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1. INTRODUCTION

China study Center, University of Peshawar in 2019 organized many programs/events to achieve the objectives of the Center. In this connection the China study Center organized International and national conferences, seminars, workshops, symposiums, round-tables, food festivals, Chinese language certificate course, workshop series on China today and for linkages development its Director Prof Dr Zahid Anwar visited many institutions of higher learning in Pakistan and abroad particularly China and many agreements were signed. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar participated in many media programs to promote Pakistan China relations, remove misunderstanding about BRI and CPEC. In a short span of time China Study Center, University of Peshawar emerged as one of the most active China Study Center in Pakistan generally and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa particularly. China Study Center is focusing to:

- Promote research on Pakistan-China Relations;
- Stimulate the study of Chinese language, history, culture, and civilization;
- Foster people to people contacts and strengthen regional integration;
- Explore more avenues of cooperation between the two countries;
- Make University of Peshawar a reservoir of information on China;
- Highlight the benefits of China and Pakistan Joint Projects like BRI, CPEC, for Pakistan, in general, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in particular.

Some the events which were organized by the China Study Center, University of Peshawar are given in the following pages with brief information.

2. CHINA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar has organized a seminar on "China's Contributions to Peace in Afghanistan" on 17th January 2019 at the conference hall of China Study Centre, University of Peshawar. Many field experts on the theme discussed different aspects of the issue. Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar Director China Study Centre discussed the aims and objectives of the seminar and explored the issue in historical perspective including the current reconciliation

efforts. Prof. Dr. Bashir Ahmed, Dean Faculty of life and Environmental Sciences welcomed the distinguished guests. Ambassador ® Rostam Shah Mohmand former Ambassador of Pakistan to Afghanistan in his key note address comprehensively analyzed the regional situation and explained that in the context of BRI and CPEC China can play a very constructive role in the regional peace and prosperity. Prof. Dr. Faher ul Islam Director Pakistan Study Centre University of Peshawar, highlighted the role of China in restoring peace in the region. Prof. Dr. Fazal Rahim Marwat former Vice-Chancellor Bacha Khan University Charsadda spoke on Afghanistan and China Relations in detail. Rahimullah Yousafzai renowned journalist highlighted the political development in the region after the withdrawal of NATO troops and the political reconciliation in Afghanistan. Brig. ® Mahmood Shah in his presentation objectively analyzed the regional situation, BRI, CPEC and underlined the constructive role of China in restoration of peace in Afghanistan. Prof Dr Hussain Shaheed Soharwardy in his presentation pointed out that important developments are taking place in the region especially Afghanistan and underpinned the positive role of China in the reconciliation efforts in Afghanistan. Mr Zamir Awan who came from China Study Centre NUST, Islamabad described in detail how China became an economic power and how it is helping in regional peace and prosperity through BRI and CPEC. He further explained that China is strengthening friendship in the region and is trying to resolve all its issue through peaceful means. He said that China is playing very constructive role in restoring peace in Afghanistan. In the end Prof Dr Zahid Anwar thanked all participants which included a large number of faculty, students journalists, and academicians, diplomats, journalists, ministry of defense officials and practitioners for their participation in the national seminar.



3. SIGNIFICANCE OF CPEC SEMINAR IN UNIVERSITY OF SWABI

A national seminar entitled “significance of CPEC” was organized by PCRS/Political Science Department, University of Swabi on 25th March 2019. Dr Sajid Hussain Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Swabi delivered his presentation on significance of CPEC. Dr Ghulam Ahmad, Research Associate, CPEC Think Tank Islamabad delivered his speech on CPEC projects. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar who was a guest of honour delivered his presentation on, “BRI, CPEC: A case study of Swabi valley”. He discussed BRI, CPEC and further highlighted the significance of Swabi valley in the context of history, archaeology, Special Economic Zone, and promotion of Tourism. Prof. Dr Imtiaz Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Swabi in his concluding speech thanked the distinguished scholars and large number of audience for their participation and taking keen interest in the theme of the seminar. In the end the honourable Vice-Chancellor distributed shields among the speakers and organizers of the seminar.



