnership, pushing China-Pakistan relations to a higher level. Since 2018, Prime Minister Imran Khan has visited China three times, and President Xi Jinping have met Prime Minister Imran four times on bilateral and multilateral occasions. Our relations grow steadily under the steer of the leadership of the two countries.

Looking forward, in 2021, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China and the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. We are ready to work with Pakistan for a closer China-Pakistan Community of a Shared Future, to boost the high-quality development of the CPEC, jointly safeguard our common interest, maintain the momentum of peaceful development in the region, and create a better future for China-Pakistan relations!



Message of

## Congratulations on the 71st Anniversary of the Founding of The People's Republic of China

by H.E. Mr. Li Bijian, Consul General of China in Karachi



On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China, I'd like, on behalf of the Consulate General of China in Karachi, to extend our warmest congratulations and share this joyous moment with all our fellow Chinese and Iron brothers and sisters of Pakistan.

The year of 2020 brings human beings to another crossroads and the sudden occurrence of Covid-19 poses unprecedented challenges to the international community. Under the strong leadership of the Party and Government, with the valuable support by other countries, China successfully puts the pandemic under control and fully reopens her economy, and brings the social life back to normal. Experts foretell that China will be the only major economy in the world to realize positive growth this year.

A friend in need is a friend in deed. China and Pakistan always share weal and woe in difficult times. With concerted efforts by both sides, we have successfully controlled the spread of the pandemic and made huge contributions to the health safety and lives of mankind. My Consulate has been doing our best to give a helpful hand. We made donations to the provincial anti-Corona funds of Sindh and Balochistan, distributed more than 4 thousands of food bags to the needy families in different regions, provided hundreds and thousands of face masks to different institutions, and facilitated the visits by two medical teams from China. We also facilitated the visit by the expert team on locusts control from China and the receiving of the relevant equipment and pesticides.

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As we witness big changes unseen in a century, facts clearly show that no single country may live and prosper in isolation, cooperation and solidarity are the only way for peoples around the world to deal with the common challenges and issues, aiming at building a community of shared future for mankind. My Consulate is ready to work closely with our Pakistani brothers and sisters, especially to promote and strengthen the existing close economic, social, educational and cultural ties with the Pakistani side in the consular areas of Sindh and Balochistan Provinces.

China Pakistan dosti Zindabad!





## Message of

# Congratulations on the 71st Anniversary of the Founding of The People's Republic of China by H.E. Mr. Long Dingbin, Chinese Consul General to Lahore

On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China, on behalf of the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore, I would like to express the most passionate congratulations and warmest regards to our fellow Chinese who work and live in Punjab, and as well as to express our best wishes and most sincere gratitude to Pakistani brothers and sisters, who have for long rendered their support and care for China's development and Sino-Pak friendship.

The Year 2020 is an extraordinary year when we've been through the outbreak of pandemic and dramatic changes of international environment. Despite all these, China has effectively put the domestic epidemic under control, the economic growth has turned from negative to positive, and significant results of combating the COVID-19 have been achieved in the current stage under the concerted efforts by Chinese Communist Party and Chinese people and also under the strong support of our iron brothers like Pakistan. In the meantime, as a responsible great power, China has taken initiative to provide assistance to the best of its ability to support and help international communities including Pakistan, specifically in extending 50 million USD cash assistance to WHO in two batches, dispatching 29 medical teams to 27 countries under the guidance of China's President Xi Jinping's thought on forging a community of shared future for mankind and offering support and help to 150 countries and 4 international organizations in their fighting against the pandemic.

The Chinese Consulate General in Lahore, along with Punjab government and people, has been dedicated to enhancing Sino-Pak all-weather strategic and cooperative partnership and joint fighting against the pandemic, which has achieved fruitful results. During the outbreak, the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore has donated medical supplies worth tens of millions rupees to the related authorities in Punjab including Punjab Chief Minister's Office, Governor House, Punjab Assembly, IGP, Home Department of Punjab and etc. Except that, the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore has aided construction of classrooms and installation of water purifiers for the elementary schools in Punjab including Mahmudwali, Okara and etc. As early as this



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April, a Chinese medical team had a panel discussion with Punjab Health Department in Lahore, introducing China's experience in epidemic prevention, control and treatment. Later in 11 May, I officially handed over medical supplies to Punjab Chief Minister, Mr. Sardar Usman Buzdar, which are worth Rs.100 million and were aided by Punjab's sister provinces including Shandong, Jiangsu, Ningxia, Hubei, and Lahore's sister cities like Xi'an and etc., which was widely reported by Pakistan's mainstream media, for instance, The Nation and The News. Punjab military and police have been adhering to the safety protection of Chinese enterprises

and citizens under the grim situation of the pandemic. Punjab medical institutions have provided firm guarantees for Chinese citizens in consular district. Sino-Pak friendship has been gradually sublimated during bilateral cooperation on combating COVID-19.

Despite the pandemic impact, CPEC projects both under construction and completed are going well, with remarkable fruits achieved already, under the staunch support by Punjab government and with close cooperation by both sides, as the CPEC is expected to be an important carrier and breakthrough of Punjab economic recovery. Currently quite a number of early-harvest projects have been completed and put into operation, including Sahiwal Coal-Fired Power Plant, Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park (Bahawalpur), Karachi to Lahore Motorway (Sukkur-Multan Section), which are conducive to Punjab as these projects will strengthen areas of weakness in infrastructure and energy sectors. Among the ongoing projects in Punjab, OLMT Project will be put into operation in this October. Matiari to Lahore  $\pm 660$  kV DC Power Transmission Project construction is to be wrapped up by the end of October 2020 and put into production in March 2021. Allama Iqbal Industrial City started ground-breaking in January 2020, which is planned to attract companies from various sectors including automobiles, textiles, mechanical industry, pharmaceutical industry, food processing, chemical industry, construction materials and etc. for investment.

As the second Chinese Consul General in Lahore, I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to Punjab government and people for their long support and taking good care of Chinese enterprises and citizens in Punjab. Looking into the future, there is still much space for bilateral cooperation.

I am looking forward to working with Punjab government and people in the enhancement of mutual exchanges and bilateral cooperation in various sectors in order to build Sino-Pak community of shared future in new era, as the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore continues its role as bridge and tie. Let's jointly greet the advent of the Year 2021 that marks 70th anniversary of China-Pakistan diplomatic relations.





# 'Xiplomacy' in first half of 2020

China's diplomatic efforts, led by President Xi Jinping, have not hit the brakes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out his diplomatic agenda from the first half of 2020.

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## 4 Videoconferences

## 61 Phone calls

## 39 Correspondences and messages

(congratulations, condolences, sympathy, oral and written messages)

## 6 In-person meetings in Beijing

## 1 Overseas visit

Communicated with more than 70 foreign leaders and heads of international organizations



### Face-to-face diplomacy



March 17

Met with Pakistani President Arif Alvi



Feb 27

Met with Mongolian President Khaltmaa Battulga



Feb 5

Met with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen



Jan 28

Met with WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



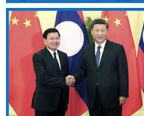
Jan 17-18

State visit to Myanmar



Jan 6

Met with Kiribati President Taneti Maamau



Jan 6

Met with Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith

### Attended 3

virtual international conferences on combating COVID-19

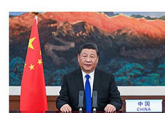


June 17

Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity Against COVID-19



May 18



73rd World Health Assembly

March 26



Extraordinary G20 Leaders' Summit on COVID-19

### Met with EU leaders

via video link



June 22



Met with President of the European Council Charles Michel and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen via video link

### Other multilateral diplomatic interactions include

June 22

Sent a congratulatory letter to the China-Arab States Political Parties Dialogue Extraordinary Meeting

June 18

Delivered a written message to the High-Level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation

Feb 9

Sent a congratulatory message to the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the AU

Feb 2

Sent a congratulatory letter to Senegalese President Macky Sall on the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation

Full Text: Fighting COVID-19: China in Action







## President Xi's remarks at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly



President Xi Jinping delivers a speech via video from Beijing to a high-level meeting in honor of the United Nations' 75th anniversary on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2020.

The 75 years since the founding of the UN has seen dramatic progress in human society, has witnessed profound changes in the international situation and has been a period of rapid development of multilateralism.

联合国的75年，是人类社会迅速发展的75年；是国际形势深刻变化的75年；是多边主义快速发展的75年。

—— President Xi Jinping

Problems facing the world are big and many, and global challenges are on the increase. They should and can only be resolved through dialogue and cooperation.

世界问题多得很，大得很，全球性挑战日益上升，应该也只能通过对话合作解决。

—— President Xi Jinping

Mankind has entered a new era of interconnectedness, with countries sharing intertwined interests and their future closely linked together. Global threats and global challenges require strong, global responses.

人类已经进入互联互通的新时代，各国利益休戚相关、命运紧密相连。全球性威胁和挑战需要强有力的全球性应对。

—— President Xi Jinping

No country has the right to dominate global affairs, control the destiny of others, or keep advantages in development all to itself. Even less should one be allowed to do whatever it likes and be the hegemon, bully or boss of the world.

任何国家都没有包揽国际事务、主宰他国命运、垄断发展优势的权力，更不能在世界上我行我素，搞霸权、霸凌、霸道。

—— President Xi Jinping

Big countries should lead by example in advocating and upholding the international rule of law and in honoring their commitments. There must be no practice of exceptionalism or double standards.

大国更应该带头做国际法治的倡导者和维护者，遵信守诺，不搞例外主义，不搞双重标准。

—— President Xi Jinping

Cold War mentality, ideological lines or zero-sum game are no solution to a country's own problem, still less an answer to mankind's common challenges.

靠冷战思维，以意识形态划线，搞零和游戏，既解决不了本国问题，更应对不了人类面临的共同挑战。

—— President Xi Jinping

To put into practice the principle of multilateralism, we must act, not just talk. There must be a cure, not just a therapy.

践行多边主义，不能坐而论道，而要起而行之，不能只开药方，不见疗效。

Full text:  
Statement by Xi Jinping at  
General Debate of 75th UNGA

The UN should aim at problem solving and move toward tangible outcomes as it advances security, development and human rights in parallel.

联合国要以解决问题为出发点，以可视成果为导向，平衡推进安全、发展、人权。





# REMARKS FROM XI'S UN SPEECHES

President Xi Jinping has focused on building a community of shared future for mankind, bridging differences and pursuing peaceful development in his speeches to the United Nations. Let's take a look at some of his salient points.

Pass on the torch of peace from generation to generation, sustain development and make civilization flourish: this is what people of all countries long for; it is also the responsibility statesmen of our generation ought to shoulder. And China's proposition is: build a community of shared future for mankind and achieve shared and win-win development.

让和平的薪火代代相传，让发展的动力源源不断，让文明的光芒熠熠生辉，是各国人民的期待，也是我们这一代政治家应有的担当。中国方案是：构建人类命运共同体，实现共赢共享。

Sovereign equality is the most important norm governing state-to-state relations over the past centuries and the cardinal principle observed by the United Nations and all other international organizations.

主权平等，是数百年来国与国规范彼此关系最重要的准则，也是联合国及所有机构、组织共同遵循的首要原则。



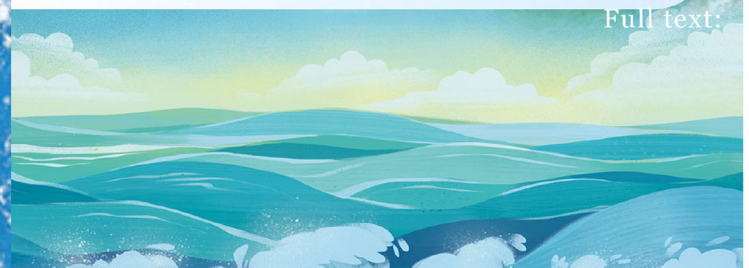
What we can learn from both past and present is that dialogue and consultation is an effective way to bridge differences and political negotiation is the fundamental solution to end conflicts. When we have sincere wish, goodwill and political wisdom, no conflict is too big to settle and no ice is too thick to break.

历史和现实给我们的启迪是：沟通协商是化解分歧的有效之策，政治谈判是解决冲突的根本之道。只要怀有真诚愿望，秉持足够善意，展现政治智慧，再大的冲突都能化解，再厚的坚冰都能打破。

The ocean is vast because it admits all rivers. Openness and inclusiveness have made Geneva a center of multilateral diplomacy. We should advance democracy in international relations and reject dominance by just one or several countries.

“海纳百川，有容乃大。”开放包容，筑就了日内瓦多边外交大舞台。我们要推进国际关系民主化，不能搞“一国独霸”或“几方共治”。

Full text:







Delicious soup is made by combining different ingredients. Diversity of human civilizations not only defines our world, but also drives progress of mankind.

“和羹之美，在于合异。” 人类文明多样性是世界的基本特征，也是人类进步的源泉。



China will never waver in its pursuit of peaceful development. No matter how strong its economy grows, China will never seek hegemony, expansion or sphere of influence. History has borne this out and will continue to do so.

中国将始终不渝走和平发展道路。无论中国发展到哪一步，中国永不称霸、永不扩张、永不谋求势力范围。历史已经并将继续证明这一点。

We will continue to pursue a win-win strategy of opening-up, share our development opportunities with other countries and welcome them aboard the fast train of China's development.

中国将继续奉行互利共赢的开放战略，将自身发展机遇同世界各国分享，欢迎各国搭乘中国发展的“顺风车”。



Looking around the world, peace and development remain the two themes of the world today, and the fundamental way out for properly addressing various global challenges is seeking peace and realizing development.

环顾世界，和平与发展仍然是当今时代两大主题。要解决好各种全球性挑战...根本出路在于谋求和平、实现发展。

With the steady onward march of economic globalization, all countries should keep their doors wide open and allow factors of production to flow more freely and smoothly across the world.

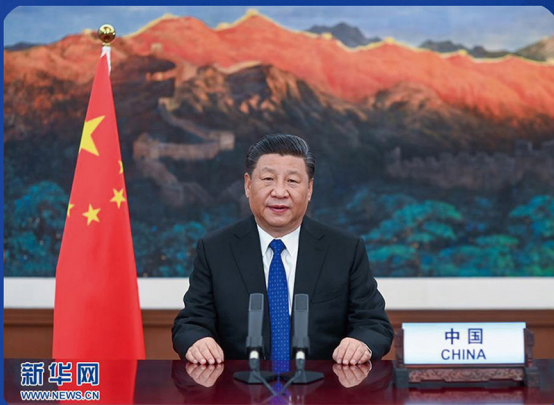
在经济全球化时代，各国要打开大门搞建设，促进生产要素在全球范围更加自由便捷地流动。



# President Xi's remarks at virtual session of World Health Assembly

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## 习主席在世卫大会 视频会议开幕式上的致辞



The history of human civilization is one of fighting diseases and tiding over disasters. The virus does not respect borders. Nor is race or nationality relevant in the face of the disease.

人类文明史也是一部同疾病和灾难的斗争史。病毒没有国界，疫病不分种族。

Confronted by the ravages of COVID-19, the international community has not flinched. The people of all countries have tackled the virus head-on. Around the world, people have looked out for each other and pulled together as one. With love and compassion, we have forged extraordinary synergy in the fight against COVID-19.

面对来势汹汹的新冠肺炎疫情，国际社会没有退缩，各国人民勇敢前行，守望相助、风雨同舟，展现了人间大爱，汇聚起同疫情斗争的磅礴之力。

In China, after making painstaking efforts and enormous sacrifices, we have turned the tide on the virus and protected the lives and health of our people.

经过艰苦卓绝努力，付出巨大代价，中国有力扭转了疫情局势，维护了人民生命安全和身体健康。

We must always put the people first, for nothing in the world is more precious than people's lives. We need to deploy medical expertise and critical supplies to places where they are needed the most. We need to take strong steps in such key areas as prevention, quarantine, detection, treatment and tracing. We need to move as fast as we can to curb the global spread of the virus and do our best to stem cross-border transmission.

我们要坚持以人为本、生命至上，科学调配医疗力量和重要物资，在防护、隔离、检测、救治、追踪等重要领域采取有力举措，尽快遏制疫情在全球蔓延态势，尽力阻止疫情跨境传播。

At this crucial juncture, to support the WHO is to support international cooperation and the battle for saving lives as well.

当前，国际抗疫正处于关键阶段，支持世卫组织就是支持国际抗疫合作、支持挽救生命。

Mankind is a community with a shared future. Solidarity and cooperation is our most powerful weapon for defeating the virus.

人类是命运共同体，团结合作是战胜疫情最有力的武器。

China stands for the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind. China takes as its responsibility to ensure not just the lives and health of its own citizens, but also global public health.

中国始终秉持构建人类命运共同体理念，既对本国人民生命安全和身体健康负责，也对全球公共卫生事业尽责。

I call on all of us to come together and work as one. Let's make concerted efforts to protect the lives and health of people in all countries. Let's work together to safeguard planet Earth, our common home. Let's work together to build a global community of health for all!

让我们携起手来，共同佑护各国人民生命和健康，共同佑护人类共同的地球家园，共同构建人类卫生健康共同体！

Full text:



MAY 18, 2020





## President Xi's people-centered philosophy

The fundamental goal for the Party to unite and lead the people in revolution, development and reform is to ensure a better life for them. The CPC will never waver in pursuing such a goal.

The CPC does not have any exclusive interests for itself, and it has put the people's interests in first place all the time.



Since the very beginning of the novel coronavirus outbreak, the Party has upheld the principle of putting the people's lives and health as the top priority.



The people's lives and health should be protected at all costs.



The people are the most solid foundation for the Party's governance.



Officials must always keep in mind that their power is granted by the people, and that power can only be used to bring benefits to the people.



- While meeting with deputies from the delegation of the Inner Mongolia autonomous region to the third session of the 13th National People's Congress, May 22, 2020

## President Xi calls for reforming public health systems

Preventing major pandemics and resolving public health risks are of great significance for national security and social stability, which should be planned from an overall perspective.

Prevention is the most effective and economic strategy, and the operation of disease prevention institutions should be improved.

The key to epidemic monitoring and early warning lies in timeliness and accuracy.



The system of surveillance for unknown diseases and abnormal health incidents should be reformed and risks should be analyzed at an early stage.

Coordinated efforts must be made in the response of hospitals, cooperation between regions and mobilization of personnel in emergencies.



Laws and rules concerning public health emergencies should be improved, and awareness of public health risks should be raised among all citizens.

A gale can pass through a small hole. The work of epidemic prevention and control must not cease for a single moment.



-- Joining a panel discussion with deputies from Hubei province at the third session of the 13th National People's Congress, May 24, 2020.



# President Xi pays tribute to medical workers

President Xi Jinping sent greetings to medical workers across the country ahead of the third Chinese Doctors' Day on Aug 19.

Xi has saluted medical workers' crucial role in safeguarding people's health and well-being on many occasions. Let's take a look at some of his quotes on the subject.

Medical workers should uphold the principle of putting people and their lives first.

AUG 18, 2020

"As you wear protective suits and masks, I can't see your faces. But in my heart, you are the loveliest people."

Xi said to medical workers at Huoshenshan Hospital, a temporary medical facility treating COVID-19 patients in Wuhan.

MARCH 10, 2020

Medical workers are the backbone in defeating the epidemic, and comprehensive support should be provided to ensure their strength, morale and energy in the fight against the virus.

FEB 19, 2020

Medical workers stay true to their original aspirations and keep firmly in mind their duties by answering the call of the Party, fearlessly heading to the frontline of the anti-epidemic struggle. They race against the time to combat the virus, working day and night, which demonstrates their commitment to the Party and the people.

FEB 10, 2020

Faithful to the principles of "giving priority to saving lives, healing the sick, and helping the dying with total devotion and ultimate love," our healthcare workers serve the people wholeheartedly. Especially when fighting severe epidemics and natural disasters, they face danger fearlessly, proceed without hesitation, and even sacrifice their own lives to save lives. They have won the admiration of all of society.

We should motivate medical personnel by improving their payment, career structure, working conditions, and social status, take care of their physical and mental health, increase their sense of pride in their profession by various means, and foster a social atmosphere of respecting medical staff and valuing healthcare.

Our healthcare workers should practice core socialist values, strengthen professional ethics and self-discipline, and provide the best public healthcare services. We should act firmly against crimes related to medical and health issues, especially violence towards medical staff and protect their safety.

AUG 19, 2016





## President Xi calls for stronger public health system

The people's security is the cornerstone of national security.



There is a need for readiness for worst-case scenarios, stronger awareness of potential dangers, and constant efforts to forestall major risks in healthcare.



The disease prevention and control system serves as an important guarantee for protecting people's health and public health security as well as maintaining economic and social stability.



Boosting early-stage epidemic monitoring and early-warning capacity should be a top priority in improving the public health system.



We never leave out any infected person and never give up on any patient.



Strengthening the training of TCM professionals will build a national high-caliber TCM professional team for epidemic prevention and treatment.



Science and technology are sharp weapons in humanity's battle against diseases.