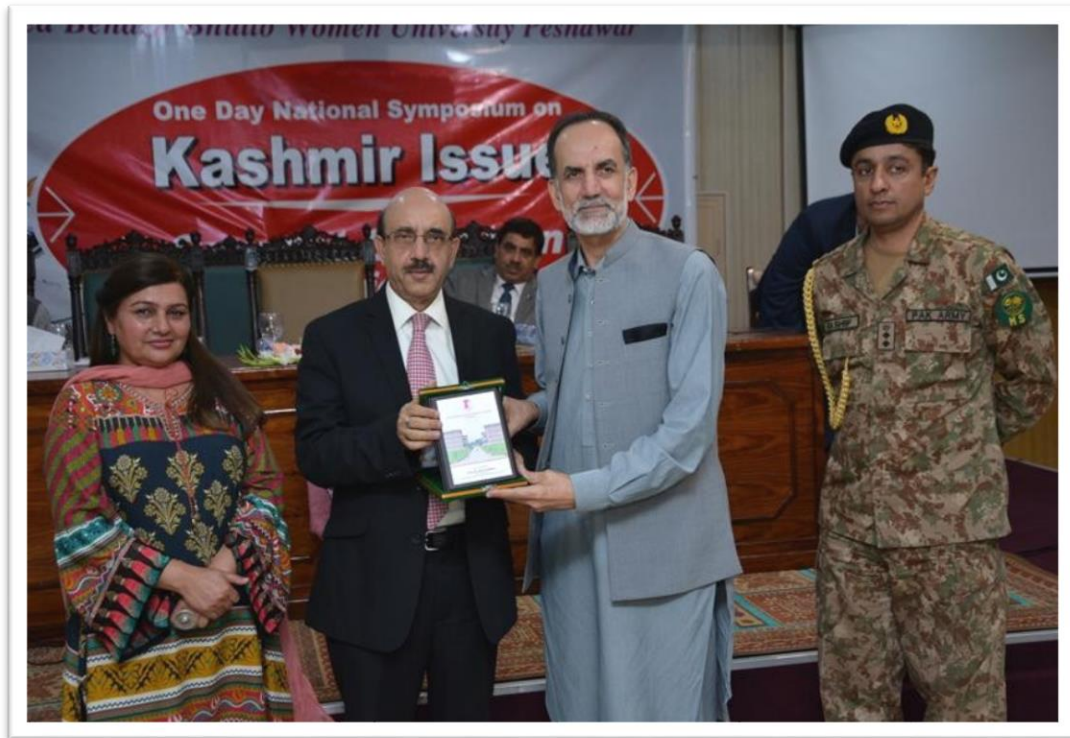


4. DIRECTOR CSC PRESENTATION ON, "CPEC AND KASHMIR" IN THE SYMPOSIUM ON KASHMIR ISSUE ORGANIZED BY SBB WOMEN UNIVERSITY PESHAWAR

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar has organized one day national Symposium on Kashmir Issue on 28th March 2019 at Larama campus of the University. Sardar Masood Khan, President, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) was the Chief Guest. The president in his speech said that Kashmir issue has come into international limelight after the strategically ill-advised and reckless Indian misadventure against Pakistan last month. AJK President appreciated the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor of SBBWU for organizing the symposium on such an important issue. Describing Kashmir as the root cause of tensions between India and Pakistan, Khan said that the core dispute is the denial of the right to self-determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said a part of the world community has started raising its voice on flagrant violation of human rights in Kashmir. He urged students and faculty to devote their time and energies for the promotion of Kashmir cause and raise their voice for the oppressed and subjugated people of Indian occupied Kashmir.

Prof Dr Razia Sultana, the Vice-Chancellor Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar in her address discussed human rights violations in IoK and said that the resolution of Kashmir issue is necessary for durable peace in South Asia. Prof Dr Nazir Hussain in his address said that internal cohesion in Pakistan is required for resolving the Kashmir dispute and he further underlined the important role of diaspora i.e., the role of the people of Pakistan and Kashmir living abroad. Prof Dr Jehanzab Khalil discussed the Kashmir dispute in historical perspective. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar in his presentation highlighted the CPEC and Kashmir issue. He said that the CPEC which is a mega project of BRI connected Pakistan with more than 50 member countries of the BRI. It has successfully countered efforts to isolate Pakistan internationally. China and Pakistan are supporting each other in different global, regional and bilateral issues and stated that the successful completion of CPEC will be a leap forward in resolving the Kashmir dispute. Dr Zafar Nawaz Jaspal(QAU) in his speech brought to limelight the recent development in the relations between Pakistan and India and gave details of Indian brinkmanship. Dr Shaheen (NDU) discussed the water dispute between