--- While presiding over a symposium attended by experts on fighting the novel coronavirus in Beijing, June 2, 2020

## PRESIDENT XI ON LAW-BASED EPIDEMIC PREVENTION AND CONTROL

### 习主席谈疫情依法防控



### Law-based infection prevention and control

#### 依法防控

- The more strenuous the situation is, the more important it is to intensify law-based efforts so that related work will move on a legal track.  
疫情防控越是到最吃劲的时候，越要坚持依法防控，在法治轨道上统筹推进各项防控工作。
- We need greater legislative, law enforcement and judicial oversight to strengthen the capacity for law-based epidemic prevention and control.  
从立法、执法、司法、守法各环节发力，切实推进依法防控。
- Strengthen the enforcement of laws for those who jeopardize epidemic control efforts, strictly implement laws and regulations in terms of prevention and control of contagious diseases, and take law-based steps to deal with the emergency.  
要加大对危害疫情防控行为执法司法力度，依法实施疫情防控及应急处理措施。
- Information on the outbreak should be reported and released accurately, in a timely manner and in accordance with the law.  
要依法做好疫情报告和发布工作，按照法定内容、程序、方式、时限及时准确报告疫情信息。



### Reform and improve the disease prevention and control system

#### 完善疾病预防控制体系

- Strengthen primary-level capacity.  
加强基层防控能力建设。
- Prevent minor illness from becoming a major epidemic.  
避免小病酿成大疫。
- The ranks of public health workers must be strengthened, with measures to refine the mechanisms for the training of workers, access restrictions, staff treatment, evaluation and incentives.  
要加强公共卫生队伍建设，健全执业人员培养、准入、使用、待遇保障、考核评价和激励机制。
- Strengthen awareness of risk prevention.  
Improve a coordinated system for major public health risk analysis, evaluation, decision-making, and prevention and control.  
要强化风险意识，完善公共卫生重大风险研判、评估、决策、防控协同机制。



### Improve the mechanism for major epidemic emergency response

#### 完善重大疫情救治救治体系

- Improve emergency response mechanism and establish a centralized and efficient command system.  
要健全重大疫情应急响应机制，建立集中统一高效的领导指挥体系。
- Enhance the coordinated mechanism for scientific research, disease control and clinical treatment.  
要健全科学研究、疾病控制、临床治疗的有效协同机制。
- The medical treatment system for major outbreaks must be optimized, and a tiered treatment mechanism for major contagions should be established.  
健全优化重大疫情救治体系，建立健全分级、分层、分流的传染病等重大疫情救治机制。
- Encourage the application of digital technologies including big data, artificial intelligence and cloud computing in areas such as epidemic monitoring, tracing virus sources, epidemic prevention and treatment, and resource allocation.  
要鼓励运用大数据、人工智能、云计算等数字技术，在疫情监测分析、病毒溯源、防控救治、资源调配等方面更好发挥支撑作用。

## XI'S KEY QUOTES ON MARKET ENTITIES, ENTREPRENEURSHIP

President Xi Jinping chaired a symposium with entrepreneurs on Tuesday and urged efforts to spur the vitality of market entities and promote entrepreneurship. Let's take a look at some of his key quotes from the event.

By end of 2019

123 million market entities

38.58 million enterprises

82.61 million individually-owned businesses



These market entities are the main participants of China's economic activities, providers of job positions and drivers of technological advancements.



### Protect and spur vitality of market entities

Implementing relief policies to benefit market entities

Creating a market-oriented, law-based and internationalized business environment



Establishing a cordial and clean relationship between government and business

Paying great attention to development of individually-owned businesses





# President Xi calls for long-term view on economy

Efforts should be made to foster new opportunities amid challenges and make new advances amid changes.



A comprehensive, dialectical and long-term perspective should be taken to deal with the current difficulties, risks and challenges facing China's economy.

It is necessary to take active measures to enhance confidence in the whole of society, and particularly among market players, and to consolidate China's economic stability and good long-term development.



China's economy is still characterized by ample potential, strong resilience, large maneuver room and sufficient policy instruments.

China's economy is in a pivotal stage for transforming the growth model, improving economic structure, and fostering new growth drivers.



Economic operation now faces relatively heavy pressure due to difficulties and challenges caused by intertwined structural, institutional and cyclical problems, which have been compounded by the COVID-19 outbreak.

China has the largest industrial system in the world with the most complete categories, strong production capabilities, complete supporting sectors, as well as over 100 million market entities and a talent pool of 170 million people.



China's development will focus more on satisfying domestic market demand and the country will speed up building a complete system for domestic demand.

Unwavering efforts should be made to make economic globalization more open, inclusive and balanced so that its benefits are shared by all, and to build an open world economy.



The government will take more measures to stabilize employment, guarantee the basic livelihood of the poor, help small and medium-sized enterprises get over difficulties, stabilize food production, ensure the stable supply of coal, electricity, gasoline and natural gas, maintain the stability of industrial chains and supply chains, and ensure the supply of public services at the grassroots level.

The fundamental role of agriculture should not be neglected or undermined at any time.



The stable supply of food contributed greatly to the country's stability in the face of the novel coronavirus outbreak.

--- Joining political advisers from the economic sector at a panel discussion during the third session of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, May 23, 2020

## Manage the country's affairs well

A new development pattern should gradually be created, where domestic and foreign markets can boost each other, with the domestic market as the mainstay.



Efforts should be made to elevate the modernization level of the industrial and supply chains, promote sci-tech innovation, speed up breakthroughs in core technologies, and foster new advantages for future.

We shall stand on the correct side of history, stick to deepening reforms and opening-up, step up opening-up and cooperation in the sci-tech field, and advance the development of an open world economy.

## An entrepreneur shall

Be patriotic



Boldly innovate

Be honest and law-abiding

Take social responsibility

Think globally





# President Xi's views on 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period

President Xi Jinping noted that China's development will enter a new stage during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025) at a symposium in Beijing on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The following are some of his views.



China will provide more extensive market opportunities for other countries.

—— President Xi Jinping



Spurring vitality of new development by deepening reform, demonstrating more courage and taking more measures to remove deep institutional and mechanism barriers.

—— President Xi Jinping



Opening up is a fundamental national policy.

—— President Xi Jinping



Raising the level of opening up in an all-round way, building higher-level new institutions of the open economy, and forming new advantages in international cooperation and competition.

—— President Xi Jinping



Breaking new ground in social development with the approaches of collaboration, participation, and common interests.

—— President Xi Jinping



Efforts should be made to achieve full employment and create better quality jobs.

—— President Xi Jinping





## CHANGES IN IMPOVERISHED VILLAGES

President Xi has visited impoverished regions across China which have since transformed over the years. Let's take a look at how some of the places he went to have changed.

**Dec 29-30, 2012**

Luotuowan village & Gujiatai village,  
North China's Hebei province

### Luotuowan village



2012

2018

Annual per capita disposable income

950 yuan

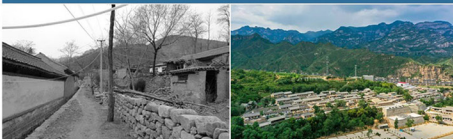
11,239 yuan

Poverty rate

79%

0.5%

### Gujiatai village



2012

2018

Annual per capita disposable income

980 yuan

14,971 yuan

Poverty rate

75%

1%

The two villages developed **tourism** and planted **mushrooms**, **apples** and **cherries** instead of the original corn and potatoes.



**Feb 2-5, 2013**

Yuanguodui village & Bulenggou village,  
Northwest China's Gansu province

### Yuanguodui village



2012

2018

Annual per capita disposable income

1,466 yuan

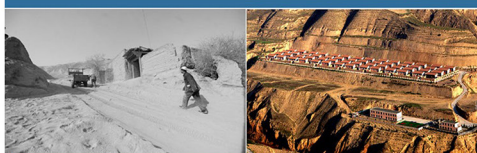
10,000 yuan

Poverty rate

57%

2%

### Bulenggou village



2012

2018

Annual per capita disposable income

1,624 yuan

6,815 yuan

Poverty rate

96%

1.16%

The two villages developed **animal husbandry** and **photovoltaic industry**, planted **traditional Chinese medicine ingredients** and **potatoes**, and encouraged villagers to do **agricultural tourism**.



**Nov 3-5, 2013**

Shibadong village,  
Central China's Hunan province

### Shibadong village



2013

2017

Annual per capita disposable income

1,668 yuan

8,273 yuan

Poverty rate

57%

1.37%

Now, **tourism**, the **kiwi fruit industry** and **Miao embroidery** are booming in the village.



**Jan 19-21, 2015**

Zhaotong,  
Southwest China's Yunnan province

### Zhaotong



2014

2019

Poverty rate

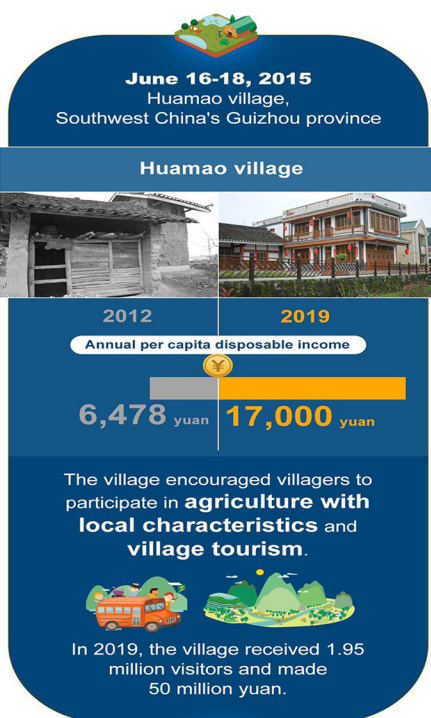
34.8%

3.4%

By developing **agriculture with local characteristics**, such as planting **apples**, **bamboo** and **traditional Chinese medicine ingredients**, Zhaotong found its way out of poverty.







## Rural specialties promoted by Xi

### Daylilies

**May 11, 2020**  
At an organic daylily farm in Yunzhou district of Datong city during an inspection tour in Shanxi province

- Daylily farming and processing can develop into a big industry with great prospects, Xi said.

#### 2019

**Total revenue:**  
65 million yuan (about \$9.18 million)

**Per-capita net income:**  
11,300 yuan (\$1,596)

**Average income of poor households:**  
14,800 yuan (\$2,091)

### Tea

**April 21, 2020**  
At a tea plantation in Pingli county of Ankang city during an inspection tour in Shaanxi province

- Tea is the way for them to achieve prosperity and they should "do well in the industry", Xi said.

#### By April 2020

**Local tea area:**  
80 hectares

**Annual output value:**  
over 400 million yuan (\$56 million)

- More than 300 poor people:

**Per-capita income:**  
increased by more than 1,100 yuan (\$155)

President Xi Jinping has made poverty alleviation a top priority. In recent times, he visited poverty-stricken areas and hailed the role of local specialties in helping rural residents shake off poverty. Here are some of the products he has singled out.

### Black fungus

**April 20, 2020**  
At a black fungus greenhouse in Jinmi village of Zhashui county during an inspection tour in Shaanxi province

- Impressed at how black fungus can help local villagers beat poverty, Xi gave the thumbs-up, saying: "Small fungus, big industry!"

#### On the morning of April 21

**Searches for Zhashui fungus:**  
more than 200,000 times on Taobao

- A total of more than 24 tons of fungus worth 3 million yuan (\$424,000) were bought up that night. Equal to 4 months of online sales of all products from Zhashui in 2019.

### Oil-seed camellia

**Sept 17, 2019**  
At an oil-seed camellia plantation in Guangshan county, Xinyang city during an inspection tour in Henan province

- Planting oil-seed camellia is green, environmentally friendly and ecologically sound, and also a good way to boost economic development and increase farmers' income, Xi said.

#### By May 2020

**Total area of oil-seed camellia in Xinyang:**  
63,306 hectares

#### In 2019:

**Annual output:**  
8,173 tons

**Annual output value:**  
1.1 billion yuan (\$155.4 million)

### Selenium-rich vegetables

**May 20, 2019**  
At an industrial park for planting selenium-rich vegetables in Yudu county during an inspection tour in Jiangxi province

- Life will get better and better just like sesame flowers grow taller and taller, Xi said.
- The industrial park developed a model:



### Honey

**April 15, 2019**  
At Huaxi village of Zhongyi town, in the Shizhu Tujia autonomous county during an inspection tour in Chongqing

- The bees here gather honey from hundreds of types of flowers growing on the mountains, Xi said.

- A poverty alleviation workshop for honey processing in the village:

**Daily production capacity:**  
1 ton

**Annual output value:**  
6 million yuan (\$847,000)

**Average annual income for the 200 beekeeping households:**  
15,000 yuan (\$2,200)



# XI'S QUOTES FROM POVERTY RELIEF SYMPOSIUMS

Since 2015, President Xi Jinping has attended and delivered speeches at seven themed symposiums on poverty alleviation. Let's take a look at some of his most memorable quotes from these events.

**Feb 13, 2015**  
**Yan'an, Shaanxi province**



On poverty relief in the Shaanxi-Gansu-Ningxia old revolutionary base areas

"A well-off society is incomplete if people in old revolutionary base areas cannot shake off poverty."



**June 18, 2015**  
**Guiyang, Guizhou province**

On poverty relief in contiguous poverty-stricken areas

"The most arduous task for achieving a well-off society in an all-around way lies in the rural areas, especially the impoverished ones."

**July 20, 2016**  
**Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui autonomous region**



On poverty relief through cooperation between eastern and western regions

"Pairing and cooperation between eastern and western regions in poverty relief is conducive to coordinated development and common prosperity."



**June 23, 2017**  
**Taiyuan, Shanxi province**

On poverty relief in areas stricken by extreme poverty

"It must be ensured that areas and people stricken by extreme poverty enter a 'moderately prosperous society' along with the rest of the nation."



**Feb 12, 2018**  
**Chengdu, Sichuan province**

On fighting against poverty in a targeted way

"Efforts to fight poverty must be maintained, and the quality of poverty relief missions should be improved even as their aim targets the poorest areas to ensure substantial progress is made."



**April 16, 2019**  
**Chongqing**

On solving prominent problems to meet people's basic needs in food and clothing and guaranteeing compulsory education, medical services and housing

"To get rid of poverty, we must consider both quantity and quality. We must strictly enforce the standards and procedures for evaluating whether people are poor or not, so as to ensure that genuinely poor people really get rid of poverty."



**March 6, 2020**  
**A teleconference held in Beijing**

It is the largest-scale meeting on poverty alleviation since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in 2012.

On securing a decisive victory in poverty alleviation

"(Party committees and governments at all levels) should overcome the impact of COVID-19 to clinch a complete victory in eradicating poverty and accomplish the great cause that is of tremendous importance both for the Chinese nation and humanity."





## President Xi's comments put food security in focus

Food is the paramount necessity of life. President Xi Jinping has stressed the importance of food and grain security on many occasions. Take a look at some of his sobering remarks on this issue.

### Significance of ensuring food security



For a country with 1.4 billion people, China must remain highly vigilant on food security issues.

Ensuring food security is always a top issue that concerns national development and people's well-being. It is imperative to study and improve food security policies, take production capacity building as a fundamental task, and tap the potential of grain production from farmland and technology.

### Self-reliance in grain supply



The rice bowl of the Chinese people, in any situation, must be firmly held in our own hands.

We should uphold a national strategy on food security featuring self-sufficiency based on domestic grain production, guaranteed food production capacity, moderate imports, and technological support.

### Protection of arable land



Effective measures must be taken to protect black soil, "the giant panda of cultivated land."

Arable land is the country's most valuable asset ... We should protect it the way we protect pandas.

### Agricultural production during the epidemic



The more risks and challenges we face, the more we need to stabilize agriculture and ensure the safety of grain and major non-staple foods.

All-out efforts should be made to organize spring plowing while taking differentiated anti-epidemic measures, so that farmers will not miss the farming season and a good summer harvest will be guaranteed.

### Grain production



Food safety is an important foundation of national security. We need to innovate in food production, optimize production technology, implement all supportive policies, protect farmers' enthusiasm for their work, and improve the income from food production.

Grain production, with farmland as the fundamental element, is supported by water conservancy systems, facilitated by science and technology, and driven forward by policies. Issues relating to these key points must be addressed earnestly and properly to attain breakthroughs in grain production.



# China's environmental progress over the years



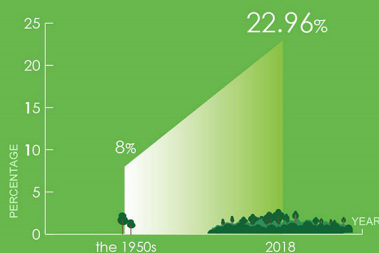
“We should protect the ecosystems as precious as we protect our eyes, and cherish them as dearly as we cherish our lives.”

The environment itself means the economy. If you protect the environment, you will receive rewards from the environment.”

— President Xi Jinping

## More trees

China's forest coverage has increased from 8 percent in the 1950s to 22.96 percent in 2018.



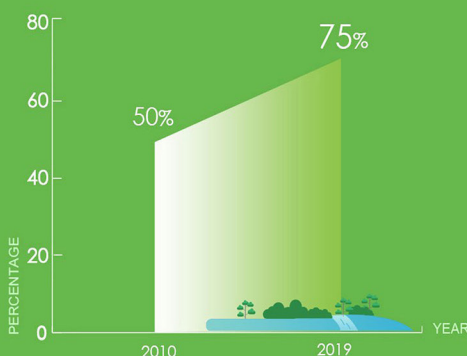
Newly-added green areas in China in the past 20 years account for 25 percent of the global increase, the biggest share in the world



Saihanba, once a barren wasteland, has been turned into the world's largest man-made forest after decades of afforestation.

## Cleaner water

From 2010 to 2019, surface water with fairly good quality rose from around 50 percent to around 75 percent.



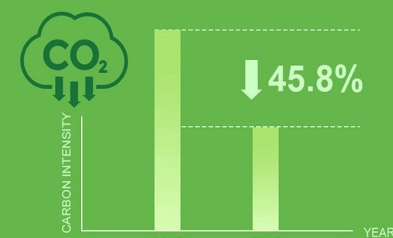
Water bodies listed below Grade V, the poorest quality in the country's five-tier surface water quality system, has dropped from 20.8 percent to 3.4 percent.



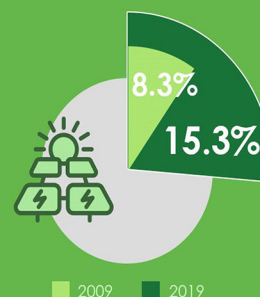
Maozhou, a once heavily-polluted river in South China's Shenzhen city, has become cleaner after years of treatment.

## Fewer carbon emissions

In 2018, China's carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP were 45.8 percent lower than 2005, meeting its target two years ahead of schedule.



From 2009 to 2019, the share of non-fossil fuels in China's total energy consumption increased from 8.3 percent to 15.3 percent.





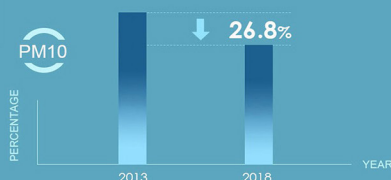


## Fewer pollutants

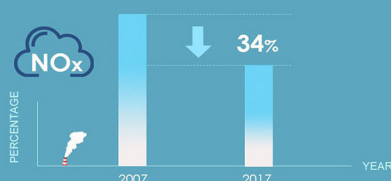
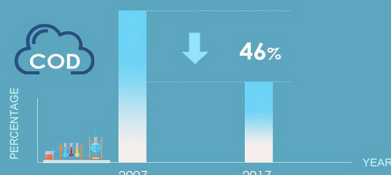
The average concentration of PM2.5 – fine particular matter causing smog – in 74 major cities has dropped by 41.7 percent from 2013 to 2018.



The average density of PM10 – particles with a diameter of less than 10 microns – in 338 monitored cities has declined by 26.8 percent.



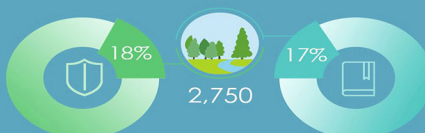
From 2007 to 2017, emissions of sulfur dioxide fell 72 percent, emissions of chemical oxygen demand declined by 46 percent and oxynitride emissions decreased by 34 percent.



Beijing's air quality has improved significantly since 2013.

## More natural reserves

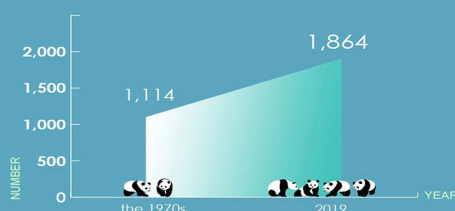
In the past 70 years, China has built 2,750 natural reserves. Altogether, about 18 percent of China's land areas are under protection. It has achieved the goal set in the United Nation's Convention on Biological Diversity to protect 17 percent of the planet's land areas.



## Wildlife protection

Some species on the verge of extinction have witnessed a comeback thanks to strong protection methods.

Giant panda numbered 1,114 in the 1970s. In 2019, the figure rose to 1,864.



Crested ibis, also known as the Oriental Gem, was once thought to be extinct.

In 1981, seven crested ibises were found in Yangxian, Shaanxi province. After years of conservation and captive breeding efforts, the population has grown to more than 4,000.



Tibetan antelope, a species endemic to Tibet-Qinghai Plateau, saw its population sharply declined from 200,000 to 20,000 in the 1980s due to illegal hunting.

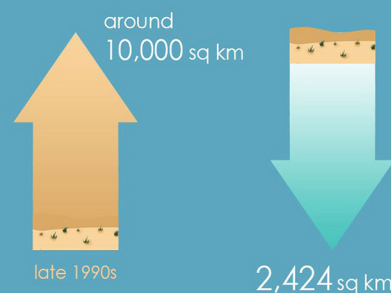


Thanks to the country's efforts to improve its habitat and crack down on poaching, the population has recovered over recent years. More than 70,000 Tibetan antelopes now live in Hoh Xil natural reserve.



## Desertification curbed

The area of deserts has been reduced by 2,424 square kilometers every year over the past decade, compared with an expansion of around 10,000 sq km in late 1990s



From 2011 to 2018, the size of land plagued by water and soil erosion dropped by 212,300 square kilometers, about the size of Belarus



The Kubuqi, China's seventh largest desert, has seen one-third of its area greened after three decades of reforestation



# LAW ON SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL SECURITY IN HKSAR

## 香港特别行政区 维护国家安全法



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### 6 Supplementary provisions 附则

This law shall prevail where provisions of the local laws of the HKSAR are inconsistent with this law.  
香港特别行政区本地法律规定与本法不一致的，适用本法规定。

The power of interpretation of this law shall be vested in the NPC Standing Committee.  
本法的解释权属于全国人民代表大会常务委员会。

## Responsibilities of Central Government, HKSAR

### 中央人民政府和香港特别行政区的责任



The Central People's Government has an overarching responsibility for national security affairs relating to the HKSAR.  
中央人民政府对香港特别行政区有关的国家安全事务负有根本责任。

It is the duty of the HKSAR under the Constitution to safeguard national security and the region shall perform the duty accordingly.  
香港特别行政区负有维护国家安全的宪制责任，应当履行维护国家安全的职责。

The executive authorities, legislature and judiciary of the region shall effectively prevent, suppress and impose punishment for any act or activity endangering national security in accordance with this law and other relevant laws.  
香港特别行政区行政、立法、司法机构应当依据本法和其他有关法律，有效防范、制止和惩治危害国家安全的行为和活动。

It is the common responsibility of all the people of China, including the people of Hong Kong, to safeguard the sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China.  
维护国家主权、统一和领土完整是全中国各族人民共同的责任。

Any institution, organization or individual in the HKSAR shall abide by this law and the laws of the region in relation to the safeguarding of national security, and shall not engage in any act or activity which endangers national security.  
在香港特别行政区的任何机构、组织和个人都应当遵守本法和其他香港特别行政区有关维护国家安全的法律，不得从事危害国家安全的行为和活动。

A resident of the HKSAR who stands for election or assumes public office shall confirm in writing or take an oath to uphold the Basic Law of the HKSAR and swear allegiance to the HKSAR in accordance with the law.  
香港特别行政区居民在参选或者就任公职时应当依法签署文件确认或者宣誓拥护中华人民共和国香港特别行政区基本法，效忠中华人民共和国香港特别行政区。



The HKSAR shall strengthen its work on safeguarding national security and prevention of terrorist activities.  
香港特别行政区应当加强维护国家安全和防范恐怖活动的工作。

The Government of the HKSAR shall take necessary measures to strengthen public communication, guidance, supervision and regulation over matters concerning national security, including those relating to schools, universities, social organizations, the media, and the internet.  
对学校、社会团体、媒体、网络等涉及国家安全的事项，香港特别行政区政府应当采取必要措施，加强宣传、指导、监督和管理。

## Legal principles HKSAR should abide by while safeguarding national security

### 香港特别行政区维护国家安全应当遵循的重要法治原则

Human rights shall be respected and protected in safeguarding national security in the HKSAR. The rights and freedoms, including the freedoms of speech, of the press, of publication, of association, of assembly, of procession and of demonstration, which the residents of the region enjoy, shall be protected in accordance with the law.  
香港特别行政区维护国家安全应当尊重和保障人权，依法保护香港特别行政区居民享有的言论、新闻、出版的自由，结社、集会、游行、示威的自由在内的权利和自由。



The principle of the rule of law shall be adhered to in preventing, suppressing, and imposing punishment for offences endangering national security.  
防范、制止和惩治危害国家安全犯罪，应当坚持法治原则。

A person is presumed innocent until convicted by a judicial body.  
任何人未经司法机关判罪之前均假定无罪。

The right to defend himself or herself and other rights in judicial proceedings that a criminal suspect, defendant, and other parties in judicial proceedings are entitled to under the law shall be protected.  
保障犯罪嫌疑人、被告人和其他诉讼参与人依法享有的辩护权和其他诉讼权利。

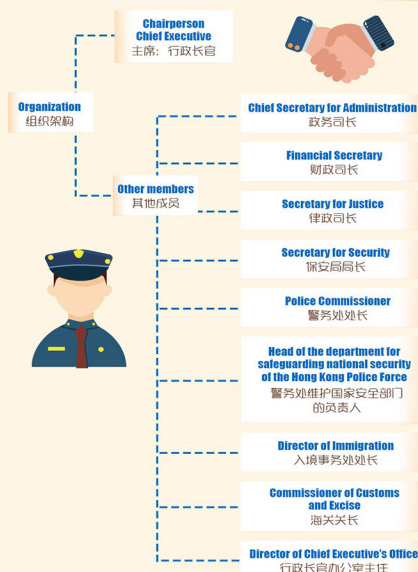
No one shall be liable to be tried or punished again for an offence for which he or she has already been finally convicted or acquitted in judicial proceedings.  
任何人已经司法程序最终确定有罪或者宣告无罪的，不得就同一行为再予审判或者惩罚。

## HKSAR to establish Committee for Safeguarding National Security

### 香港特别行政区设立维护国家安全委员会

The HKSAR Committee for Safeguarding National Security shall be under the supervision of and accountable to the Central People's Government.  
香港特别行政区维护国家安全委员会接受中央人民政府的监督和指导。

The Chief Executive shall be the chairperson of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR.  
香港特别行政区维护国家安全委员会由行政长官担任主席。



### Duties and functions 职责

1 Analyzing and assessing developments in relation to safeguarding national security in the HKSAR, making work plans, and formulating policies for safeguarding national security in the region.  
分析研判香港特别行政区维护国家安全形势，规划有关工作，制定香港特别行政区维护国家安全政策。



2 Advancing the development of the legal system and enforcement mechanisms of the region for safeguarding national security.  
推进香港特别行政区维护国家安全的法律制度 and 执行机制建设。

3 Coordinating major work and significant operations for safeguarding national security in the region.  
协调香港特别行政区维护国家安全的重点工作 and 重大行动。



The Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR shall have a National Security Adviser, who shall be designated by the Central People's Government and provide advice on matters relating to the duties and functions of the committee.  
香港特别行政区维护国家安全委员会设立国家安全事务顾问，由中央人民政府指派，就香港特别行政区维护国家安全委员会履行职责相关事务提供意见。

The Police Force of the HKSAR shall establish a department for safeguarding national security with law enforcement capacity.  
香港特别行政区政府警务处设立维护国家安全的部门，配备执法力量。

The Department of Justice of the HKSAR shall establish a specialized prosecution division responsible for the prosecution of offences endangering national security and other related legal work.  
香港特别行政区政府律政司设立专门的国家安全犯罪案件检控部门，负责危害国家安全犯罪案件的检控工作和其他相关法律事务。





## Four categories of offences that threaten national security

### 四类危害国家安全的罪行



#### Secession

分裂国家罪



#### Subversion

颠覆国家政权罪



#### Terrorist activities

恐怖活动罪



#### Collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security

勾结外国或者境外势力危害国家安全罪

## Jurisdiction, applicable law and procedure

### 案件管辖、法律适用和程序

The HKSAR shall have jurisdiction over cases concerning offences under this law, except under the circumstances specified in Article 55 of this law.

香港特别行政区对本法规定的犯罪案件行使管辖权，但本法第五十五条规定的情形除外。

The trial shall be conducted in an open court. When circumstances arise such as the trial involving State secrets or public order, all or part of the trial shall be closed to the media and the public but the judgment shall be delivered in an open court.

审判应当公开进行。因为涉及国家秘密、公共秩序等情形不宜公开审理的，禁止新闻界和公众旁听全部或者一部分审理程序，但判决结果应当一律公开宣布。

No bail shall be granted to a criminal suspect or defendant unless the judge has sufficient grounds for believing that the criminal suspect or defendant will not continue to commit acts endangering national security.

对犯罪嫌疑人、被告人，除非法官有充足理由相信其不会继续实施危害国家安全行为的，不得准予保释。

A person shall not be designated as a judge to adjudicate a case concerning offence endangering national security if he or she has made any statement or behaved in any manner endangering national security. A designated judge shall be removed from the designation list if he or she makes any statement or behaves in any manner endangering national security during the term of office.

凡有危害国家安全言行的，不得被指定为审理危害国家安全犯罪案件的法官。在获任指定法官期间，如有危害国家安全言行的，终止其指定法官资格。

## Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR

### 中央人民政府驻香港特别行政区维护国家安全公署

#### Mandate 职责

**1** Analyzing and assessing developments in relation to safeguarding national security in the HKSAR, and providing opinions and making proposals on major strategies and important policies for safeguarding national security.

分析研判香港特别行政区维护国家安全形势，就维护国家安全重大战略和重要政策提出意见和建议。



**2** Overseeing, guiding, coordinating with, and providing support to the region in the performance of its duties for safeguarding national security.

监督、指导、协调、支持香港特别行政区履行维护国家安全的职责。

**3** Collecting and analyzing intelligence and information concerning national security.

收集分析国家安全情报信息。

**4** Handling cases concerning offence endangering national security in accordance with the law.

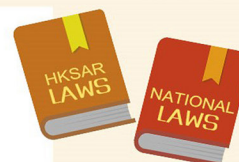
依法办理危害国家安全犯罪案件。

The Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR shall perform its mandate in strict compliance with the law and be subject to supervision in accordance with the law. It shall not infringe upon the lawful rights and interests of any individual or organization.

驻港国家安全公署应当严格依法履行职责，依法接受监督，不得侵害任何个人和组织的合法权益。

Staff of the office shall abide by the laws of the HKSAR as well as national laws.

驻港国家安全公署人员除须遵守全国性法律外，还应当遵守香港特别行政区法律。



The Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR shall establish a mechanism of coordination with the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR to oversee and provide guidance on the work of the HKSAR for safeguarding national security.

驻港国家安全公署应当与香港特别行政区维护国家安全委员会建立协调机制，监督、指导香港特别行政区维护国家安全工作。

The working departments of the office shall establish mechanisms for collaboration with the relevant authorities of the region responsible for safeguarding national security to enhance information sharing and operations coordination.

驻港国家安全公署的工作部门应当与香港特别行政区维护国家安全的有关机关建立协作机制，加强信息共享和行动配合。





#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, a beautiful land covering one-sixth of China, boasts brilliant culture and abundant natural resources. It serves as a significant channel for civilization exchange between the East and the West. The autonomous region has made great strides in raising living standards from what they were 70 years ago.

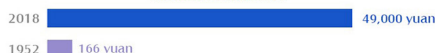
## 1 Economic Growth

### Regional GDP growth:



Up 200-fold excluding inflation

### Per capita GDP:



Up by a factor of 37.7  
with average annual growth of 5.7%

## 2 Transportation Convenience



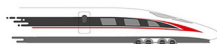
A modern comprehensive transportation network has made Xinjiang better connected than ever before.



The road access rate of administrative villages: **99.74%**



Railway operating mileage: **5,959 kilometers**  
(to hit 8,000 kilometers as of 2022)



High-speed railways connect Urumqi to other parts of the country



Civil airports: **21** (to be 30 by 2022)

## 3 Thriving Tourism

Xinjiang is blessed with rich tourism resources including exotic architecture and food.



**12** national 5A-level scenic spots



**79** national 4A-level scenic spots



**132** national 3A-level scenic spots  
(as of the end of 2018)

### Number of tourists to Xinjiang:



## 4 People's Livelihood

### Per capita disposable income of urban residents:



an average annual growth rate of up **12.3%**

### Per capita disposable income of rural residents:

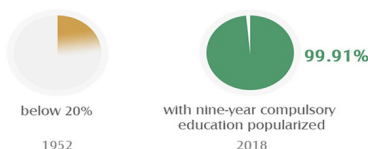


an average annual growth rate of up **12.2%**

### Average life expectancy:



### Enrollment rate of school-age children:



with nine-year compulsory education popularized

## 5 Poverty Alleviation



From 2014 to 2018

Xinjiang lifted over **2.31** million people out of poverty.



The poverty rate in the rural area fell from 19.4% to **6.1%**.



By 2020, all people are expected to be taken off the impoverished list.

### Poverty alleviation funds:



**94.22%** of the funds (35.9 billion yuan) were allocated to southern Xinjiang.

## 6 Opening-up



Xinjiang strives to become the heart of the Silk Road Economic Belt and a key trade gateway to Central and West Asia.



Foreign trade in 2018: **\$20** billion,  
1,481 times higher than that of 1950.

### Achievements of Belt and Road construction since 2014:



Westward trains made **2,451** trips to **26** cities  
of **19** countries in Central Asia and Europe



Opened **17** cross-border cableways with  
its neighboring countries



Opened cross-border renminbi business with  
**98** countries and regions



Attracted **12,400** international students and established  
**10** Confucius institutes in six neighboring countries



Established a long-distance medical service platform with  
**24** large-scale hospitals in three neighboring countries.

Source:

Based on information released by the government of the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region on July 30, 2019. The aforementioned national data refers to those from the Chinese mainland.

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Full text: The Fight Against Terrorism and Extremism and Human Rights Protection in Xinjiang







## ABCs of vocational education and training centers in Xinjiang



### Where is Xinjiang?

Xinjiang is situated in Northwest China and the hinterland of Eurasian Continent

It covers an area of 1.66 million sq km, roughly twice the size of Turkey



### Terrorism and extremism in Xinjiang



For years Xinjiang has been plagued by terrorism and extremism

Between 1990 and 2016, thousands of acts of terrorism have been plotted or carried out there



Many innocent people were killed and hundreds of police officers died in the line of duty

### Why China fights religious extremism



Extremist forces spread religious extremism among people who have limited means of communication outside their own communities

Deliberately distorting religious doctrines and canons, religious extremists bind extremism to religion, and incite people to overthrow secular governments and establish theocratic states



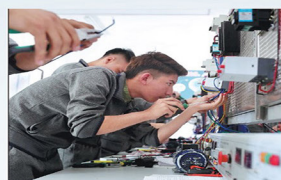
Religious extremism denies modern secular civilization, and incites followers to "engage in a holy war and die for their beliefs to enter heaven"

To strengthen control over believers, it incites people to boycott standard Chinese language and reject modern science



Extremists act in line with fabricated "religious laws" and "domestic discipline", and defy the Constitution and State laws

It spreads word about "a next life where one's fate is predestined", and deceives believers into rejecting vocational skill training which could help improve their economic conditions



To curb the propagation of terrorism and extremism, Xinjiang has set up vocational education and training centers



### Who studies at the vocational education and training centers?

1

People who were incited, coerced or induced into participating in terrorist or extremist activities, and whose violations were not serious enough to constitute crimes



People who participated in terrorist or extremist activities that did not cause actual harm, and thus can be exempted from punishment and who have demonstrated the willingness to receive training

2

3

People who were convicted and received prison sentences for terrorist or extremist crimes and after serving their sentences, have been assessed as still posing a potential threat to society



### What do they learn at the centers?



Standard spoken and written Chinese



Understanding of the law



Vocational skills



Deradicalization

The education and training efforts in Xinjiang are in line with principles defined in relevant international conventions and initiatives



The United Nations Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism notes that **poverty, unemployment and low levels of education** are the background causes of violent extremism.

The plan proposes to encourage individuals to leave violent extremist groups by providing them with educational and economic opportunities.



### What rights do trainees have at the centers?



- ☒ Personal freedom
- ☒ Freedom to use their own language
- ☒ Protection of ethnic customs
- ☒ Freedom of religious belief
- ☒ Respect for spiritual and cultural needs



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### Remarkable results achieved through education and training

#### Fewer terrorist incidents

Several thousand

1990 -2016



Zero  
2016-2019

#### Booming tourism



150 million trips

76 million trips

46%  
year-on-year

Jan - June 2019

40%  
year-on-year

2018



### What do foreign journalists say?

"Xinjiang has set up education and training centers to train young people influenced by the extremist ideas of terrorist organizations, to provide them with the opportunity to reintegrate into society, get back on track, and steer clear of the claws of terrorism."

-- An article in Egypt's Al-Ahram Al-Masry newspaper titled "China Uses Training and Re-education to Deal with Extremism" and published on May 15, 2019.

"The centers provide human-based management and services for the trainees. There is no maltreatment or restrictions on personal freedom. The trainees are happy to study and live there."

-- A report from Turkey's Demiroren News Agency

"A visit to Kashgar Vocation Skills Educational and Training Center, which I found well organized with young people, was mostly of the UYGHUR ethnicity... They were well fed, and they had good sleeping conditions... they seemed very happy; and they were treated well by their supervisors."

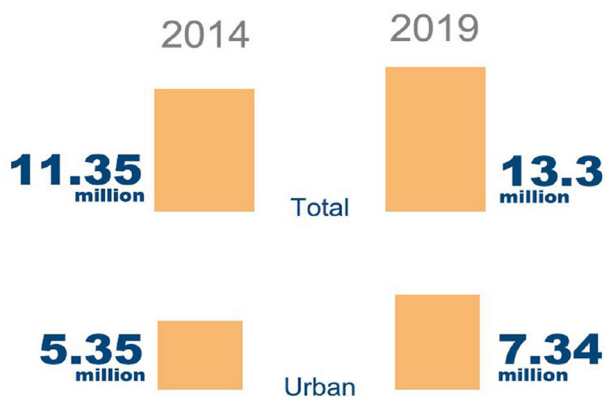
-- An article from US magazine International Focus entitled "A Journey to the Autonomous Region of Xinjiang, China" written by Val Thompson published in its May 2019 issue



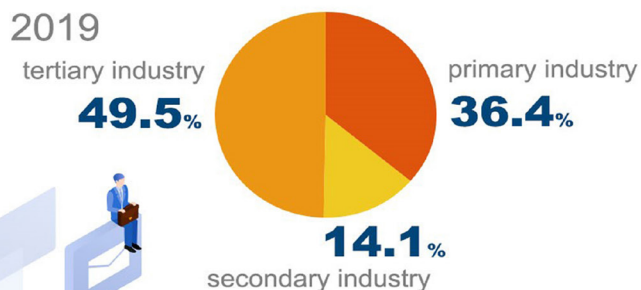
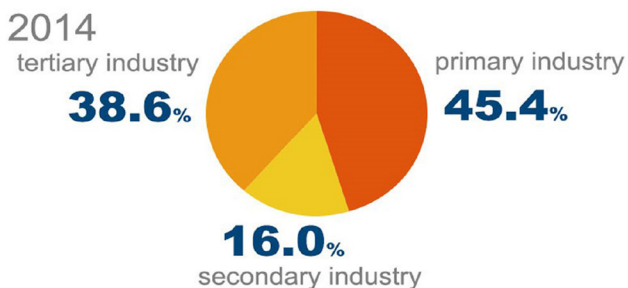
# XINJIANG'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY THE NUMBERS

China has published a white paper on employment and labor rights in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. Let's let the numbers show us the region's employment situation.

## NUMBERS OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN XINJIANG

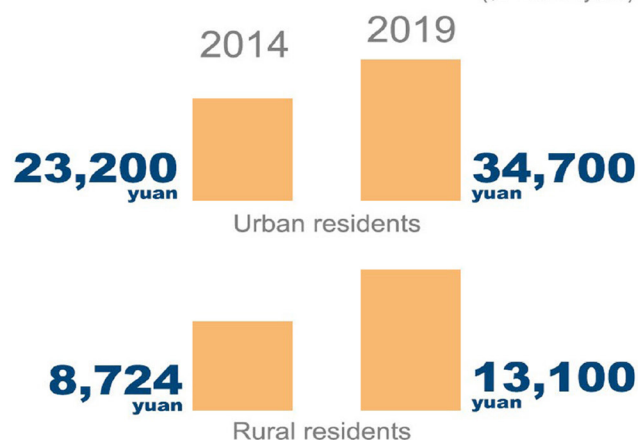


## PROPORTIONS OF EMPLOYED PEOPLE IN INDUSTRIES



## PER-CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

(\$1= 6.772 yuan)

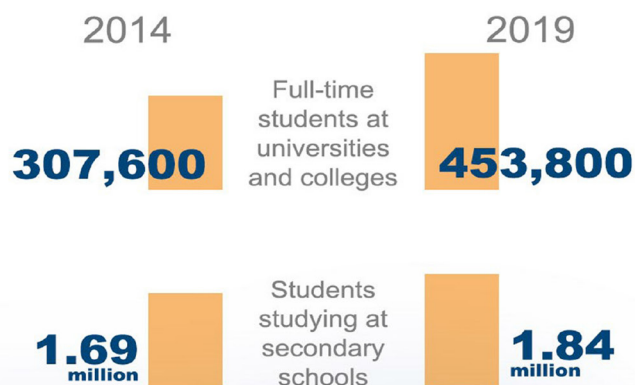


Average annual nominal growth of 8.6 and 8.9 percent, respectively

## MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY



## EDUCATION ENROLLMENTS



## Every year from 2014 to 2019

Xinjiang provided training sessions to an average of **1.29 million** urban and rural workers, of which **451,400** were in southern Xinjiang.





### AGENCIES PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO AROUND 21.73 MILLION PEOPLE IN 2019

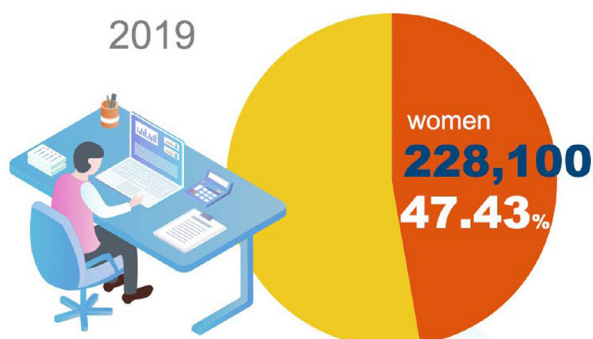
**144** human resource markets at the county level or above

**149** job placement agencies on the farms of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps

**8,668** primary-level labor offices across Xinjiang

### RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND DISABLED GUARANTEED

2019



New urban jobs: **480,900**



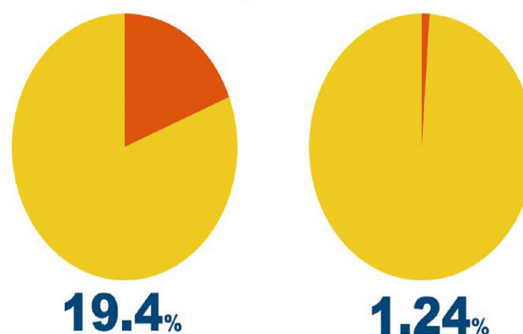
Number of disabled people with working ability: **309,400**

### POVERTY ELIMINATION

2013

2019

Poverty incidence



From 2013 to the end of 2019, Xinjiang wiped out poverty in **25** poor counties and **3,107** poor villages.