India and Pakistan and its impact on Kashmir dispute. Dr Minhaj-ul-Hasan (UOP) elaborated the role of the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the freedom struggle in Kashmir. Many speakers highlighted different aspects of the Kashmir issue and educated a large number of audience which included students, faculty members, journalists diplomats and other professionals.



5. FOOD ALONG THE CPEC: CHINESE FOOD FESTIVAL AT UOP

Pakistan and China ties are the symbol of mutual respect, friendship and cooperation at the global level. In order to celebrate the promising relations between the two countries the Department of Food & Nutrition Sciences, College of Home Economics in collaboration with the China Study Center, University of Peshawar, held the first of its nature food fiesta exclusively for the females of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under the theme “Food Along the CPEC” on 21st February 2019. Under the supervision of the event organizers, Prof Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Center, Dr. Kausar Takreem, Head Department of Management Studies, and Dr. Fazia Ghaffar, Head Department of Food & Nutrition Sciences, the event comprised of two main events. A food gala which catered the delicacies of Chinese cuisines and the traditional food of Pakistan particularly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Around 54 stalls presented the cultures of Pakistan and China along a



vast variety of food items from Chinese soups, pasta and rice based dishes to the savoury snacks, baked items, and the delicious food of Pakistan. Face painting, henna tattooing, cosmetics, jewelry, hand painted clothing items, boutiques, ceramics, and handicrafts attracted a great gathering of females. The second part of the event was a national food contest themed as “Pakistan-China Food Fusion”. Students from around 22 female colleges nationwide participated in the competition. The competition was divided in to two categories i.e. rice based main course meals and desserts. Some of the excellent fusions were seen during the competition. The items prepared were judged on the level of fusion, the nature of Pakistani or Chinese food being fused, preparation and presentation. The prepared foods were judged by Mr. Sajjad, Chef at Gloria Jean’s, Mr. Rashid Khan, Chef Green Olives, and Mr. Shirazi, General Manager of the China Town Restaurant. The winners of the Main Course meal were Ms. Kiran Khan (College of Home Economics, University of Peshawar), Ms. Kulsoom (Government Girls Degree College, Pabbi), Ms. Maha Anjum (College of Home Economics, University of Peshawar), and Ms. Misha from Government College of Home Economics, Pir Piai, Nowshera. The winners in the dessert categories were Ms. Nihar Bashir (College of Home Economics, University of Peshawar), Ms. Hafiza Mainmoona Hira (College of Home Economics, University of Peshawar), Ms. Komal Ali (College of Home Economics, University of Peshawar), and Ms. Zile- Huma (Zubaida Aman Degree College, Ghazi). The food contest was managed by Dr. Zahin Anjum, Ms. Ayesha Zakir, Ms. Shmaila Waheed, Ms. Beenish Khan, Ms. Robina and rest of the faculty of the Department of Food & Nutrition Sciences.

The inauguration and prize distribution ceremony was attended by huge gathering of the university officials, Chinese delegates, senior faculty and participant of different organizations. The event started with the recitation of Holy Quran and the national anthems of both the countries. Dr. Fazia Ghaffar highlighted the objectives of the event. Dr. Farhat Shehzad, Principal College of Home Economics welcomed the guests and briefly described the importance of gender specific education. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Shahram Tarakai, Provincial Minister of Local Government, Elections, and Rural Development. The Chief Guest emphasized the importance of such events and encouraged other organizations so that the youth can be made aware of the cultures of both the countries. He described such events as the bridge that strengthen the friendly ties and open new vistas of knowledge, creativity and entrepreneurship for the upcoming generations.