From 2014 to the end of 2019, a total of **2.92 million** people from **737,600** households shook off poverty.

By the end of 2020, poverty will be completely eliminated in Xinjiang.

Full text:  
Employment and Labor Rights in Xinjiang





# CHINA'S 5G COMMERCIALIZATION ONE YEAR LATER

## Editor's note:

A whole year has passed since China issued 5G licenses for commercial use to telecom providers China Telecom, China Mobile, China Unicom and China Broadcast Network. Let's see how 5G industries in commercial fields have developed.

## Base stations under rapid construction

### Construction speed:

**10,000+** 5G base stations built weekly since 2020

### Existing number:

250,000 5G base stations have been built in China

### Goal for 2020:

**600,000+** 5G base stations built by 2020's end, covering each city at prefecture level or above in China

## 5G subscribers rose

### Subscriber numbers:

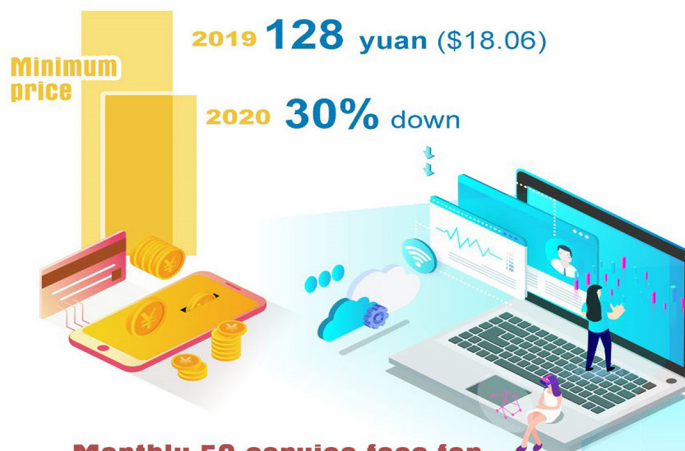
Over **36 million** by late April

**7 million** increase in April

Over **200 million** at 2020's end

## 5G discount scheme

### Chinese telecom providers' 5G payment plans



### Monthly 5G service fees for China Mobile

Initial price	Current price
128 yuan	88 yuan
158 yuan	108 yuan
198 yuan	138 yuan
238 yuan	168 yuan
298 yuan	218 yuan
398 yuan	298 yuan
598 yuan	438 yuan

## Smartphone 4G to 5G transition in Q1

5G models: 57

Total models: 106

5G/total ratio: 53.77%

### 5G phones' domestic shipment

59.85 million by late May

180 million expected by year's end

### Lowest price for a 5G model

About 1,500 yuan



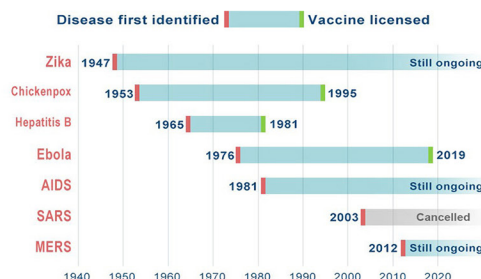


# COVID-19 VACCINE

**Cases**  
**>9,000,000 Global**

**Deaths**  
**>400,000**

## How long does it take to develop a vaccine?



## Vaccine



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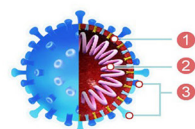
Yes, sir!

Yes, sir!

Yes, sir!

Yes, sir!

**SARS-CoV-2**



- 1 Spherical protein capsule
- 2 A strip of ribonucleic acid
- 3 Spikes (contain S-protein, responsible for recognizing and binding with cell surface receptors)

## Jan 12

Chinese scientists published the **genome sequence** of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, for the entire globe.



It took only two months to go from the publishing of genetic sequence to human trials,

**10 times** faster than the SARS outbreak in 2003.

## Feb 21

Chinese scientists have made progress in developing **five** types of COVID-19 vaccines:

- 1 Inactivated vaccines (灭活疫苗)
- 2 Recombinant protein vaccines (重组蛋白疫苗)
- 3 Adenovirus vaccines (腺病毒载体疫苗)
- 4 Nucleic acid-based vaccines (核酸疫苗)
- 5 Live attenuated influenza vaccines (减毒流感病毒载体疫苗)

## March 16

Both the US and China started their **first human trials** for a coronavirus vaccine.

### China

Name **Ad5-nCoV**

Type Recombinant adenovirus vector vaccine

Approach Implant a piece of genetic material from the SARS-CoV-2 virus into adenovirus, a weakened common cold virus that can infect cells without causing disease

Developer Chinese biotech firm CanSino Bio/Academy of Military Medical Sciences' Institute of Biotechnology

### United States

Name **mRNA-1273**

Type messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine (mRNA vaccine)

Approach Introduce an mRNA sequence (the molecule which tells cells what to build), coded for a disease-specific antigen. Once produced in the body, the antigen is recognized by the immune system.

Developer US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/Biotechnology company Moderna

## April 12

China and world's first inactivated vaccine approved for clinical trials.

### Inactivated vaccines

- a traditional vaccine type
- live virus needed to develop such vaccines
- use a version of virus "killed" by heat or chemicals

## May 15

**5 vaccines**, 1 vector and 4 inactivated, entered the first two phases of clinical trials in China.

## May 18

China promised to make the country's COVID-19 vaccine a **global public good** as soon as it is available.

## May 22

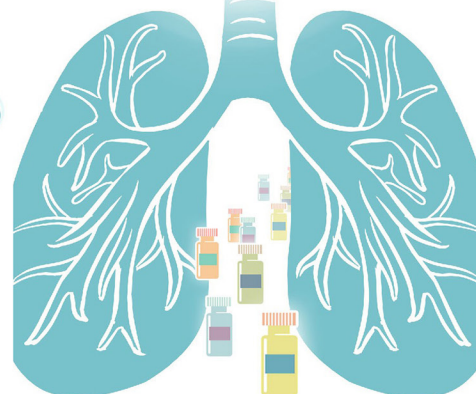
Phase I of China's first human trials for coronavirus vaccine found to be safe, well-tolerated and able to **generate an immune response** against the virus.

## June 16

World's first inactivated vaccine shows good results in **phase I and II** clinical trials, with all 1,120 subjects producing antibodies.

## June 23

The **phase III** clinical trial of the world's first inactivated vaccine, developed by China National Biotech Group, has been launched and will be carried out in the United Arab Emirates.



Around the globe, there are **100+ candidate vaccines** in development with 10 of them having moved to clinical trials.

**All have to undergo several stages before being publicly available:**



### Exploratory stage

Studying the disease and its epidemiology to identify antigens



### Pre-clinical stage

Tests conducted in cells and on animal subjects.



### Clinical trials

- Phase I: Vaccine tested on a small group of people (often < 100)
- Phase II: Vaccine tested on a larger group of people, usually hundreds, to further verify its safety and efficacy
- Phase III: Test further expands to cover thousands of people.



### Regulatory review and approval

All data collected through preceding stages are submitted to relevant health authorities



### Manufacturing and Quality control

Scale up production and ensure produced vaccines meet quality standards

Inactivated vaccines made in China would hit the market in **late December** or **early next year** at the soonest, said the National Vaccine and Serum Institute.





## Coming soon, the 3rd China International Import Expo

The CIIE was the first dedicated import exhibition in the world, and has seen fruitful outcomes in its past two editions. Last year more than \$71.13 billion in deals were reached, up 23 percent from the first expo. Now the third edition is fewer than 100 days away.



**Date:** from Nov 5 to 10



**Venue:** the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai)

## Exhibition area

**360,000** square meters, **60,000** sq m larger than previous editions

The average exhibition area of Fortune 500 companies: up **14%** from last year



The following items have booked more exhibition areas than their planned space :



**Consumer goods**



**Medical equipment & healthcare products**



**Trade in services**

The exhibition area for **automobiles** is almost fully booked.



### Six exhibition sections:



**Food & agricultural products**



**Automobiles**



**Intelligent industry & information technology**



**Consumer goods**



**Medical equipment & healthcare products**



**Trade in services**

### Four new sections this year :



**Public health**



**New energy & environmental protection**



**Smart transportation**



**Sports products**



## Preparations

Nine road shows have been staged.

A matchmaking session for consumer goods attracted more than 50 exhibitors and more than 150 buyers.

Invitations have been sent to 40,000 import companies.

169 exhibitors' brochures sent to targeted buyers

More information to connect supply and demand entities will be released online and more large trade and investment matchmaking sessions will be held during the expo.

## Two new customs policies

### A new type of customs guarantee for exhibits



**Before**

foreign companies paid deposits for their exhibits' customs clearance



**This year**

using customs guarantee insurance

**Benefits:** will not occupy capital and saves goods clearance time

### Authorization for the sale of exhibits on cross-border e-commerce platforms after the expo



transfer exhibits to customs special supervision zones or bonded logistics centers



sell on cross-border e-commerce platforms

**Benefits:** a new channel for companies to sell their exhibits

Other related policies for previous editions of the CIIE, such as the extension of the valid period of the ATA carnet (a passport for merchandise), will be extended to this year.

## Guard against COVID-19



Five medical posts in the exhibition halls



Four medics and three volunteers at each medical post



Quarantine zones and separate passages for people with high temperatures



Regular disinfection of the venue's ventilation system



Monitoring of the indoor and nearby environment



29 designated hospitals to admit suspected COVID-19 cases from the expo

Official Website of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> China International Import Expo:  
<https://www.ciie.org/zbh/en/>







BEIJING, 17th March 2020(Xinhua) - Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks here on Tuesday with visiting Pakistani President Arif Alvi

## Xi holds talks with Pakistani president to deepen ties amid fight against COVID-19

**A**t present, the Chinese government and Chinese people are working hard to score an all-around victory against the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)," said Xi.

Xi praised Pakistan's support for China, noting that at the beginning of the epidemic, President Alvi wrote him a letter to convey consolation, and Alvi's latest trip marks his firm support. The Pakistani side also offered everything within their capabilities to provide China with anti-epidemic materials.

"China is deeply grateful for Pakistan's support. Facts have proved once again that China and Pakistan are true friends who share weal and woe and good brothers who share each other's joys and sorrows. The special friendship is a historical choice, and is deeply rooted in the hearts of the two peoples," said Xi.

The epidemic is currently erupting at different places around the world. Countries should work together to fight the epidemic, said Xi.

"China is willing to make more contributions to preventing the spread of the epidemic worldwide, and will continue to provide support and assistance to Pakistan," said Xi, adding that China always adheres to the concept of building a community with a shared future for humanity.

"No matter how the international situation changes, China will always stand firmly with Pakistan, and is committed to deepening the ironclad China-Pakistan friendship, so as to make China-Pakistan relations a model for building a community with a shared future for humanity, and better benefit the two peoples," Xi said, adding that China is glad to see a Pakistan of unity, stability, prosperity and strength.

Xi said China will continue to support Pakistan in maintaining national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and support Pakistan in pursuing a development path that fits its national conditions.

He called on the two sides to maintain exchanges of visits and meetings between leaders, promote cooperation in key areas and projects, and build

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the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor into a model of high-quality development within the Belt and Road cooperation. He also urged strengthening communication and cooperation in international and regional affairs.

"China is willing to continue to provide support to Pakistan in controlling the locust plague," Xi added.

Alvi said that under the strong leadership of President Xi, China has achieved significant positive results in the fight against the epidemic, to which he expressed sincere congratulations on behalf of the Pakistani government and people.

Alvi said in the face of the disaster, the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government have demonstrated outstanding leadership and strong capability in mobilization. China's experience and practices provide useful lessons for other countries.

It is believed that after the epidemic, China will become even stronger. The attempts by some forces to use the epidemic to stigmatize and isolate China run against the will of the people and are doomed to fail, said Alvi.

Pakistan and China are ironclad brothers who can go through thick and thin together, said Alvi, stressing that the two peoples feel deep amity toward each other and the bilateral friendship becomes even firmer as time goes by.

The more difficulties there are, the more the friendship and solidarity between Pakistan and China can be displayed, said Alvi, noting the Pakistani side thanks China for its assistance and will stand with China to overcome current difficulties.

Alvi said Pakistan will continue to support China on issues concerning China's core interests, and is willing to maintain close exchanges with China, deepen cooperation and make efforts in building the Pakistan-China economic corridor. Pakistan will continue to promote bilateral anti-terrorism cooperation and work together to safeguard fairness and justice in the international arena.

After the talks, the two heads of state witnessed the signing of multiple bilateral cooperation documents.

The two countries also issued a joint statement on deepening the China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership.



# Deepening Comprehensive Strategic Cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and The People's Republic of China

Joint Statement March 2020



At the invitation of H.E. Xi Jinping, President of The People's Republic of China, H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, visited China from 16-17 March 2020. The President was accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives, and senior officials. During the visit, President Dr. Arif Alvi met with President Xi Jinping. Premier Li Keqiang and Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee Li Zhanshu also met President Dr. Arif Alvi.

Given the depth and breadth of Pakistan-China ties and the finest traditions of both countries to always stand by each other particularly in challenging times, President Dr. Arif Alvi's first visit to Beijing was a singular expression of Pakistan's solidarity with its "iron brother." The visit was undertaken at a time while China was engaged in a massive national struggle to contain the Covid-19.

President Dr. Alvi praised the relentless efforts undertaken by China for containing and

controlling the virus, and was confident that the Chinese people under the leadership of President Xi Jinping will emerge stronger and victorious in the aftermath of Covid-19.

President Dr. Arif Alvi also appreciated China's keen resolve to look after Pakistan's nationals during this difficult time. The Chinese leadership had assured that it was taking the best possible measures to ensure the safety, health and well-being of Pakistani nationals, including the students.

President Xi thanked President Alvi for visiting China at a critical time and expressed profound gratitude for Pakistan's gesture of support and solidarity.

The Chinese leadership stressed that since the outbreak, the Chinese Communist Party and government have given top priority to people's life and health. On the basis of nation-wide mobilization, China adopted the most comprehensive, rigorous and thorough measures in little time to contain the virus.

Chinese side emphasized that China has made major progress in prevention and control of the virus and will win "People's War" against Covid-19.

Both China and Pakistan underlined that Covid-19 is a common challenge for humanity and all countries should unite and cooperate to overcome this challenge together. President Alvi spoke highly of China's major progress in battling the epidemic, and acknowledged that China's efforts have won time and set a model for the rest of the world to combat the epidemic, and have made contribution to safeguarding global public health security.

Leaders of the two countries took the opportunity to exchange views on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. The exchange was marked by the exceptional warmth, convergence of views, and strategic trust that characterize the China-Pakistan "All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership."





Stressing that the close and strategic ties, and deep-rooted friendship between Pakistan and China served the fundamental interests of the two countries and peoples, and contributed to peace, stability and development in the region, the two sides underscored that the enduring partnership between Pakistan and China remains unaffected by the vicissitudes of the regional and international developments and continues to move from strength to strength. The two sides reaffirmed their resolve to further strengthen China-Pakistan All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership aimed at building a Community of Shared Future in the New Era.

Both sides reaffirmed their support on issues concerning each other's core national interests. The Chinese side reiterated solidarity with Pakistan in safeguarding its territorial sovereignty, independence and security. The Pakistan side reaffirmed its commitment to the One-China Policy and underscored that affairs related to Hong Kong and Taiwan were China's internal affairs. The Pakistan side underlined that due to the developmental measures undertaken by Government of China, Xinjiang was on the path to overall social stability and economic development.

Pakistan underscored that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a signature project of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), was transformational. A CPEC Authority was established to oversee the expeditious implementation of CPEC projects. Both sides maintained that the new phase of high-quality development of CPEC will promote industrialization and socio-economic development in Pakistan. Both sides hoped that the 10th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting of CPEC, to be held soon, will further contribute to making CPEC a High-Quality Demonstration Project of BRI. Both sides stressed that the economic and social impact of CPEC on the region will be substantial and beneficial and hoped that the international community will support such efforts that underpin economic development.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. China recognized measures taken by Pakistan to combat terrorism financing and appreciated the resolve with which Pakistan implemented the Action Plan of FATF.

Both sides expressed satisfaction over the close cooperation at multilateral fora and resolved to deepen strategic coordination, consultation and communication. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and support for multilateralism and win-win cooperation.

Both sides exchanged views on the situation in Jammu & Kashmir. The Pakistan side briefed



the Chinese side on the latest developments, including its concerns, position, and current urgent issues. The Chinese side underscored that it was paying close attention to the current situation and reiterated that the Kashmir issue

## China and Pakistan underlined that Covid-19 is a common challenge for humanity and all countries should unite and cooperate to overcome this challenge together

was a dispute left from history, and should be properly and peacefully resolved based on the UN Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements. China opposes any unilateral actions that complicate the situation.

Both Pakistan and China welcomed the signing of the Peace Agreement between the U.S. and Taliban and hoped that the intra-Afghan negotiations would be the next logical step. The

two sides agreed that all Afghan parties must seize this historic opportunity and work together constructively to secure durable peace and stability in Afghanistan. The two sides further emphasized the need for the international community to help establish peace as well as extend support for post-conflict reconstruction and economic development in Afghanistan. Pakistan underscored the need to assist the Afghan government in creating an enabling environment and instituting "pull" factors to enable the Afghan refugees to return to their homeland with dignity and honour. Both sides maintained that they will continue to support a peaceful, stable, united, sovereign, democratic and prosperous Afghanistan, at peace with its neighbors.

During the visit, President Dr. Arif Alvi and President Xi Jinping witnessed signing of various Agreements/MoUs.

President Dr. Arif Alvi thanked the leadership and people of China for their gracious hospitality and invited the Chinese leadership to visit Pakistan at a mutually convenient time. Both sides agreed to maintain high-level exchanges and mutual contacts.

Beijing

17th March 2020





## President Xi Jinping Sends Verbal Message to Pakistani President Arif Alvi

On 21st August 2020, Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of China, sent a verbal message to President Arif Alvi of Pakistan.

In his message, Xi expressed appreciation to President Alvi for sending a congratulatory message to the Second Conference of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Political Parties Joint Consultation Mechanism (JCM), hailing it as a reflection of the Pakistani President's commitment to and support for Pak-China relations and CPEC.

Xi described China and Pakistan as good brothers and good partners sharing a special friendship. He noted the importance of CPEC, an iconic project for Belt and Road cooperation, to deepening the China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and building an even closer community with a shared future between the two countries. He recognized the role of closer friendly consultations and growing political consensus between Chinese and Pakistani political parties in advancing the CPEC project and high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Xi stressed that the global fight against

COVID-19 has proven that only mutual support, solidarity and cooperation could lead mankind to a victory against the disease.

President Xi noted the importance of CPEC, an iconic project for Belt and Road cooperation, to deepening the China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and building an even closer community with a shared future between the two countries.

China stands ready to work with Pakistan to build a closer community with a shared future, promote solidarity and cooperation among regional countries, and maintain the good momentum of peace and development in the region.

In his earlier congratulatory message to the Conference, Alvi commended President Xi's vision for a community with a shared future for mankind and the Belt and Road Initiative as representing cooperation, peace and development and meeting the aspirations of people around the world. He thanked China in particular for providing timely medical assistance to help Pakistan in its fight against COVID-19. "We will continue to enhance cultural exchanges and mutual trust between China and Pakistan," he wrote. "Pakistan and China have common goals in the region and both are making serious efforts to promote peace and stability in the region."

The CPEC JCM was set up in 2019 by the CPC and the ruling party and major opposition parties in Pakistan. The Second Conference of the CPEC JCM was organized by the International Department of the CPC Central Committee and held via video link on 20th August.





## Xi meets Pakistani PM, calls for forging closer community of shared future

**B**EIJING, 9th Oct. 2019 (Xinhua) -- Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday met with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, vowing to work jointly to strengthen strategic coordination and pragmatic cooperation so as to forge a closer China-Pakistan community of shared future in the new era.

Noting the two countries as all-weather strategic cooperative partners, Xi said no matter how the international and regional situation changes, the friendship between China and Pakistan has always been unbreakable and rock-solid, and China-Pakistan cooperation has always maintained strong vitality with continuous expansion.

China has always viewed relations with Pakistan as a diplomatic priority and will continue to firmly support Pakistan on issues concerning its core interests and of major concern to it, Xi said.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China.

"We have held a series of celebration activities, which is an opportunity for intensive patriotic education. Chinese people, nearly 1.4 billion in number, have forged a cohesive force with unprecedented patriotism, consolidating our confidence and determination to continue down the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics against all odds, run our own affairs, and stand firm in the community of nations," Xi said.

In the past, Pakistan selflessly provided help to China in difficult times, and now that China has developed, it sincerely hopes to help Pakistan for better development, Xi said.

He called on the two sides to maintain close high-level exchanges, step up strategic communication and coordinate positions on major issues in a timely fashion.

On the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Xi said the two sides should adopt a high standard, build and effectively run the existing energy projects, transport infrastructure,

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industrial parks and projects concerning people's livelihoods, and make the CPEC a model for jointly building the Belt and Road Initiative.

China highly appreciates and firmly supports Pakistan's efforts in fighting terrorism, Xi said, calling on the two sides to beef up communication and cooperation within the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation

Organization and other multilateral mechanisms so as to jointly safeguard regional peace and stability.

Imran Khan offered his congratulations for the 70th anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China.

Pakistan is delighted to see China's remarkable development achievements and is grateful to China for always adhering to principles and upholding justice and for its firm support and selfless help to Pakistan, Khan said.

"Facts have shown that China is Pakistan's all-weather strategic cooperative partner and the two countries' friendship enjoys popular support," he said, hoping to continue strengthening exchanges, coordination and cooperation with China, and advancing the construction of the CPEC so as to make it a paradigm of the Belt and Road Initiative.

He also pledged to continue to firmly advance counter-terrorism efforts so as to safeguard security and stability.

Khan briefed Xi on Pakistan's views on the Kashmir situation, hoping to avoid deterioration of the situation, saying that Pakistan values and appreciates China's objective and unbiased position.

Xi told Khan that China is paying close attention to the Kashmir situation and the facts are clear.

"China supports Pakistan to safeguard its own legitimate rights and hopes that the relevant parties can solve their disputes through peaceful dialogue," Xi said.





## Chinese Premier meets Pakistani President

**B**EIJING, 17th March 2020 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and Pakistani President Arif Alvi held a meeting on Tuesday in Beijing, pledging to enhance cooperation in COVID-19 epidemic prevention and control.

After the outbreak of the epidemic, Pakistan, as an ironclad friend of China, quickly offered its aid to the Chinese people, Li said.

He said both countries are facing challenges of the epidemic at present, and China stands ready to share epidemic-control experience with and provide medical supplies to Pakistan.

Li said China's efforts to contain COVID-19 achieved a sustained and sound momentum as the spread of the novel coronavirus had been basically brought under control.

China is adjusting its prevention and control measures according to the latest situations, accelerating the process of a full resumption of work and production, and working to promote economic and social development,

he said.

As the novel coronavirus is spreading in other parts of the world, China stands ready to

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enhance cooperation with the international community to jointly safeguard global public health security, Li said.

He added that China will work with Pakistan to advance the construction of key projects such

as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and industrial parks, assist Pakistan to tackle the plague of locusts, and enhance cooperation in international and regional affairs to promote peace and prosperity in the two countries and the region.

Alvi said his visit to China at this special time demonstrates the solidarity and friendship between the two peoples. Pakistan has always been China's closest friend, and has always stood along with China, he added.

He said the comprehensive and powerful measures China adopted to curb the epidemic had shown positive results, which was also an important contribution to the global fight against COVID-19.

Pakistan is ready to learn from China's experience and work with China to tackle the challenge, he said, expressing his belief that bilateral relations and cooperation will achieve further development after winning the battle against the epidemic.





## China, Pakistan vow to strengthen cooperation

**B**EIJING, 8th Oct. 2019 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Keqiang held talks with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan here Tuesday, with both sides pledging to enhance cooperation between the two countries.

Khan is here to attend the closing ceremony of the International Horticultural Exhibition 2019 Beijing and pay a working visit to China.

Li first expressed his sincere condolences to Pakistan's government and people on their losses from the 5.8-magnitude earthquake that hit the South Asian country recently.

Noting that China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners, Li said the friendly relations between the two countries, which have no strings attached and are not targeted at any third party, enjoy a profound, solid foundation and win the heartfelt support of the two peoples.

Li said China attaches great importance to the prime minister's visit, and China-Pakistan ties have always been a priority for China's neighborhood diplomacy.

Li said China supports Pakistan in safeguarding its independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and legitimate rights and interests,

in promoting its national prosperity, and in playing a greater role in international and regional affairs.

"China is ready to work with Pakistan to continue to deepen strategic mutual trust, expand pragmatic cooperation, enhance people-to-people and cultural exchanges, and push bilateral relations and cooperation to a new height," he said.

Li said China-Pakistan cooperation is not only in line with both countries' interests but also beneficial to regional peace and stability. He said that China is glad to see that Pakistan has managed to get through its economic hard times, and that China is willing to continue to provide assistance to Pakistan within its capacity.

He said China is ready to work with Pakistan to seek greater synergy between their development strategies, continue to promote the high-quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), strengthen cooperation in infrastructure, economy, trade, finance and industrial capacity, take strong measures to facilitate a more balanced development of bilateral trade, expand the export of competitive Pakistani products

to China, and protect the safety of Chinese institutions and personnel in Pakistan, in a bid to promote mutually beneficial results and common development.

For his part, Khan extended congratulations on the 70th anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China. He said that thanks to China's assistance and support, Pakistan's economy has stabilized and gradually recovered. He said Pakistan stands ready to work with China to accelerate the joint construction of the Belt and Road and attaches great importance to the construction of the CPEC and Gwadar port.

Pakistan is willing to work with China to expand trade and investment, and promote cooperation in energy, hydroelectricity, nuclear electricity, railway and agriculture, he added.

After the talks, the two prime ministers attended a signing ceremony for a series of bilateral cooperation agreements including infrastructure construction, law enforcement and security, culture, education and media.

Prior to the talks, Li held a welcome ceremony for his Pakistani counterpart outside the Great Hall of the People.



## President stresses common destiny

**P**resident Xi Jinping called on 18th June for the building of a high-quality Belt and Road, saying the right approach to tackling global crises and realizing long-term development is through greater connectivity, openness and inclusiveness.

Xi made the remark in a written message delivered to the High-Level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation attended by foreign ministers or officials at ministerial level from 25 countries.

Xi said the meeting is highly important as it gives Belt and Road partners an opportunity to discuss a collective response to COVID-19, advance cooperation and strengthen international solidarity.

The sudden attack of COVID-19 has posed a grave threat to the lives and health of people across the globe, he said, and it has dealt a heavy blow to the world economy and caused tough economic and social challenges for some countries, and

in particular developing countries.

To contain the virus, Xi said, countries have taken robust and effective measures specific to their national conditions and are striving to resume economic and social development.

China will do what it can and contribute to an early global victory against COVID-19 and to the recovery of the global economy, he said.

Xi said that the pandemic has demonstrated again that all nations' destinies are closely connected and humanity is a community with a shared future. "In taming the virus or in achieving economic recovery, we cannot succeed without solidarity, cooperation and multilateralism," he added.

Saying China is committed to peaceful development and mutually beneficial cooperation, Xi stated that the country will work with its partners to develop the Belt and Road into a model of cooperation for meeting challenges through unity, a model of health for protecting people's safety and well-being, a model of recovery for restoring economic and social activity and a model of growth for unlocking development potential.

"Through high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, we will contribute to a community with a shared future for mankind," he added.







## Xi's reply letter inspires Beijing-based Pakistani students

Chinese President Xi Jinping on 17th May replied to a letter from Pakistani students at the University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB), encouraging them to gain knowledge and understanding of China and hold exchanges with young people to enhance the building of a community of a shared future for mankind.

Pakistani students who stayed in Beijing received good care and those who returned to Pakistan received personal protective equipment like masks from China, which deeply touched their hearts and prompted their idea of writing a letter to President Xi.

Students wrote the letter and sent it via the university in April to mark friendship of the two countries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the letter, the students shared the university's assistance in epidemic control and maintaining their studies, their experience of studying and living in China, as well as witnessing fast development of the country.

The students, when reached by the Global Times, said they were excited about receiving a letter of response from President Xi. They stressed that China and Pakistan are real friends sharing weal and woe, and spoke highly of China's epidemic-control efforts and contribution to the world pandemic fight.

This warm interaction came just ahead of the 69th anniversary of diplomatic ties of China and Pakistan, which falls on Thursday.

Learning that the students have enriched their knowledge and made quite a few Chinese friends while studying in China, Xi said he felt happy for the achievements they have made.

Xi said he learned that many foreign students have expressed their support to the Chinese people in various ways during China's fight against COVID-19.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed," he said, adding that China will continue providing

various help to all foreign students studying in the country.

Xi welcomed outstanding youth from other countries to study in China. He also encouraged the students to communicate more with their Chinese peers and join hands

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with youth from all countries to contribute to promoting people-to-people connections and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Among 52 Pakistani students in the university, 45 returned to their home country and seven stayed in Beijing during the COVID-19

epidemic and were well taken care of.

Irfan Hussain, a PhD student in material engineering, said that university staff had given them masks, taken their temperatures every day, and helped with sanitation work.

Midrar Ullah, who is majoring in management, was happy that his studies were not affected by the pandemic, as lectures, assignments and research were all conducted online.

Except of being online, everything was routine, and the online library helped a lot. "We were in quarantine for a long time but I did not encounter much difficulty in daily life," Ullah said.

Ali Khan, a third-year PhD student, said that the only difficulty he met was they were not allowed to leave campus, which was "actually a good thing to protect us."

Khan's father studied at USTB from 1979 to 1983 and received a bachelor's degree in mining. His father spoke a lot about his life in Beijing, which inspired Ali to pursue his studies at the school too. "I came to Beijing in 2014 and I will pass on the ties between my family and the school to my children," said Khan.

Abdul Sattar, who chose to stay in Beijing, shared epidemic-control knowledge with his family and friends back in Pakistan. "The school takes good care of us regardless of our nationality and race," he said.

These Pakistani students also wished for development of both countries and deeper friendship between the two sides. They are determined to further their studies and contribute to major strategic projects such as the CPEC and the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative.

China began receiving international students from Pakistan in 1964. In 2018, some 28,000 Pakistani students studied in China, according to the Chinese Ministry of Education.

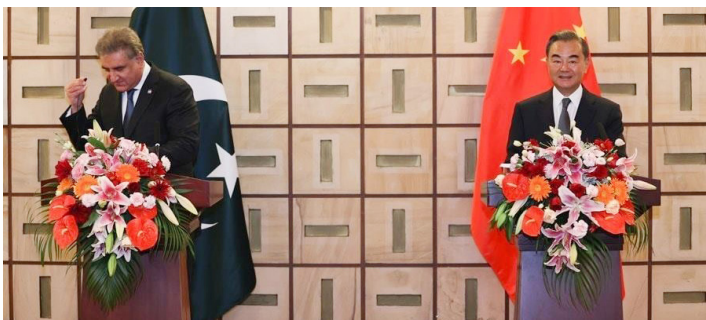
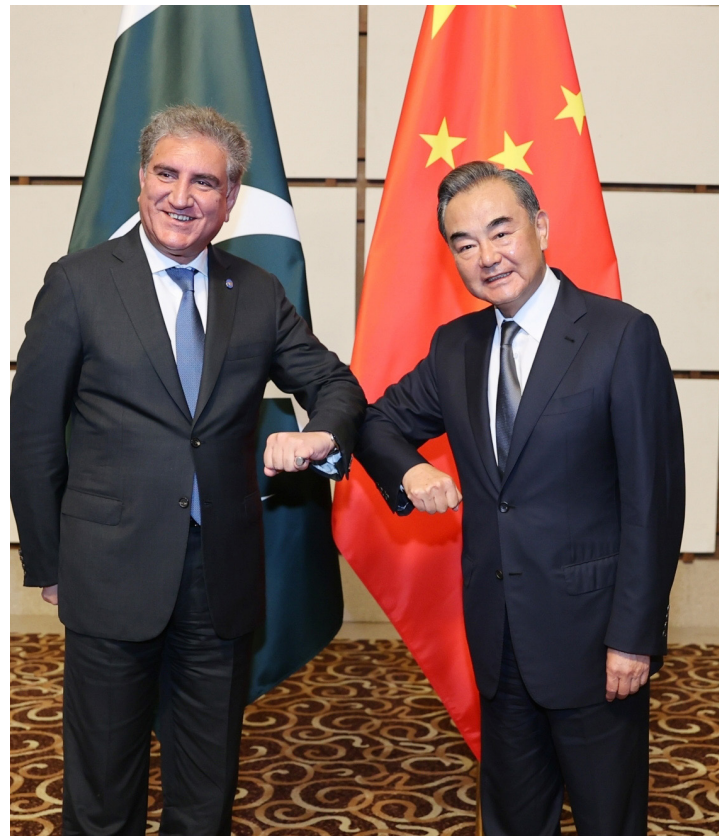


## State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Holds Second Round of Strategic Dialogue with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi

**W**ang said that China will keep to its policy toward Pakistan, no matter how the international and regional

situation may evolve and what difficulties or challenges may arise.

It is important for the two sides to carry forward the defining feature and fine tradition of our relations.





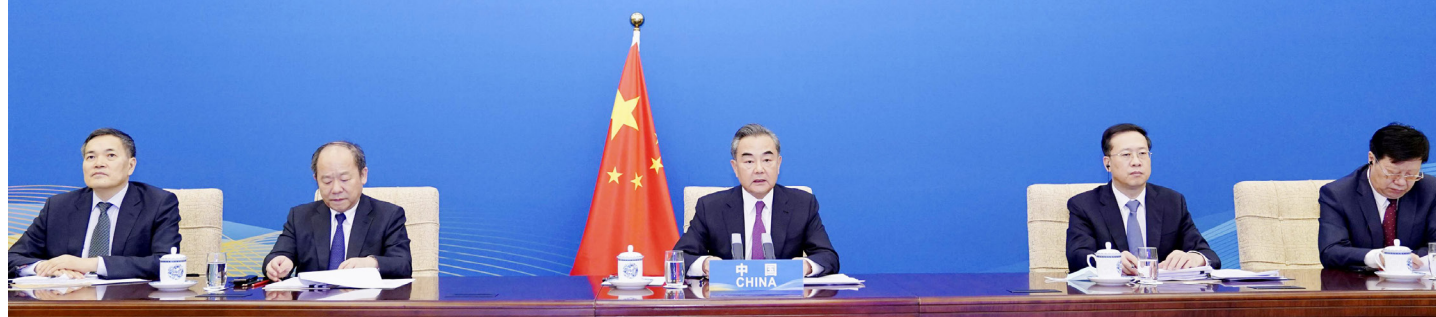


# “一带一路”国际合作高级别视频会议

## High-level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation

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## Joint Statement of the High-level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation: Combating COVID-19 with Solidarity

**T**he following countries are represented by their foreign or other ministers at the video conference: the Republic of Belarus, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Chile, The People's Republic of China, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Hellenic Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kenya, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Singapore, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Kingdom of Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Uzbekistan. The Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation delivered a written statement.

**We will advance our cooperation in a people-centered approach.**

1. We, the foreign and other ministers of the Belt and Road cooperation partners\*, held a video conference under the theme of “Belt and Road International Cooperation: Combating COVID-19 with Solidarity” on 18 June 2020. We welcome the participation of the Director-General of World Health Organization and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic poses a serious threat to human health, safety and well-being

as well as the socio-economic development of our countries and the world at large. Our first priority is to contain the spread of the virus, save lives and safeguard global public health. We offer our sincere condolences to the families and societies of the victims of the pandemic. We also express our gratitude and support to all frontline health-care workers, medical professionals, scientists and researchers as well as other essential workers around the world who are working under difficult and challenging conditions to deal with the pandemic.

3. The COVID-19 constitutes a global challenge that calls for global response based on unity, solidarity, mutual support and multilateral cooperation. We recognize the central role of the United Nations system in catalyzing and coordinating the comprehensive global response to control and contain the spread of COVID-19 as well as the efforts of Member States therein, and acknowledge in this regard the key leadership role of the World Health Organization.

4. We agree that there is no place for any form of discrimination, stigmatization, racism and xenophobia in our response to the pandemic.

5. Recalling the spirit and principles reflected in the Joint Communique of the Leaders' Roundtable of the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, we will continue our efforts in promoting international cooperation, including high-quality Belt and Road cooperation. Such equal cooperation will continue to be open, green and clean, based on extensive consultation, joint efforts, shared

and mutual benefits, as well as pursuit of high-standard, people-centered and sustainable development.

**Towards a Health Silk Road**

6. We support mutual efforts in combating the COVID-19, and will cooperate to address, control and overcome the pandemic through the sharing of timely and necessary information, experiences and best practices for diagnosis and treatment of the COVID-19, strengthening and upgrading the capacity of public health system, promoting joint scientific research and international dialogues among health professionals, and providing assistance to countries in need. We encourage bilateral, regional and international mechanisms to jointly counter the COVID-19, where necessary.

7. We underscore that an equitable access to health products is a global priority. We are committed to enhancing the availability, accessibility and affordability of health products of assured quality, particularly vaccines, medicines and medical supplies, which are fundamental to tackling the pandemic. Along these lines, we welcome and appreciate mutual support and assistance offered among partner countries. We welcome the United Nations' efforts to strengthen global humanitarian response depots, and welcome relevant countries to explore the possibility to set up regional reserve centers or units for rapid deployment of medical supplies or personnel. We believe that COVID-19 vaccines should be recognized as global public goods.

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8. We call for investment in building sound and resilient health related infrastructures, including the development of telemedicine. We will provide necessary healthcare support for each other's citizens affected by COVID-19 in our territories including the frontline health workers and those working for Belt and Road and other programmes within available national capabilities in line with respective national laws and regulations.

#### Boosting Connectivity

9. We believe that promoting global partnership on connectivity based on openness, transparency, and inclusiveness, provides an opportunity for all and will contribute to combating the COVID-19 pandemic, mitigating its impacts and promoting socio-economic recovery. We support comprehensive and multi-modal infrastructure connectivity and sustainable transport system. We encourage countries to enhance their air, land and sea links through interoperable and multi-modal transport. We recognize the importance of cross-border and trans-regional transport and logistic passages, which include land, air and sea routes as well as transport infrastructure projects, in delivering vital medical supplies, equipment, food, critical agricultural products, and other essential goods, securing supply chains and promoting international trade, and meeting the needs of people's livelihood and economic development. We will cooperate to keep those passages open or resume operation as soon as the situation permits.

10. We reiterate our support to build high-quality, reliable, resilient and sustainable infrastructure, ensuring its viability, affordability, accessibility, inclusiveness and broad benefit over its entire life-cycle, and contributing to sustainable development of partner countries and the industrialization of developing countries.

11. We welcome efforts to resume, in an orderly and step-by-step manner, normal cross-border movement of people while strictly following necessary epidemic prevention and control measures. We support the efforts by countries in need to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including through the establishment of relevant networks, such as the voluntary development of express passenger channels for cross-border flow of business personnel, professionals and technical experts involved in international development cooperation projects, and green passages for cross-border trade in goods at the earliest convenience. We encourage relevant measures which include but are not limited to communication and coordination on mutual recognition of health testing results and quarantine arrangements agreed among relevant ministries in respective countries.

#### Promoting Economic Recovery

12. We support a universal, rules-based, open, transparent and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system with WTO at its core. We call for stabilizing the regional and the global industrial chains and supply chains, ensuring the continued flow of goods, services and personnel, as well as assisting the industries and economies adversely affected by COVID-19. We also highlight the importance of fair competition and the protection of intellectual property.

13. Our measures to promote economic recovery particularly the orderly resumption

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We reiterate that promoting peace, development and human rights, mutually-beneficial cooperation, and honoring the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and international law are our common responsibilities; achieving strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth and improving people's quality of life are our common goals; creating a prosperous and peaceful world with shared future is our common aspiration

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of productive activities and re-connection of the global value chain, will draw upon the professional advice of the relevant international organizations including WHO, based on our efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of the global economic and social disruption caused by the COVID-19, it is important for countries to enhance cooperation in such areas as digital economy, health care industry and food security, and explore new sources of growth by promoting e-commerce, smart cities and other applications of digital technology, as well as the use of artificial intelligence and big data technology, helping narrow the digital divide while drawing on international good practices.

14. We support dialogues and exchanges in areas of major development strategies, plans and policies, including through the coordination between the Belt and Road Initiative and other national, regional and international development strategies, programmes or initiatives. We encourage and support business friendly policies, particularly for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the vulnerable economic sectors. We also take note of the efforts of certain countries

to gradually restore tourism while ensuring sufficient epidemic prevention and control measures. We emphasize the importance of strengthening cooperation in human resource development, education, vocational and professional training to build up the capacity of our peoples to better adapt to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. We remain committed to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Change Agreement while giving due consideration to the special needs and requirements of the LDCs and LLDCs. We welcome the UN system's continued support to the Belt and Road cooperation.

15. We welcome the G20's initiative on suspension of debt service payments for the world's least developed countries for promoting their economic recoveries and sustainable development.

#### Deepening Practical Cooperation

16. Building on the progress already made, we will move forward with our cooperation on economic and transport corridors, economic and trade cooperation zones and other Belt and Road practical cooperation, in accordance with respective national development agenda, to further boost economic growth, social development and the improvement of people's livelihood. 17. We emphasize the importance of economic, social, fiscal, financial and environmental sustainability of projects. We call on all market players in the Belt and Road cooperation to respect corporate social responsibility and follow the principles of the UN Global Compact. 18. We will continue to implement the consensus reached during the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation together with other partners, and promote bilateral, trilateral and multilateral cooperation in areas such as development policy synergy, increased infrastructure investment, economic corridors, economic and trade cooperation zones, industrial parks, finance, trade, innovation and technology, maritime cooperation, business-to-business ties, people-to-people and cultural exchange. We encourage all parties to create an enabling business environment for trade and investment promotion and industrial cooperation.

We will advance our cooperation in a people-centered approach. We reiterate that promoting peace, development and human rights, mutually-beneficial cooperation, and honoring the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and international law are our common responsibilities; achieving strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth and improving people's quality of life are our common goals; creating a prosperous and peaceful world with shared future is our common aspiration.





## Pictures of China-Pakistan Cooperation on Fighting against the Covid-19



President Dr. Arif Alvi received the Chinese medical team on April 9 at Aiwan-e-Sadr and highly appreciated their efforts



Prime Minister Imran Khan has inaugurated the China-aided Isolation Hospital and Infections Treatment Center (IHITC) to enhance the country's capability to fight COVID-19 and ease pressure on hospitals in capital Islamabad. Chief of Army Staff Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, Information Minister Shibli Faraz, Chairman of CPEC Authority Asim Saleem Bajwa, and Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Yao Jing attended the inauguration ceremony





The China-aided Isolation Hospital and Infections Treatment Center (IHITC) was built in 40 days with the cooperation from China. The hospital has five different wards and 250 beds with maximum facilities to diagnose and treat the infectious diseases.