The members of the Chinese delegation Prof Dr Rong Ying, Prof Dr Ran Wanli, Prof Dr Huaang Minxing and Dr Li Tao were pleasantly surprised by the culinary delights of the festival. The exquisite cuisine culture and variety of dishes inspired Dr Li Tao so much that he told Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study centre, UOP that he will arrange Halal Chinese food training for the students and faculty of the College of Home Economics, UOP. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar said that the idea of organizing Chinese food festival was basically shared with him by Prof Dr Muhammad Asif Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar, which afterwards he planned with College of Home Economics. He thanked College of Home Economics for holding a successful event in collaboration with China Study Centre. Dr. Kausar Takreem thanked the participant colleges, the Chinese delegates and distinguished guests. The organizers reiterated the continuation of such events in the future and hoped for strengthening cooperation between the two countries in food culture.



6. STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN PAKISTAN REGION

Prof Dr Zahid Anwar presented his paper as a team leader along with Dr Abdulkhay (Uzbekistan), and Dr Khayderali (Uzbekistan) on, “ Strengthening sustainable and inclusive peace in Afghanistan-Pakistan region” in Amman, Jordan on 3-5 February 2019 in the second Alumni meeting of participants to the International training programme on peace and conflict, Uppsalla University, Sweden.



7. COLLABORATION BETWEEN CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

Dr ZHOU Xinying from Chinese Academy of Sciences visited University of Peshawar on 3rd July 2019 on the invitation of China Study Centre to explore avenues of cooperation with different departments and Centres of the UOP.

Professor Zhou Xinying is a faculty at the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IVPP). Dr Zhou met Professor Zahid Anwar at the China Study Centre on 3rd July and discussed areas of cooperation. Then the Chinese Expert along with Dr Zahid Anwar visited archaeology department, held a meeting with Prof Dr Ibrahim Shah, Chairman Department of Archaeology and delivered a presentation on, “The development of agriculture in Neolithic and Bronze Age”. Afterwards he visited SSAQ Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and met Dr Zakirullah, Curator and other staff members of the museum. Dr Zhou delivered a presentation on, “ The zonal vegetation evolution and human migration in Bronze age”. He took keen interest in the artifacts of the

museum when Dr Nidaullah Sehrai, Assistant Curator gave briefing on different archaeological collections. On the 4th July the Vice Chancellor's office has arranged the meetings of the Chinese delegate in the NCE in Geology and PFI. Dr Zhou and Dr Zahid visited NCE where he met Prof Qasim Jan, prof Hanif and other faculty members and delivered a presentation on, "Crop Globalization across the region in Bronze age". Prof Hanif showed him different labs and the two sides identified areas for joint research. Then Dr. Zahid Anwar took the delegation to University of Agriculture Peshawar where Dr. Zhou met Prof Dr. Sohail and other faculty in the Biotechnology Centre. Afterwards Prof. Zhou and Prof Zahid went to Pakistan Forest Institute and held meeting with Dr Shiekh Amjad Ali, DG PFI and Safdar Ali Shah Deputy DG PFI. Dr. Zhou was taken to Silk worm lab where Dr. Bajwa and Dr Amjad Ali gave briefing on how silk is produced in the lab and both sides agreed to collaborate. After the meeting professor Zhou returned to China Study Centre and thanked Professor Dr. Zahid Anwar for arranging such productive meetings. Prof Dr. Zhou Xinying will also conduct a field survey jointly with Dr. Samad, Director Peshawar Museum.



8. SEMINAR ON "PAKISTAN AND CHINA RELATIONS" AT CHINA STUDY CENTRE UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

A seminar on, "Pakistan and China Relations" was organized by China Study Centre University of Peshawar on 17th July 2019 at the conference hall of the Centre. A seven members` delegation from China Embassy Islamabad under the leadership of Ms Bao Zhang, Director General Media participated in the seminar. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar welcomed the guests and said that it is an honour for China Study Centre that a seven members delegation from China embassy has visited the Centre. In his introductory speech he said that China Study Centre is promoting research on Pakistan and China relations, stimulating the study of Chinese language, history and culture, fostering people to people contacts, making University of Peshawar a reservoir of information on China and highlighting the benefits of China and Pakistan Joint Projects like BRI, CPEC for the two countries and the region. Professor Zahid thanked China Embassy for its financial support, scholarship and equipments which helped a lot in creating a positive image of China among the student community of the University.