On 23rd July, Vice-Foreign Minister of China Luo Zhaohui and Foreign Secretary of Pakistan Sohail Mahmood held the 2nd Round of Bilateral Political Consultations via video-link. During the Consultations, a wide range of issues were discussed including Pakistan-China bilateral relations, regional security situation, deepening cooperation in pandemic of COVID-19, CPEC, and further solidifying bilateral economic cooperation



On 30th June, a China-Pakistan joint cooperation mechanism on COVID-19 response was officially established and the first video conference held. Representatives from the diplomatic, health, education and customs departments of the two sides attended the meeting



An 8-member medical expert team organized by the Chinese government arrived Islamabad on March 28 to help Pakistan fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen Afzal and Ambassador Yao Jing welcomed the Chinese medical team



The People's Republic of China (PLA) sent a medical expert team and medical supplies to Pakistan on April 24. They were received by Pakistan's Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Nadeem Raza, and Ambassador Yao Jing at the airport



The Chinese government handed over assistance to Pakistan at the Noor Khan Airbase. Ambassador Yao Jing, Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen Afzal and representatives from the Pakistani government and military attended the ceremony





According to incomplete statistics, as of mid-August, China has gifted 7 batches of 106 tons of medical supplies to Pakistan, including more than 330,000 test kits, 7 million masks, 420,000 sets of medical protective clothing, over 1,700 ventilators and so on



On August 13th, China handed over 1,000 BiPAP ventilators to Pakistan at the Islamabad International Airport to help Pakistan battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Lieutenant General Muhammad Afzal, Chairman of Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), appreciated the government and people of China for the continuous assistance to his country during the pandemic. He said China not only helped Pakistan battle the pandemic, but also assisted the country in fighting the locust swarms by providing pesticide and related equipment



China will donate equipment worth about 4 million U.S. dollars to vocational schools in Pakistan to support the socio-economic development of the country. The Government of China has also supported Pakistan to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, a number of projects under social welfare of the poor and vulnerable people were already under progress like cooperation in PM's Low Cost Housing Scheme and boosting rural economy through agricultural support



China is providing technical training equipment worth PKR 650 million for establishing smart classrooms in 50 Pakistani institutes. Annually around 50,000 TVET graduates would benefit from this project. 90 percent of labor for CPEC projects will be local and for training of engineers China and Pakistan will jointly launch various scholarship programs. 20,000 scholarships and 1500 short term internship programs to Pakistani workforce are in pipeline which will be started post Covid-19



The Heavy Mechanical Complex (HMC) has signed an agreement with six Chinese companies. The agreement would help strengthen mutual economic cooperation. The second phase of the CPEC would help Pakistan in building its capacity in various fields including manufacturing, agriculture and science and technology. In the context of the global fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, China and Pakistan have overcome various difficulties and insisted on strengthening cooperation



The Embassy of China in Islamabad has donated 8,000 food packages for distribution among most vulnerable segment amongst the Afghan refugees, especially those who have been adversely affected due to current COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier, the Chinese Embassy also donated 1,500 food packages which were distributed among Afghan Refugees in the start of Holy month of Ramadan





Two tons of medical supplies from China were successfully handed over to Pakistan on March 27th at the Khunjerab pass. The border crossing between the two countries at Khunjerab only opens from April 1 to November 30. To ensure the rapid customs clearance of medical supplies, Xinjiang temporarily opened the pass and provided a green channel to release medical supplies



Khunjerab Pass is temporarily open for facilitating the flow of goods between China and Pakistan amid COVID-19. On August 3rd, 4 vehicles of goods of agricultural products and 1 vehicle of anti-epidemic materials were handled through it after getting over difficulties



The Chinese medical team worked with their Pakistani counterparts in Pakistan



In the early days of the outbreak, the government and people of Pakistan from various sectors have gone out of their way to donate epidemic containment supplies to China



Pakistan's students donated considerable masks to China through the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan in Islamabad on 15th February



The Hunza region in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan donated 7,000 surgical masks to China through the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan in Islamabad on 5th February





## Karot Hydropower Project Amidst Covid-19



By Hamid Ali

First of all, I would like to extend my best gratitude for offering me this opportunity to pen my thoughts regarding the concerned topic. I've been serving Karot Power Company for around three years and feel a great pride for being a member of esteemed team of KPCL that would, in near future, claim the credit of reaching an incredible milestone of completing the first ever Hydropower Project by "China Three Gorges Corporation" under the umbrella of CPEC Projects in Pakistan.

As an enthusiastic worker of the dynamic KPCL squad, I feel immensely grateful to the Chinese leadership for introducing the CPEC projects in Pakistan which would not only strengthen the long-term Pak-China friendship; but also extend job opportunities for thousands of the Pakistanis bringing progress and prosperity in the country.

The Project started the construction from 1 December, 2016 and achieved Financial

Closing on 22 February, 2017. Till date, around 79% civil works of the Project has been completed. As per the construction schedule, the testing of the first Unit will start in May 2021, and the Company plans to carry out the reservoir impoundment around February 2021; and expected to be fully operational on December 31, 2021.

It is extremely applauded that the entire staff, comprised of Pakistani and Chinese nationals, have been working at site in a blissful and friendly working environment; and have joined hands for the a colossal cause of embracing our destination

(COD) within the stipulated time frame of the Project. Meanwhile, unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic hit the entire globe leaving the world in a great state of shock and sufferings. Of course, this deadly pandemic distressed our project too. By mid-August, the global Covid-19 tally crossed 23 million, with over 810,000 deaths. However, Pakistan's numbers remained relatively low, at around 292,000 infections and over 6,200 deaths in a population of 220.4 million. While the world recorded more than 4 million infections and over 200,000 deaths, whereas Pakistan contributed around 12,000 cases and less than 250 deaths to that tally. The government refused to impose full lockdown by keeping the conditions of the daily wagers and went for the smart lockdown instead of. Subsequently, the government reopened the economy in phases and in doing so achieved the impossible by flattening the curve and kept the economy breathing successfully. Overall, Pakistan received 293,711 and out of which a significant number of 278,425 have been recovered leaving 6,255 casualties and only 9031 active cases still fighting their battle.

In this testing time, KPCL team did not lose momentum and fought the outbreak applying all precautionary measures at site such as wearing masks, utilizing hand-sanitizers and maintaining social distancing apart from imposing complete lockdown at the site. This administrative strategy worked positively resulting into keeping the site Corona-free and strived to maintain the work-space alive up to the best possible way.

Although, the world is still fighting the battle against this common enemy but the heads are high and commitment is great; as they say:

"Gold Medals are not really made of gold; they are made of sweat, determination and commitment."

Likewise, the KPCL team is marching towards its common goal with distinctive collaboration and matchless cooperation of Pakistani & Chinese staff together.

socially viable as only 53 households from karot village (Punjab) and 28 households from Hollar (AJ&K) displaced. Karot Power Company paid the compensation to the affectees for their lost assets. Parallel to the construction of Project, KPCL is implementing a Community Investment Plan (CIP) for the social uplift of community around the Karot Project. Under the CIP, we are improving the Health facilities, Education facilities, drinking water supply, access roads and infrastructure. So far, we have constructed two schools and one Basic Health Unit (BHU) in AJ&K side and two schools in Punjab side. Also five CIP projects are under construction both in Punjab and AJ&K side.

In the month of February 2020, when the first case of Corona Virus reported in Pakistan, KPCL worked proactively to protect not only the more than 5000 workers at project site as well as the local community near the project site. The Project social and HSE team arranged the awareness sessions about the COVID-19 and precautionary measures in nearby schools and colleges. Also distributed the face mask, soap among the students. CTG group also sent donation the form of Mask, Gloves and Ventilators etc for the Pakistani people to face the COVID-19 Karot HPP management was well aware of severity of the COVID-19 impacts and in order to ensure the physical health and life safety of Chinese and Pakistani employees at the project site. The management timely established a leading group for the prevention and control of epidemic caused by novel Corona Virus, a prevention and control plan prepared and implemented. It was well managed and by the grace of Almighty ALLAH all the workers at project are safe and healthy. CTG head quarter sent one special medical team at Karot project for the assistance in the prevention of COVID-19.

Although, we at the project are safe and healthy but on the other hand suffered a lot in terms of missing the families. The lock down was imposed at project on 23 March 2020 and during these six months; we missed many of our family events of enjoyment and sadness including two Eid Festivals. However, during this critical time period, our Chinese Management made special arrangements to accommodate the Pakistani staff. Our Chinese colleagues also extended their cooperation and exchanged the gifts on the occasions of Eid il Fiter and Eid ul Azha. The project management arranged special food for the workers on these occasions. Our family members also encouraged us during the stay at site as our stay could contribute in the timely completion of the project. This stay enhanced our ability of cooperation and accommodation of others, As well as CTG head quarter also acknowledged the sacrifice the Pakistani staff at project. We also appreciate our management and Chinese colleagues for their cooperation and support, enabling the Pakistan staff to stay at site in a comfortable manner.

Long Live Pak – China Friendship!

## Six Months with COVID-19 at Karot Hydropower Project

By Abdul Hafeez

My name is Abdul Hafeez and I am working as Senior Manager (Social) with Karot Power Company (Pvt) Limited (KPCL). Karot Power Company (Private) Limited (KPCL) is developing a 720MW Hydropower Project (HPP) on the Jhelum River. The dam site is located at karot in the tehsil Kahuta district Rawalpindi of Punjab province. The left side of the project is Hollar village in Azad Jammu & Kashmir. KPCL is a special purpose vehicle company owned by China Three Gorges South Asian Investment Limited (CSAIL) a subsidiary of China Three Gorges Corporation (CTG), one of the largest state-owned enterprise of China. The Project is included in the Prioritized Projects/Early Harvest Projects (EHP)

by the Joint Cooperation Committee of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which will be completed in 5 years.

The Construction of Karot Hydropower Project commenced on 1 st December 2016. With a total construction period of 5 years the Project is planned to be completed on 30 th November 2021. Till date more than 78% of the work has been completed. The current progress on the main components of the Project is as follows:

- Spillway is 66% complete
- Main Dam is 49% complete
- Headrace Tunnels are 92% complete
- Main Powerhouse is 81% complete

Karot project is environment friendly and



# Three Gorges Second Phase Wind Power Projects (2×49.5 MW) & Its Support to Pakistan in Fighting against COVID-19



**T**hree Gorges Second Phase Wind Power Projects is located at Jhimpir, Thatta District, Sindh Province, 90 KM west from Karachi. It is a Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) project, developed and constructed by Three Gorges Second Wind Farm Pakistan Limited (TGS) and Three Gorges Third Wind Farm Pakistan (Private) Limited (TGT). The total investment amount is USD 224 million on the basis of Build-Own-Operate (BOO), with a construction period of 18 months and an operation period of 20 years. The total installation capacity is 99 MW, with an annual electricity output of 286.6 GWh. It was listed as actively promoted project in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in August, 2014.

Many milestones have been fulfilled since 2014. The ground breaking ceremony was held in January 2016. The Projects construction period formally commenced on 1st September, 2016. The Energy Purchasing Agreement (EPA) and Implementation Agreement (IA) were signed and financial close was achieved in March 2017. The rate of equity to loan is 30%: 70%. The loan is provided by China Development Bank. The construction of the foundations and the hoisting of all 66 fans were completed in May 2017 and February 2018, respectively. Projects Energization and 168 Hours Reliability Run Tests were completed and the Certificate of Commissioning

of the Complex was issued on 20th June 2018. At present, the Projects is in operation phase and is one of the prime electricity producing projects in the wind industry of Pakistan, decreasing the shortage of electricity in this country. The Projects has generated total electricity of 554 GWh for the first two agreement years. The Projects are continuing working towards localization, diversification and internationalization

The prime goal of China Three Gorges (CTG) is to “build a power plant and generate green energy, promote the local economy, improve the local environment and enhance the welfare of the local people”. The Projects has always been supporting and planning to bring social benefits to the local people. It created more than 500 direct job opportunities for the local people during the construction period and creates approximately 160 in operation phase. Since 2017, the Projects has been conducting its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in Jhimpir on an annual basis, investing more than USD 60,000 to improve the education and living standards of local people.

The Projects has been helping local communities to fight the COVID-19 pandemic since its outbreak in Pakistan. 1) On May 22, when Eid al-Fitr Day was approaching, an epidemic prevention supply

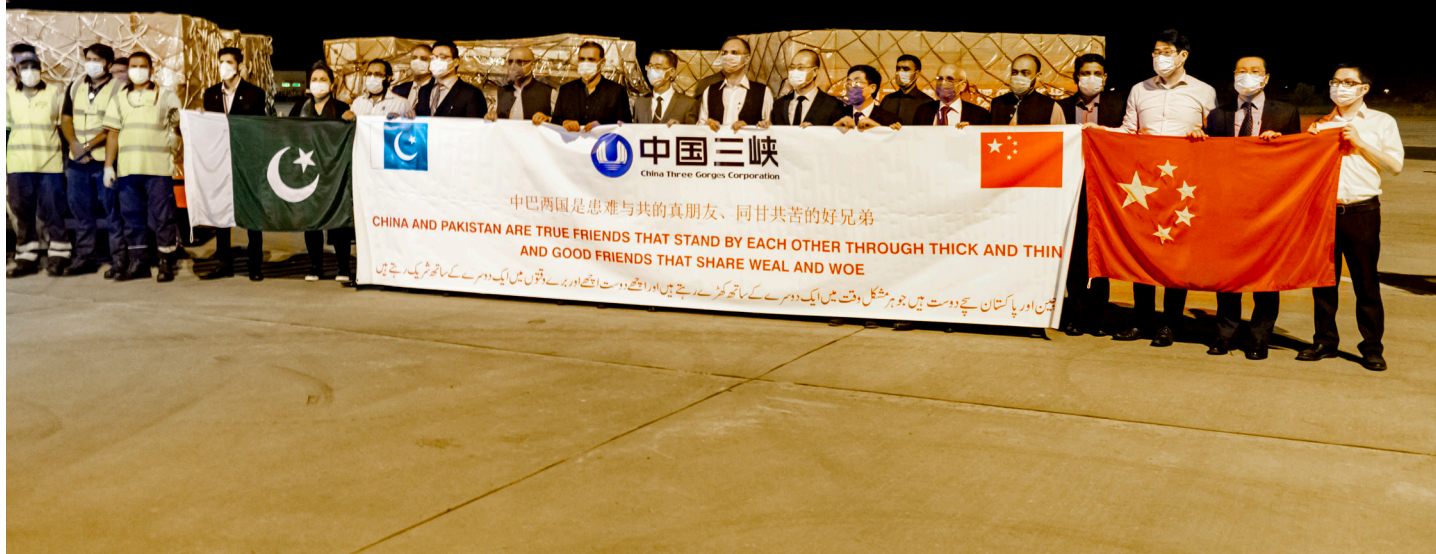
donation ceremony was held at the Projects site. 40,000 medical surgical masks, 1,600 KN95 masks, 875 sets of protective suits and 1,500 pieces of other protective gear were donated to Thatta District by the Projects on behalf of CTG. 2) In addition to that, the Projects responded to the call of District Administration Thatta in helping local villagers by donating more than 500,000 rupees for provision of ration to the villagers, which will help over 245 houses of 14 villages where deserving daily wage workers and their dependents are residing who have not been able to earn their livelihood during the lockdown. This donation will reach out to over 1,225 individuals assuming an average family size of five. 3) On June 11, Letter of Gratitude for Employees’ Services during Pandemic Situation signed by CEO of project companies along with epidemic prevention supplies were distributed to Pakistani employees working from home and their families to ensure their health and safety, and help develop a safety culture in their communities.

China and Pakistan are true friends that stand by each other through thick and thin and good friends that share weal and woe. The Projects will continue to provide clean energy to Pakistan and do what it can to help fighting COVID-19 here, showing what true friends and good friends really mean.





# Kohala Hydropower Project & Its Support To Pakistan In Fighting Against Corona Virus (COVID-19)



**K**ohala Hydropower Project ("the project") is being built on River Jhelum in Azad Kashmir under CPEC and has been awarded to Kohala Hydropower Company Ltd (KHCL), which is a subsidiary of China Three Gorges Corporation (CTG). The project is located in district Muzaffarabad of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and about 85 kilometers from Islamabad, the Capital of Pakistan. The Project cost is \$2.4 billion, which is Pakistan's largest power sector investment in a single Independent Power Producer (IPP) till date.

The Project has made significant progress as its tripartite agreement was signed between KHCL and the governments of Pakistan on 25th Jun 2020. Moreover, its feasibility Study (stage-1) Tariff has been announced by NEPRA, over 4000 kanal of land has been acquired, and Environmental NOC has been issued by AJ&K Environmental Protection agency. KHCL is working on fast track to achieve financial closing by Jun 2021. Moreover, the preliminary construction work on the project will be started soon to achieve commercial operation in year 2026-27.

KHCL provided its full support to the Government of Pakistan when the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak in Pakistan. A plane carrying a large amount of medical supplies, which departed from Beijing, landed at Islamabad International Airport on the evening of April 26. Through this flight, the first batch of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) anti-epidemic medical supplies donated by China Three Gorges Corporation (CTG) to the

Pakistani government successfully arrived in Pakistan. These medical supplies included more than 400,000 surgical masks, more than 8,000 sets of protective clothing, thousands of protective masks, medical caps, shoe covers and so on. The second batch of medical equipment and medical supplies, including ventilators, monitors, medical protective clothing, surgical masks, etc. with volume of about 170 cubic meters and weight of around 13 tons, were arrived on April 29.

These supplies were handed over to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), on behalf of the Pakistani government at the airport. A brief receiving ceremony was also held at airport, which was participated by Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Yao Jing, Pakistan's Energy Minister, Mr. Omar Ayub Khan, Chairman CPEC Authority, Mr. Lt. Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa (Retd.), and Mr. Zhang Jun, CEO KHCL.

Pakistan's Energy Minister, Mr. Omar said at the ceremony that the Pakistani government is very grateful to CTG for its generous assistance and thanked Chinese government and CTG from the bottom of his heart. He highlighted that we are all going through a difficult time, but as long as we are united, we will fight the epidemic together with our friends, who help each other.

Ambassador Mr. Yao Jing said in his speech that the large amount of medical supplies and equipment provided by CTG to Pakistan is of great symbolic significance, symbolizing

that the Chinese people stand firmly with the Pakistani people in the critical moment of fighting against the epidemic. We believe that with the strong leadership of the Pakistani government and with the active efforts of the Pakistani people, Pakistan will surely achieve the final victory in the prevention and control of the epidemic.

On the packaging boxes of these medical supplies, there were many pictures on Pak-China jointly battling against COVID-19, which were drawn by children of CTG's Chinese workers, symbolizing that the Chinese people stand firmly with the Pakistani people in the critical moment of fighting against the epidemic. About 70 percent of these supplies were provided to Pakistani institutions and hospitals to enhance their resilience and the remaining was donated directly to the villages which will be affected due to the construction of the Project, so that the surrounding people can feel the warmth from CTG during the epidemic prevention.





# New Horizon: Pakistani Employees of Chinese-Funded Enterprises' View on CPEC



By Tehseen

**T**he better the infrastructure of a country, the more prosperous the economy and the stronger the overall strength would be. The vigorous development of infrastructure not only greatly promotes the convenience of people's life, but also brings a lot of employment opportunities to the common people, so that people can live and work in peace & contentment and enjoy a better life. The reason why our neighbor – China has been able to develop rapidly in the past few decades, and has become the second largest economy in the world from a poor and weak country has fully proved that: The perfect Infrastructure construction is a necessary premise for a country's development. Compared with China, our good neighbor and friend, Pakistan still has a long way to go in our development level and speed, and there is still a lot of space for improvement of life quality of our citizens.

Pakistan has an advantageous geographical location and close trade ties with neighboring countries. Our reserves of coal, ore and other resources are abundant, and the exploitation potential is huge. At the same time, as the sixth most populous country in the world, our demographic dividend far exceeds that of most other countries. However, what is not equated with these advantages is our

country's relatively backward infrastructure status, imperfect transportation conditions, and in-advanced and inconvenient modern urban environment. The slow speed of infrastructure construction has severely restricted the development level of our entire country.

Fortunately, the "Belt and Road Initiative" and "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)" appeared when we needed them most. The two major initiatives put forward by President Xi Jinping are a win-win model for promoting coordinated regional development. The friendly cooperation between China and Pakistan under these two frameworks has laid a firm foundation for Pakistan's economic transformation and prosperity and has created great prospects.

In the past few decades, China has provided a lot of assistance to Pakistan's infrastructure development, import & export trade, and poverty resolution. Pakistan and China have always maintained a firm ally. Now the construction of CPEC will further help Pakistan to speed up the improvement of the status quo of infrastructure construction, and will bring tangible benefits to the Pakistani people. Our electricity will be more abundant, travel will be more convenient, products will be better sold, and ordinary people will have more job opportunities. Therefore, the construction

of CPEC and the arrival of more outstanding Chinese companies are warmly supported and welcomed by us.

I am currently working in China State Construction Engineering Cooperation Ltd. and have worked on CPEC's largest transportation infrastructure project – PKM Motorway Project for 3 years. I have some personal feelings about Chinese companies.

The company's rules and regulations are clear and complete. CSCEC has a very clear and complete set of systems and regulations to maintain the company's efficient operation and protect the rights and interests of every employee. Here, both Chinese and Pakistani employees are respected and treated equally. Everyone has a clear division of work, a well defined duty, and a safe and professional working environment. Everyone working here is very satisfied.

The company attaches great importance to technology research, development and application. It is worth noting that the company has mastered a large number of advanced science and technologies, and always focuses on research, development and application. For example, the "SBS modified bitumen technology" and "deflection testing technology" used on PKM motorway have never been used in road projects in Pakistan





before, and they have been proved to be very advanced. In addition, we have established a complete laboratory at site and adopted a large number of modern machinery and equipment. Meanwhile, the company also organized a lot of trainings for us. Many Pakistani employees learned and mastered advanced operation and construction techniques here, and became senior managers or skilled workers.

The company also actively promotes cultural exchanges. A variety of staff activities were organized for us almost every month, including birthday parties, sports competitions, singing and dancing events, etc., which created many opportunities for us to learn about the cultural traditions of the two countries. Last year the company's HQ held a staff sports meeting in Wuhan and invited several colleagues including me to spend an unforgettable

week. I was deeply shocked by the degree of development of China's cities. I very much hope that Pakistan can develop rapidly with the help of China, so that we can also live such a good life soon.