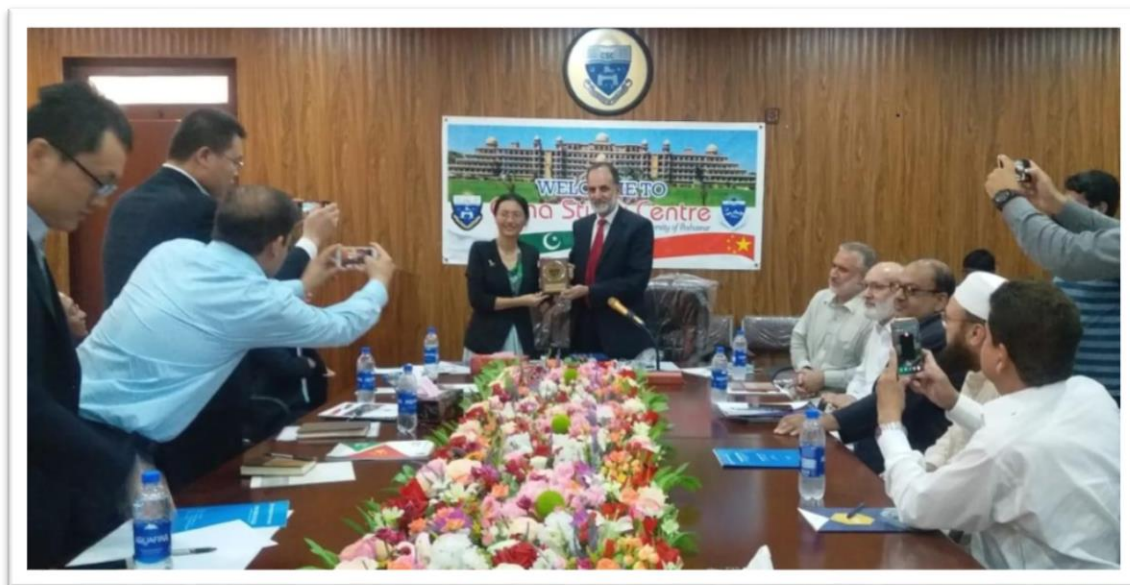
Ms Bao Zhang Director General Media, China Embassy Islamabad, who was the chief guest of the event, in her speech said that China and Pakistan relations are higher than mountains, deeper than oceans and sweeter than honey. Pakistan and China are iron brothers. Pakistan and China relations became stronger when President Xi Jinping visited Pakistan in 2015. Pakistan supported China on many global and regional issues and appreciated the completion of early harvest projects of CPEC and optimistically underlined that the second phase of CPEC will boost industrialization in Pakistan. She also highlighted the important role of business community in the economic development of the country. Ms Bao said that China has helped Pakistan to overcome its energy problem and recently it has also helped Pakistan in addressing the problem of forex reserves. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar said that throughout the world the largest number of Pakistani students are now in China getting higher education soon they will return to play their due role in joint projects and added that more than seventy thousand Pakistani citizens have got employment in CPEC projects.

Dr Zhang Jeigen, another senior official of the Embassy in his presentation focused on collaboration in higher education between the Universities of China and Pakistan. He

elaborated that a consortium of Pakistan and Chinese Universities was established with headquarters in Fudan University in Shanghai, University of Peshawar is also member of that consortium, its two meetings were held and the third meeting will take place in Pakistan later this year.

Mr. Rahimullah Youasfzai, famous Pakistani journalist also delivered a speech in the seminar. He said that Pakistan and China are two good friends and have supported one another in time of crisis and said that the traders of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are playing very important role in the trade between Pakistan and China. He also emphasized the significance of the peace process in Afghanistan and the important role of China and Pakistan in that peace process.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abid, Dean Faculty of Numerical Sciences in his speech focused on cooperation between China and Pakistan in the field of Science and technology especially artificial intelligence (AI). A large number of faculty, scholars, students, experts, journalists and diplomats participated in the seminar. In the end Director of China Study Centre thanked the audience especially Principal Home Economics College, Chairman Electronics Department, Chairman URP, Director ORIC, Chairman Economics Department and Dean Faculty of Numerical Sciences for their participation in the seminar despite hot weather and summer vacations. After refreshment the delegation visited Area Study Centre and then left for Peshawar museum.





9. ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN CIIS & UOP

China Institute of International Studies(CIIS), which is one of the most prestigious Think Tank of China located in Beijing under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. CIIS & UOP have signed MOU when Prof Dr Zahid Anwar became Director CSC, UOP. Recently CIIS asked for research proposals and Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar submitted his proposal on “ *AFGHANISTAN: PEACE SO FAR AND YET SO NEAR An analysis of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan multilateral approach*”. After thorough scrutiny of research proposals the CIIS invited Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar as a senior visiting scholar. Dr Zahid Anwar collected data from the rich resources of CIIS, CICIR, CASS and met several scholars including Prof Dr Rong Ying, Vice President, Pang Shanshan, Deputy Director, Dr Li Qingyan, Ning Shengnan, Assistant Research Fellow and Wang Siyuan, CIIS. He also met with hard working and intelligent young Indonesian visiting scholar Dr Cahyo Pamungkas, who was conducting research on BRI and Indonesia. Dr Zahid Anwar presented his paper (Research Findings) in August 2019. A thorough academic discussion on Afghanistan peace process and the current development in Indian Occupied Kashmir took place between the CIIS scholars and the visiting scholar in objective environment. A famous Chinese wise-man, Confucius says that education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace. In his presentation Prof Zahid Anwar appreciated Chinese efforts to turn attention

from establishing military bases to industrial bases in Afghanistan.

A famous Chinese historian Sima Qian says that *he who does not forget the past is master of the present* in that context Prof Zahid said that Pakistan and China relations are higher than mountains and deeper than oceans and informed the Chinese scholars that China due to its wholehearted support to Pakistan regarding revocation of Article 370/35A of the Indian constitution and current Indian brinkmanship in IOK, won the hearts and minds of the people of Pakistan. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar said that there is an excellent understanding between Pakistan and China regarding regional issues including the crises in Afghanistan and Kashmir. In comparative perspective Prof Zahid Anwar highlighted that walking the walk is better than talking the talk and explained how China and Pakistan developed convergence of interests in a rapidly transforming world. He further underlined that President Xi Jinping's "Five Nos" policy ensures sovereignty of developing countries in their dealing with PRC under BRI and is perfectly synchronized with five principles of peaceful co-existence which China kept intact despite many twists and turns in regional and International politics. The senior officials of the think tank thanked Prof Anwar for his visit and educating their young scholars regarding developments in Pakistan and Afghanistan Region. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar thanked Prof Dr Rong Ying Vice President (CIIS) for his invitation and wonderful hospitality. He also appreciated the efforts of the host institution for its foreign policy analysis training to two PhD Scholars of the Departments of Political science, University of Peshawar and hoped that the cooperation will continue and more opportunities will be provided to young scholars of the UOP under BRI and CPEC.