In addition, I was greatly impressed by the company's performance this year during Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks to the efficient and strict management and execution ability, none of our employees in Pakistan has been infected, and both Chinese and Pakistani employees are well protected. The company has also donated epidemic prevention materials to local hospitals and institutions on many occasions, supported local people fighting against the virus, and implemented the China-Pakistan friendship with real actions.

Through these personal experiences, I deeply feel that when an employee chooses the right company, he or she will gain far more than good salary and vacation. And if a country chooses the right ally, the gain will most likely be the opportunity of take-off and development of the entire nation. Opening up and embracing China, the right ally, will have a profound influence on Pakistan. We shall comprehensively deepen bilateral cooperation, unswervingly promote the construction of CPEC, improve the status of Pakistan's infrastructure, and develop the national economy, after that Pakistan will surely have a brighter future.





# Thar Coal Continue Powering Pakistan

**T**har Block II 2×330MW Coal Fired Power Project is at the northeast side of Islamkot with distance of 25km, it includes two sets of 330 MW subcritical Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) coal-fired units while utilizing in-furnace desulphurization technology. This project is relied on Thar Coal Mine Project. The designed power plant is a mine mouth plant which is about 5km away from mining pit. Coal will be transported by truck to coal yard, fly ash and slag will be transported by truck to ash yard and buried.

Thar Block II 2×330MW Power Plant achieved COD on 10th July 2019 delivering additional power to the national grid, utilizing the rich coal reserves in Thar, sufficient to provide power for 2 million family. This marks a landmark initiative for the country as it seeks to diversify energy sources to meet the growing demand for power. As the country's first project firing Pakistani Thar lignite, the plant will help reduce the pressure on foreign exchange reserves, support Pakistan's energy independence and promote the country's goal under Vision 2025 to increase the percentage of indigenous sources of power generation to over 50 percent.

After Covid-19 pandemic breaks out, the Project has implemented strict lockdown and developed effective SOP to protect site staff from virus. Our principle is to stop spread from inside and stop import from outside. General requirements are:

- All the entry of people and materials has to get approval from site head (General manager)
- All the tools and equipment must be disinfected before carrying into the site, the vehicles cabin to be seals to stop outsider drivers getting out of the vehicle.
- All the people coming inside plant has to get antibody or PCR test before entering site. Only those negative is permitted to enter following with 14 days quarantine.
- Twice a day body temperature measurement and records for all site people.
- All people have to wear face mask in office and all public areas.
- Routine disinfection of office, canteen and other areas.
- Cancelling unnecessary meetings and gathering or change to online meetings.
- Stocking pandemic control materials, medicines and food materials in case of



shortage in market.

By implementing above measures, we have achieved quite excellent outcome on fighting with virus with 0 spreading case happened at site. Which further safeguards the normal operation of the plant, kept the power supply uninterrupted.

The covid-19 break out is quite a challenge to our project as we were planned to have first planned outage in February 2020, the schedule is postponed to March due to the virus as manpower from China cannot come on time and we were facing some serious material shortage in market. However, in the joint effort of our company China Machinery Engineering Corporation and our partner Engro Corporation, we have set up a team mixed of Chinese and Pakistani skilled workers and managed some materials and consumables from different sources, finally completed first planned outage with success. After March, the pandemic situation of Pakistan becoming serious, the risk for the normal operation is huge, once a case showed up inside plant, the

whole shift has to be quarantined which will directly lead to lack of manpower to run the plant, after recognizing this situation, we have made quite strict policy to prevent the virus from spreading inside.

Our both units showed excellent performance after COD with higher availability and efficiency. We have produced 4,830,832.03MWh till 23 August, 2020 starting from 10 July, 2019 and will continue providing low cost local lignite produced power to Pakistan.







## The Progress of CMEC TEL & TNPTL Power Plant Projects from Jan. To Oct. 2020 Located in Pakistan Thar Block

As an important part of the CPEC projects, TEL&TNPTL power plant project is implemented under EPC contract of CMEC(China Machinery Engineering Corporation).The projects are located in Islamkot, 450km southeast of Karachi, Sindh province, Pakistan. The project consists of two CFB subcritical coal-fired power stations with the installed capacity of 1x330MW.

The TEL power plant project was pre-started on May 30, 2018 and has been under construction for a total of 25 months. The TN power plant project started construction on March 30, 2019 and has been under construction for a total of 19 months. The owner of TEL site is TEL Thar Energy Limited, a Company funded by HUBCO Power Company. The owner of TN site is THALNOVA POWER THAR (PVT.) LIMITED.

### I. Personnel on site

By the end of August 2020, there are 319 employees at site. Among them, there are 268 Chinese employees and 51 Pakistani employees

ii. Construction progress: The progress has been greatly affected by COVID-19, but the construction plan has been scientifically deployed, and under the condition that the epidemic prevention measures are in place, the construction is basically carried out in an orderly manner.

#### 1. Civil

At present, the construction of thermal system main workshop and equipment civil foundation of main block & boiler in TEL has been completed, and the hoisting activity of main block steel structure and boiler is nearing the end.

At present, the site work of TN is mainly civil foundation construction. The whole site dynamic compaction construction and foundation treatment such as pile foundation in main area has been completed. The boiler foundation construction, the base plate of turbine, the boiler make-up water workshop and so on has been completed. The foundation construction of the main block is under progress.

### 2. Installation

The equipment installation in the project was carried out smoothly. The installation volume of steel structure was 8,000 tons. At TEL site, the fabrication of flue gas duct have been basically completed. At present, the main work at TEL site is the preparation for lifting and installation of precipitator, as well as fabrication and installation of circulating water pipes. At TN site, the first section of boiler steel frame installation was basically completed;

#### iii. Epidemic prevention

Since the beginning of March 2020, information collected from various sources has indicated

that the COVID-19 epidemic is gradually spreading in Pakistan. Under the leadership of the senior leaders, TEL&TNPTL projects planned and deployed in advance, formulated, and implemented the prevention and control plan rapidly according to the special local geographical location. The epidemic prevention has achieved phased success by adopting measures such as closed regional management, special personnel taking charge in important area, wearing masks, and storing production, living and epidemic prevention materials in advance. At the same time, we have been cooperating with the Chinese government to organize and coordinate the evacuation of employees and arranged 104 people to return to China by chartered plane in two batches. They have been quarantined normally.

In the first half of 2020, the effect of the COVID-19 epidemic has caused multiple impacts on the work of the projects, as well as accusations and misunderstandings from many sides. Looking back on the site work of TEL&TNPTL projects in the past half year, we have always adhered to the principle and worked steadfastly. It is the persistence of all colleagues in the project that has made the present achievements. We will continue to carry out "steady in the local, stable mood" spirit, and strive to complete the principle "non-relax on epidemic prevention, then uninterrupted construction".



# CMEC-Thar Coalfield Second Block Terrace Coal Mine Phase I Operation and Maintenance and Phase II Capacity Expansion Project



Engineer who organizes production



Pakistan Owners donate medical supplies



The project department explained epidemic prevention knowledge to Pakistani employees



Mining engineer who coordinates design work





# Thar Block-1 Integrated Coal Mine-Power Project is in action

**F**ew relationships in the history of international relations have endured so long as that between Pakistan and China and even fewer have been described as “higher than the mountains, deeper than the oceans”

The CPEC, a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, has opened a new era of cooperation, with Chinese investments pouring into Pakistan, and several mega projects being launched in the fields of power generation and transmission. The basic infrastructure such as power plant, motorways, railways, airports, seaports, oil and gas pipelines, and optical fiber linkages are being upgraded and strengthened.

In fact, The CPEC investment and its spinoff effects have created hundreds of thousands of jobs and added 10,000 MW to Pakistan's national grid, ameliorating the chronic shortage of energy in the country.

In September 2018 Shanghai Electric signed EPC contract for Thar Block-1 Integrated Coal Mine-Power Project with an installed capacity of 2 x 660MW and a coal mine with an annual coal production capacity of 7.8 million tons. The project is capable of powering 4 million households in Pakistan with 1320 MW of indigenous, affordable and reliable electricity.

Shanghai electric is also applying ultra-supercritical technology, which can run at higher net efficiency than the annual average net efficiency required by Pakistani government. Additionally, the plants will operate with a high Acid Gas removal rate, with low sulfur dioxide emissions to reduce environmental impact when it begins to generate electricity in 2022.

Since the beginning of Covid-19 outbreak, China has cooperated with Pakistan closely to jointly fight the epidemic. Through this occasion, a solid basis of friendship between Pakistan and

China can be witnessed.

In such a harsh time, Pakistan's Senate passed a resolution in support of China's anti-epidemic efforts. In the meantime, President made a special trip to China to express his firm support for China.

Up till now, China has already provided a large number of funds, testing kits, masks, respirators, protective equipment, medicines and other materials. Moreover, China also helped Pakistan establish a provisional isolation hospital in Islamabad to combat Covid-19.

Shanghai Electric, and other 4 Chinese subcontractors contributed a lot in fight against pandemic. The company has implemented SOPs in a highly effective way with the collaboration of Law enforcing agencies.

Followings are the steps taken by the Company to prevent COVID-19:

- A management team was formed to implement SOPs on site and also in main entrance.
- The rules are described for maintain social distancing residential and working area.
- The employees and other people were not allowed to enter or work without masks and sanitizing spray.
- Every new employee or labor person is not allowed to enter the main gate without spending quarantine time of 14 days.
- Food and other facilities are provided during quarantine.
- After quarantine, the person is tested for COVID-19 (PCR) and then allowed to enter.

Moreover, Shanghai Electric with all subcontractors helped thousands of families

belonging to Thar. They provided jobs for local residents and provided them with food and PPE.

At present, the Thar Block I power plant project contracted by Shanghai Electric is facing severe epidemic prevention and control and project schedule management pressure. On the one hand, various measures have been taken to effectively prevent and control the new crown virus, and strictly implement SOPs to ensure all Chinese and Pakistani management and labor personnel in good health; on the other hand, how to organize the manpower and machinery to achieve the COD of the project. Shanghai Electric, as an internationally renowned company, shoulders the mission and responsibility to provide Pakistani people with stable and reliable power as soon as possible, which is their biggest goal.

Being a part of the Thar Block I Thermal Power Plant, I was appointed at main entrance for making others to fulfill the SOPs, I have witnessed all the efforts made by Chinese companies headed by Shanghai Electric, they are fully fighting the epidemic and actively promoting project construction. The builders of all projects can stick to their posts and make efforts for the project construction at such a hash time. They are a group of brave builder and our closest Chinese brothers. It is a great honor for me to fight the epidemic and build Pakistan together with our Chinese friends in this project.

In the conclusion Shanghai Electric made a good decision to prevent the COVID-19. Despite of very tough time people are working for the company with bravery and support their families.

LONG LIVE CHINA-PAK FRIENDSHIP!

Reporter: Asadullah Larik





# LAHORE ORANGE LINE



Chinese staff training Pakistani staff while briefing the outer parts of train engine and body



Interpreter briefing Pakistani staff in Urdu after Chinese staff briefed the train and the body parts attached to the train



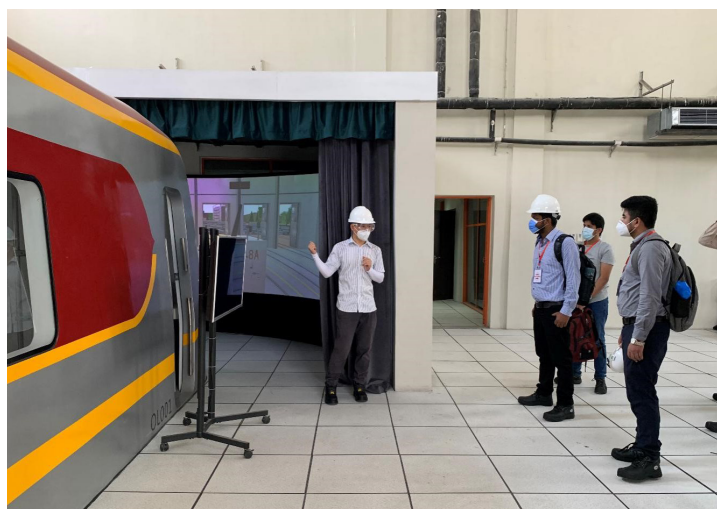
Deputy CEO along with senior management visited the site amid the COVID-19 pandemic to guide and inspect the implementation of epidemic prevention



Trainers briefing the control management system to the staff



Chinese trainers guide the Pakistani trainees to learn how to operate the train



Chinese staff training Pakistani staff while briefing the outer parts of train engine and body in simulated cockpit





## Growth Together With SEPCOIII

I warmly welcome you all in this occasion and I am very delighted to be here with you all. Today, I would like to share, as an employee of SEPCOIII how I feel. As you all know behind a successful company there are several factors which affect its activities and performance. The human resources of a company largely depend on how the company is able to respond to challenges.

Similarly SEPCOIII has done its best to motivate and make sure the safety of its employees. In the pandemic situation of COVID-19, SEPCOIII has taken care of its employees much more than just rewarding them with a salary. Not only SEPCOIII has kept its employees safe and secure but also provided a variety of employee benefits so that they can be motivated in this isolated environment. Some of those benefits include safe environment, clean and sophisticated living accommodation facility, health care facility, clean and tested drinking water facility, food facility, 24 hour medical facility, on daily basis virus disinfectant spray etc.

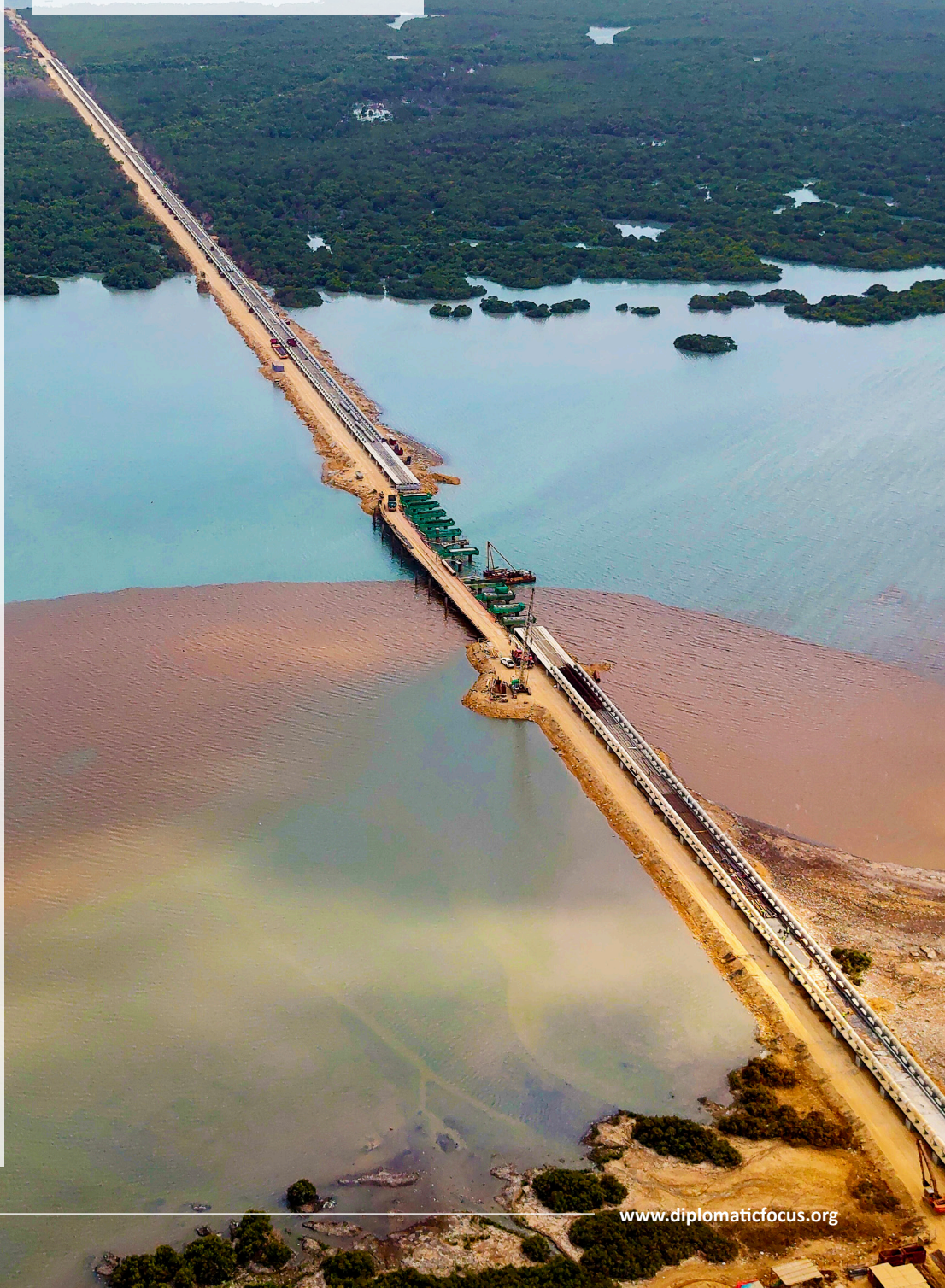
Moreover, SEPCOIII is paying the taxes to the Government of Pakistan on time every time, which is beneficial for the economy of Pakistan. In the epidemic situation, SEPCOIII has also reduced the unemployment by securing the jobs to the local Pakistani workers. Whereas in whole country so many industries has been shut down, so many has decreased their workforce due to which employment ratio has gone down exponentially. SEPCOIII has continued construction activities considering the COVID-19 precautions, by effective planning, timely taking precautions and continuous monitoring. Safety of employees is always the first priority of SEPCOIII.

SEPCOIII not only tries to engage workers, but really make an effort to show them that they are important. Examples of such efforts include arranging monthly award sessions, sponsor cultural events, giving gifts to the employee on Pakistani annual EID festivals and other events etc.

As you all know, employee retention is no easy task for construction companies nowadays. It's no longer enough for companies to pay their employees competitive wages, keep them safe and provide them with regular hours in order

for them to make a steady living. Our company, SEPCOIII, is actively committed to ensuring the health and happiness of its workforce, and as an employee we appreciate it.

In the last, as an employee of SEPCOIII I feel very proud and so grateful to be a part of this company. I would like to thank you for your support in the pandemic situation. We truly appreciate it.





# Power China Port Qasim Coal-fired Power Plant and Iron-Brother Pakistani Overcome Difficulties Together



Panorama of Port Qasim Power Plant

In 2020, the global crisis of the Covid-19 has brought severe challenges to the economic and social development of Pakistan, Port Qasim Coal-fired Power Plant, as the first large-scale power and energy project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is also facing the biggest challenge after the commissioning of power generation.

As the lowest tariff provider and the largest power generation capacity in Pakistan, the plant management shoulders more responsibility by focusing on pandemic prevention and control, production and operation work simultaneously. Overall, the production and operation performance growth despite the severe environment, power generation increased by 21.6% year-on-year, the Port Qasim coal-fired power plant has made an important contribution for the people's livelihood, economic and social development.

Port Qasim power plant fight against pandemic at the frontline at the critical moment.

All the senior management, staffs of Port Qasim Electric Power Company (Private) Limited

(PQEPC), the entity for Port Qasim Coal-fired Power Plant, are engaged in pandemic prevention and control by strictly enforcing measures, personal protection and avoid massive gatherings, indoor ventilation, washing hands frequently to cut off the transmission of the virus. All of them set a good example for employees to follow.

PQEPC set up a joint headquarter of pandemic prevention and control, including PQEPC, operation and maintenance companies, the soldiers, police and security stationed in site and determined the general policy "both imported cases and spread within the city should be prevented" and eventually decided to implement lockdown management within the



Donation activity of Port Qasim Power Plant "Help Pakistan to fight the Covid-19"





Daily disinfection of work and production key areas at Port Qasim Power Plant



Eid al-Fitr greetings to the military and police stationed at the Plant

plant on. Later, after practice, 14 specific and targeted measures for pandemic prevention and control has been formulated.

In February, the first case of Covid-19 was identified in Pakistan, PQEPC immediately organized a mobilization meeting on pandemic prevention and control for all concerned parties, pooled all the forces that could be united, and further entered into the “war pandemic” management state.

On March 3, after systematic and intensive preparation, the management took the lead in implementing “no visitor is allowed” lockdown policy. Since the implementation of lockdown management, a security team led by Chinese employees was set up to strictly control the entry gate 24 hours a day to cut off and control the import of virus. In addition, a special supervision team was established to implement strict obedience of SOP within the plant area. We ensure the 14 plus 11 points measures for prevention and control were covered in key areas like personal hygiene, production area, disinfection, supply chain, canteen management. The whole plant “key parts, key groups of people, important gates, important materials were under supervision. And pandemic prevention work and the lockdown management becomes a daily routine work and its progress were briefed in the morning handover meeting.

Counter-trend growth- Port Qasim power plant serves as a guardian in pandemic prevention.

After the outbreak of the pandemic in Pakistan, Port Qasim power project was running out of cash flow, the funds for production and operation were insufficient, and production and operation were in a tough situation and hard to maintain the operation and keep the units running.

In this severe moment for Pakistan government and the Power Purchaser, Port Qasim Power plant management still remain its commitment to fight against the pandemic and generate

more power, practicing the spirit of customer first and creating value for customers.

To this end, PQEPC coordinated with coal suppliers to defer the final payment for coal, negotiated with lending banks to delay repayment schedule of debt service account reserves. Luckily, we gained the understanding and support of coal suppliers and lending banks, used the very limited funds for coal procurement and other raw materials to ensure production and power generation and strive for provide Pakistan with cheap and reliable power supply. By taking advantage of low and competitive tariff edge, PQEPC's practical action has won widespread praise and recognition from stakeholders in Pakistan. Through hard-earned efforts and dedication to the plant's normal operation, the good image of Chinese state-owned enterprises in Pakistan has been strengthened.

During the lockdown, all Chinese personnel chose not to go back to China for holidays, but stick to their jobs and worked overtime to maintain production, Such forces drive our plant functions smooth to inject a constant supply of electricity to help Pakistan fight against the pandemic. What surprised us most is that despite the transmission risk of COVID-19, over 60 local employees still chose to come to the plant for contributing their own role.

As of August 30, 2020, Port Qasim Power Plant has generated a total of 6.344 billion kwh of electricity this year, which has increased by 21.6% on a year-over-year basis, other IPPs in Pakistan were lagging far behind such achievement when the electricity consumption of the whole society has dropped significantly and the electricity bills were deferred for several months. It is self-evident that PQEPC power plant provides a strong power guarantee for Pakistan to win the battle against the pandemic.

People-oriented policy and intensive care for employees

PQEPC has always put the safety and mental health of its employees in the first place. At present, all Chinese and Pakistani employees are performing their duty in a satisfied way and the whole team are working with a stable morale.

We distributed personal protection brochure in English and Urdu to all Pakistani staff (including the soldiers, police and security guards for the power plant) and their families to disseminate knowledge about the Covid-19 and its prevention and control and get rid of the panic and to inform them that although the Covid-19 is highly contagious and dangerous, it is preventable and controllable. PQEPC also increased the subsidies for the Pakistani staff who stayed at the site during the lockdown. In addition, the company improves food diversity, adjusts the leave policy and other proper measures which won the full understanding and support of the Pakistani staff. During Ramadan, PQEPC held a greet activity to express festival blessings to them.

At the early stage of the pandemic, PQEPC organized a donation activity with more than 2 million rupees to the Pakistani government and 5,000 facial masks. All Pakistani employees appreciate this big love and think highly of the mutual traditional friendship between Pakistan and China.

What is the most encouraging news is that there is zero suspected or confirmed case of personnel within the premise of the plant. Although, the pandemic situation is still complicated and severe in the current and future period, and the risks and cumulative effects will continue, Power China and its Port Qasim Coal-fired Power Plant will always stand firmly with the Pakistan and people, do its best to overcome all difficulties to undertake the responsibility of enterprises, and make new contributions to further consolidate China-Pakistani traditional friendship and build a shared community of China-Pakistani destiny.



# Role of Hydro China International administration during Pandemic

Since Covid-19 outbreak in February of 2020 in Pakistan, the pandemic has been the biggest blow to all the projects of Hydro China International in Pakistan particularly the Master Green WIND POWER 50 MW Project due to its location in remote area of rural Sindh. The Project has faced a variety of problems such as health issues, supply chain disruptions, unavailability of manpower, cancellation of import orders, raw material shortage, transportation disruptions, shutdown of operations at all ports and airlines suspensions, among others.

As lockdown was first announced in Sindh province from March 23, 2020. The biggest and most immediate impact of the lockdown is the halt in business operations. Resultantly various activities of Project were also stopped or slowdown because of the absence of local labor who were forced to stay at home to avoid further spread of Covid-19. In addition, the government of Pakistan also announced the travel restrictions which hindered the availability of Chinese and local workforce from travelling. Due to travel restrictions the Chinese and Pakistani workforce were stuck at the site since lockdown and did not leave for the respective home towns even for festivals like Eid-ul-Fitar, Eid-ul-Azha and Chinese New Year.

Despite the challenging conditions, the management of Project was committed to continue the operations with strict adherence to the government Covid-19 SOP's and safety protocols. The management has put in place measures to help minimize the risk from coronavirus to workers and their families. Workers are given a comprehensive health screening and provided helpful tips on

self-monitoring. All Chinese and Pakistani workforce has gone through the PCR and Corona Anti-bodies test. Employees were tested and Self-isolated for 14 days if they have experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms or had returned to the site from another location for either project work or personal reasons. The Management has enhanced the work environments and hygiene protocol at each of the Project location. Hand sanitizers have been placed at different locations and manpower were trained to apply it before and after work. Workers were allowed to place of work only after undergoing through thermal testing by laser thermometers. Use of non-physical greetings (i.e. avoid shaking hands) have been encouraged and measures have been taken to keep appropriate "social distance". For example, the food was served in the rooms of individuals instead of mess or canteen. Wearing of masks have been made compulsory for all employees of the project.

During lockdown, transportation and purchasing activities were great hurdles for Management as the whole country was in stand still situation, but with effective planning and commitment to the core value of company, these tasks have been done professionally by complying with all the government and company safety protocols for Covid-19.



In addition to compliance of these safety protocols, the Project Management has also played a very constructive role in supporting the locals by donating hygiene products i.e. hand sanitizers, soaps and surgical masks etc. to fight against coronavirus. As the local community was severely hit both medically and economically during lockdown, the Management helped them by providing medical facilities, food and gifts. The local labor has been timely paid despite the halt of Project for some time.

Despite these challenging circumstances owing to Coronavirus since March, 2020 as it halted the smooth running of most of the sectors all over the country. The development works have been experiencing hardships and hurdles in their successful implementation and in turn largely effect the progress of Project but our team is committed to control the damage caused in lockdown and achieve the target with in time.





# Experience on activities and epidemic precautions from a Pakistani staff of Basha Dam Project



I'm Kasid, a local staff from PowerChina. I'm working on survey work for Basha Dam Project.

As a native Pakistani, since I joined Basha Dam Project, what I have seen and experienced is the intensified epidemic precautions and strong safety awareness for Covid-19. PowerChina is ensuring the smooth progress of construction while keeping epidemic precautions, pushing forward the activities at the preliminary stage in a proactive and stable manner.

Confronted with the COVID-19, the Project Management has enforced outright the guidelines of 'Safety First, Prevention Prior' to detailed activities every day, delegated safety responsibility to all positions and sections, established a epidemic precaution link. As what I know is that all works which will happen

next day will be arranged in advance with consideration of schedule, security escorts, rations and precaution stuff etc. Once arriving to the site, we are required to supervise each other for precaution procedures, to keep distance with local residents. We are instructed to return to camp directly without zero contact with other residents while work is done.

All staffs including Chinese and Pakistan are required to follow the regulations of 'no gathering, wearing mask, taking temperature, frequent sanitizing and ventilation'. Take the education on precautions, 5-minute tool box and off duty is taking place to boost awareness of safety and precautions. They make us well know the harm of COVID-19 and how to prevent, how to correctly wear and change masks and the way of hand sanitizing

etc. Holistic sanitization on the dining hall, dormitories, offices, parking, public toilets is going on every day to ensure safety of all staffs, meanwhile PowerChina will correct and instruct the person who is not following the procedures and make sure no misconduct is missed and all responsibilities will be followed up.

I'm living and working with Chinese, and I realize that both work and precautions of PowerChina are controlled and regulated. Just as what Chinese friend said, everyone has responsibility on epidemic precautions, if everybody is taking care of it, we would be absolutely safe.

I'm glad to work for this project in initial survey work which is proceeded as scheduled, and the epidemic precautions here make me safe and confident. Thank you.



# To Alleviate Power Shortage in Pakistan and Fulfill Corporate Social Responsibility

## The 3rd Anniversary of UEPW 99MW Wind Power Project in Pakistan

From 2010, Orient Group implemented project development and construction in the field of new energy, developed its overseas business blueprint and conducted its overseas energy businesses. Orient Group followed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and participated in its flagship project, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and set its first overseas office in Pakistan.

Orient Group invested and developed the 99MW Wind Power project in 2012 through UEP Wind Power (Private) Limited, a project company in Pakistan. The project is one of the 14 priority projects in the CPEC with a total investment of USD 252 million. At present, the project is completed and successfully put into commercial operation to alleviate the problem of power supply shortages in Pakistan.

### Localized operations

As a foreign investment enterprise in Pakistan, UEPW initiated the concept of localized operation. Most of the employees are Pakistani, and the project also helps to improve the living standards of local communities. The project provides about 80 mid and high-level positions for local people from different cities in Pakistan, including Chairman, General Manager, Director, Senior Manager, Specialists, Senior Engineer, etc.

During the construction of 99MW wind power project, more than 800 Pakistani locals, including skilled workers such as blacksmiths and concrete workers, were employed at the site from local villages.

### Social responsibility

While achieving its business goals, Orient Group also aims to change the lives of local people in its operating areas, so as to help improve the living standards of the people in the communities where the Wind Farm is located. It is our corporate social responsibility to help these poorer local communities to improve their living standards. Both Orient Group and United Energy Group (a sister company), has made substantial social investments, focusing on three themes such as education, health and income generation.

### Education

Education is a significant element of people's livelihood. In combination with local realities in Pakistan, Orient Group has implemented a series of complete investments in female literacy. A Degree College for Girls was established in Matli, where more than 4,000 girls have graduated from the college. The only two higher secondary girls' schools in the entire district of Badin have also been built. OG invested in the establishment of girls' colleges, girls' high schools and many primary schools, training rural girls to become female engineers, female doctors, female teachers, and many of them engaged in engineering, medicine, teaching and other professions. From 2011 to 2017, Orient Group has funded the construction of four new Citizen's Foundation primary schools and the renovation of 10 public schools and colleges, benefiting more than 5,000 school-age children, and contributed to school supplies and expenses. It has also created new job opportunities for local residents, including

96 positions for Citizen's Foundation primary schools and 47 positions for community schools, which have greatly improved the cultural and living environment of local residents.

### Medical treatment

Orient Group donated medical centers and advanced medical equipment and medicines to local medical institutions to support local health management so that nearly 800,000 patients could be checked and treated in time. In addition, a total of 39,174 surgical procedures were performed in the funded hospitals, giving patients free treatment and quick recovery. Medical ambulances were provided to enable 85,496 critically ill patients to be treated in a timely manner.

The mortality rate for infant and maternity mortality rate in South Asia is surprisingly high. In view of this, Orient Group initiated an on-going training program for Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in remote areas.







The objective is to train these women in safe practices and help to decrease infant and maternity mortality rate. In 2016, OG partnered with the Aga Khan University, School of Medicine, to set up the flagship project of the maternity and infant research and training center in the Matiari concession block. It created 135 local jobs, 79 of which were female employees, which accounted for 59 percent, and provided training courses for 270 people covering about 600 villages. Currently, the center has five research projects that benefit 39,800 women and 1,834 children.

## Facilitating income generation

In cooperation with government agencies, Orient Group initiated and implemented the “technology and occupation” training program, focusing on the mechanical and electronic professional training for the youth in the project location, which greatly increased the employment rate of local youth.

In addition to improving investment in social infrastructure and services, actively participating in various charitable causes, is also one of the effective corporate social responsibilities of Orient Group.

## Humanitarian aid

Orient Group provided active assistance to local disaster relief and poverty alleviation, and distributed food and relief materials to over 10,000 families. For example, Orient Group installed solar water pumps in two villages on the project site, which solved the drinking water problem of local people and animals. During the Mid-Autumn festival in 2017, Orient Group held a book gift activity in local primary school. During the New Year in 2018 and Eid holiday in 2019, UEPW distributed food and cooking oil to local villages for warm activities.

The investment in the project started to get achievements, but Orient Group didn't forget to express gratitude to the local neighborhood.

## Fight against COVID-19

Nowadays, novel coronavirus outbreak is an unprecedented challenge around the world. Sindh province, where our UEPW 99MW wind power project is located, has been the most infected area in Pakistan since February, 2020. In order to stabilize the normal operation of wind power project, UEPW guided by the two main principles to deal with increasingly serious outbreak of Covid-19. Firstly, ensure the health and safety of employees. Secondly, continue to provide energy support for local Pakistani households and factory during this special period.

The wind power project still insists on uninterrupted operation, conducts timely training on epidemic prevention knowledge for on-site O&M staffs, and strengthens the reserve of epidemic prevention materials, despite the shortage of Chinese and Pakistani staffs on our wind power project site. The various measures guaranteed the continuous operation of our project.

On 3rd July, 2020, the O&M team of UEPW 99MW wind power project returned to Jhimpir wind farm safely under the active coordination of the Ministry of Commerce, National Development and Reform Commission, Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, and CGGC. After 14 days of strict self-quarantine, they will quickly put back to work guarantying operation and maintenance of UEPW wind

power project.

China-Pakistan friendship is the most sincere and pure friendship between the Chinese and the Pakistanis. The efforts of the leaders and people of the two countries over the years, Pakistan has now become China's most steadfast friend. Over the past five years, Orient Group as a Chinese enterprise, make technical advantages as the core, serve the society, and actively participate in social public welfare undertakings. At the same time, Orient Group not only brings the unique corporate culture, the humanistic spirit and friendship of the Chinese to Pakistan, but also draws a new foreign culture, to strengthen the new momentum. Under BRI, Orient Group has strived ahead and witnessed the friendship between China and Pakistan, and also a fellow participant in the win-win development.

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# Article: (Nouman Ali )

**M**y name is Nouman Ali and I am a part of the Huaneng China Group. I am a Mechanical Engineer by profession and working in the maintenance department of the Sahiwal 2x600 MW Coal Power Plant.

In 2014 I went to China for my master's in engineering from Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China. I stayed in China for 2.5 years which was one of the most enriching times of my life. I was amazed by the infrastructure, transport, and development in China. I made many Chinese friends, traveled to many cities in China, and tried various local Chinese foods, which I loved very much. Very soon I developed a strong interest in the Chinese language, because of this interest I was able to not only complete my master's degree with high grades but pass the Chinese language proficiency exams as well. I graduated in 2017 and came back to Pakistan.

In Pakistan, I got the opportunity to work in the Sahiwal Power Plant as an associate engineer in the Boiler Maintenance department. Since the first day of joining to this day, I am very happy to be working here. Our company provides us all the facilities of personal and professional growth. Working at this power plant has given me a lot of opportunities to learn and enrich myself. We have regular technical training and knowledge exchange forums. I have been continuously improving my technical abilities and also my Chinese language skills. All my colleagues are very friendly to me and have given me enough support at work. So far Sahiwal Power Plant has completed more than 1200 days of safe electricity production for the people of Pakistan.

The year 2020 has been very tough because of Covid-19. This pandemic affected businesses, peoples' lives, and operations around the world. Controlling the spread of this virus while continuing the operations was a difficult task, but the perseverance and diligence of Chinese and Pakistani staff helped in achieving this task. Our company started the epidemic prevention policy since the first case of the corona was registered in Pakistan. Since the last six months, the company has implemented strict lockdown policy and raised awareness amongst the staff for the prevention against the spread of this virus. In order to not affect the power production by our plant and complete the annual maintenance on time, our company arranged the Chinese technical Staff and local staff to return to the site after rigorous testing and quarantine phases. This shows the commitment of our company towards safe production.

From the beginning, I have been a staunch supporter of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the Belt and Road Initiative. These projects have not only greatly improved Pakistan's infrastructure construction level, but also provided us with a large number of high-quality employment opportunities and brought development opportunities for Pakistan. CPEC projects have helped Pakistan in fighting the acute energy crisis, the new roads made under CPEC have linked various cities with each other, Upcoming Railway line ML-1 is going to upgrade the railway track to help improve the rail transport network of Pakistan. Projects like Gwadar port and special economic zones are going to help the economy of Pakistan. Hence in that context, I am even happier to be part of a CPEC project. The cooperation between China and Pakistan in different technological sector is exemplary. I believe that Pakistan can learn a lot from the

Chinese experience of Rapid Development and Poverty alleviation.

In the future, I wish to become a technology specialist with fluent Chinese language skills and help in the further development of China-Pakistan friendship.

Long live friendship between China and Pakistan!



The Chinese and Pakistani employees of Sahiwal Power Plant strictly abide by the regulations of the epidemic prevention system, fight the epidemic together and ensure power supply



The Chinese and Pakistani employees of Sahiwal Power Plant overcome difficulties and fight the epidemic together



Sahiwal Power Plant presented anti-epidemic materials to the SSD and SPU who are responsible for the security of the power plant







## Overcome Difficulties Together with Stable Progress

Regarding Epidemic Prevention and Control, Project Construction Assurance in SK Hydropower Station

**C**GGC Overseas Investment Company, S K Hydro (Pvt) Limited

Being the first overseas investment of China Gezhouba Group, Energy China, SK Hydropower Project shoulders the great mission of the Gezhouba Group's transformation, upgrading and structural adjustment.

Facing the challenge of the epidemic, SK Hydro has joint hands with more than 3,300 Chinese and Pakistani employees to overcome the current difficulties and coordinated the epidemic prevention and control, project production and operation, and fulfillment of social responsibilities, demonstrating the responsibility of Chinese enterprises and making Gezhouba's contribution.

### 1. Project Progress

As of the end of August 2020, the Spillway has completed 2.28 million cubic meters of earth rock excavation with the commencement of the concrete construction. Meanwhile, 7.8 kilometers excavation in Headrace Tunnel has been done with the linking of the lower section of the pressure shaft. Whats' more, excavation in Powerhouse has been completed ahead of the schedule with the commencement of







concrete pouring and EM installation. At the same time, Transformer Hall has completed the excavation and supporting work, and the Tailrace Tunnel excavation has fully completed.

## 2. Joint Fight Against the Epidemic

First, job creation. As a Chinese-funded company in Pakistan, we take the employment assurance as our own responsibility during this epidemic. We offered about 2500 jobs for local residents and continue to provide about 300 jobs per week in the future with the severe challenge under the impact of the Covid-19 to make sure all Pakistani staff's stable income.

Second, epidemic prevention and control. In order to apply China's anti-epidemic experience and practices in our project with better result, we printed epidemic prevention brochures in English and Urdu, and distributed to every employee to help them understand common sense of protection, improve knowledge of epidemic prevention and master operational precautions. At the same time, we also strictly implement epidemic prevention and control measures, carry out nucleic acid tests, daily disinfection, and temperature

checking to ensure the physical and mental health of all employees.

Third, social responsibility. Local residents at our project area encountered difficulties in their daily lives. In order to fully understand the actual situation, we visited the villages to figure out their needs. On April 11, we provided them with 200 sacks of rice, oil, masks and other daily epidemic prevention materials to help them tide over these difficulties.

## 3. Perseverance Spirit of Chinese Personnel

Liang Hongyuan: Stand fast and remain at his own post more than 14 months

Liang Hongyuan, who has worked in Pakistan more than 14 months without break, only focuses on the construction work without any complaints or hesitance.

As a member of the pioneer team for construction of the Headrace tunnel, he stays at construction front line more than 16 hours per week to solve various problems in a timely manner. Under his guidance, the excavation efficiency in Adit5 to Adit7 has been improved while major difficulties and bottlenecks have

been solved one by one. With his efforts, construction progress at pressure shaft and excavation efficiency of the horizontal section have been improved, which have lowered the rate of pilot hole deflection and borehole blockage during expanding excavation.

Han Xiaomeng: Overcome difficulties to guarantee project construction

Han Xiaomeng, an employee working in Liaison & Development department, is mainly responsible for land acquisition. Under the epidemic situation, the land acquisition has to be suspended because of governments adjustment and army's movement restrictions, which has affected the review and approval progress of the permanent land and the negotiation of the temporary land.

As the horn of the three major tasks has been sounded, the construction progress must not be delayed due to inefficient land acquisition. No matter how difficult it is, I have to overcome and win, he said, and with actions implemented. In order to speed up the progress, according to the annual construction plan, he classified the construction tasks as the priority and urgency with different methods implemented to overcome all problems one by one according to the construction schedule. He negotiated with land owners so many times to make agreements about the temporary land acquisition and held the initiatives in his hands to make sure the timely construction and usage of the camp and disposals. Regarding the permanent land acquisition led by the government, he always planned ahead. To make sure the quarry test at the downstream of Spillway on schedule, he adopted the permanent-temporary combination method to offset the long-period for review and approval.

## 4. Feelings About Work Resumption from China to Pakistan

Wang Minghai: Fear not the want of armor, for mine is also yours to wear. As a hydropower engineer, I would like to use actual actions to protect the friendship between Pakistan and China, combat the epidemic with my Pakistani brothers together. We can share epidemic experience and knowledge with a positive attitude, and enhance the construction progress to achieve the operation schedule for better green-power supplying capacity in Pakistan.

Guo Tao: With company's thoughtful and comprehensive arrangement, we finally return to work despite untold hardships. I prepared myself with 100% enthusiasm for work resumption and I am ready to contribute all my strength for SK construction.







All Chinese Members of Orange Line Metro Train Project Donate the anti-epidemic supplies to Mayo Hospital

## CR-NORINCO Help Pakistan Fight the Epidemic

CR-NORINCO is the contractor of METRO RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM ON THE ORANGE LINE IN LAHORE. Currently, the installation and test & commissioning of all electrical and mechanical systems as well as the integrated test and commissioning of all systems have been completed, and the item-by-item completion certificate also have been issued by the supervisor. Completion data of the project have been confirmed and approved by the supervisor and will be handed over to the Pakistani owner.

In early 2020, the global epidemic of

COVID-19 outbreak in Pakistan, facing the severe epidemic situation in Pakistan, In a petition dated 2th April 2020 issued by CR-NORINCO's management to all the Chinese project participants, it was suggested that in order to deepen the all-weather Pak-China friendship of sharing weal and woe, and to fulfill our responsibilities in this regard, every Chinese of the Orange Line project does his or her part to tide over the difficulties with the Pakistani people and for our common lives.

14,000 surgical masks and 500 N95 masks and other anti-epidemic supplies worth 1.32

million rupees, which raised by CR-NORINCO, were donated to Mayo hospital in Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan on 16th April 2020. In donations, the Mayo management states, their donation provides timely help and solve the pressing need for our hospital. We sincerely thank our Chinese friends, faithful pal's help, Chinese friends not only help us to build our homes here, it is in times of crisis that they stand together with Pakistani people, help us and solve our difficulties, we won't forget the friendship between China and Pakistan and this friendship will last forever!







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