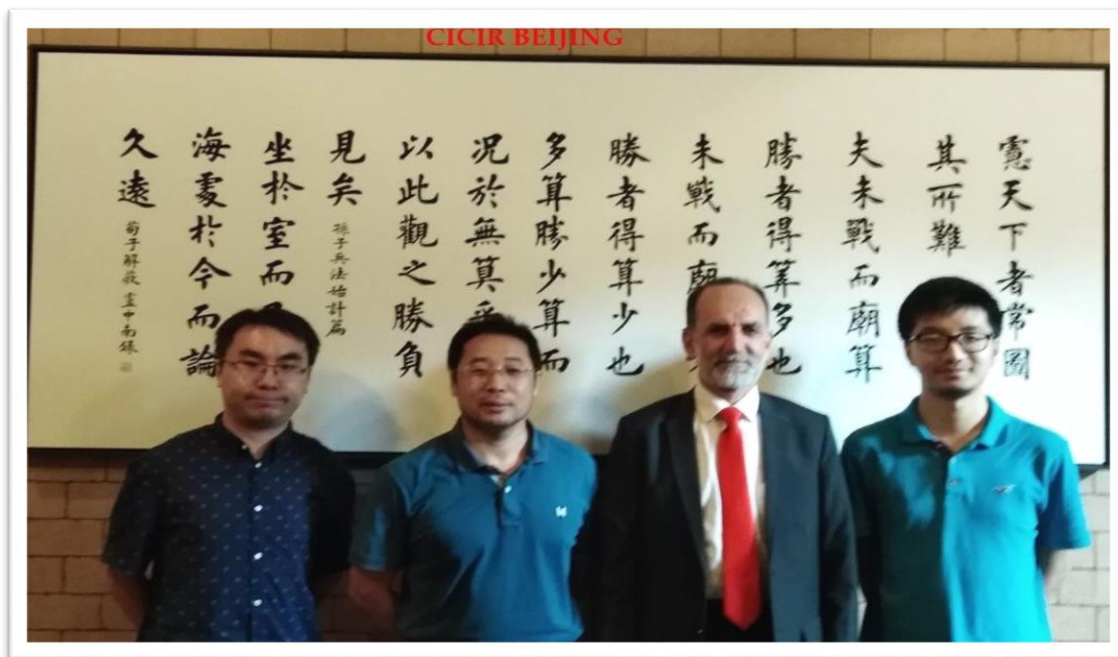




10. COLLABORATION BETWEEN CHINA STUDY CENTRE & CICIR

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar is developing linkages with different research institutes of China. China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) is one of the biggest and high ranking research institutes in China. Within CICIR there is an institute of the South Asian Studies, which is focusing on developments in the South Asian region. To strengthen cooperation between the CSC and CICIR, Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited CICIR and held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Hu Shushing, Director Institute of South Asian Studies on August 06 2019. In the two hour long meeting many issues concerning the South Asian Region were discussed. Those issues included peace and reconciliation process in

Afghanistan, Pakistan and India relations in the context of Indian Government's recent step of abrogation of Article 370/35A of the Indian constitution regarding Kashmir. The heads of two institutions agreed to further strengthen cooperation between CSC and CICIR. Dr Hu Shisheng thanked Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar for his visit to CICIR and Professor Dr. Zahid Anwar thanked CICIR especially the Director of the Institute for of the South Asian Studies for sharing Chinese prospective on South Asia.





11. LINKAGES DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN CHINA STUDY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR (PAKISTAN) AND PAKISTAN STUDY CENTRE, FUDAN UNIVERSITY (CHINA)

Fudan University was established in 1905 as Fudan Public School. After the nationwide restructuring of institutions of higher education in 1952, Fudan University became a comprehensive university of arts and sciences. Fudan University was merged with Shanghai Medical University in 2000, forming a new, stronger Fudan University with a broader set of disciplines: medicine, sciences, and arts. As one of the first participants in the 211 and 985 Projects, Fudan has developed into a comprehensive research university, with Departments of Philosophy, Economics, Law, Education, Literature, History, Science, Engineering, Medicine, and Management.

Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited Pakistan Study Centre Fudan University in Shanghai, China on 13th August 2019 and held meeting with Prof Dr Du Youkang Director, Pakistan Study Centre, Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Pakistan Study Centre, Fudan University is one of the most prestigious research Centres on Pakistan in China. Professor Du Youkang remained at Shanghai Institute for International Studies as research fellow, senior fellow and director of Department of South Asian Studies from 1984 to 2001. He also worked at Chinese Embassy in Islamabad as First Secretary (political) until 2005 as well as deputy head of Political Section of the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi (2008-2010). Professor Du Youkang and Professor Zhang Jeigen are two researchers of the Centre and who are considered leading experts on Pakistan.

Prof Du Youkang is an expert on Pakistan and Afghanistan Region. The two experts discussed in details regional issues especially Afghanistan crises, and Pakistan and India relations. Prof Du Youkang has visited Pakistan several times and has visited Peshawar many times as well. He has conducted research on Afghan Refugees and visited refugees' Camp at Kacha Gari in the 1980's. It was a pleasant surprise for Prof Dr. Zahid Anwar to meet in Shanghai an expert of Prof Du stature. The two heads of Institutions discussed in detail prospects of academic collaboration.

12. ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN CASS, (CHINA) AND CSC,UOP (PAKISTAN)

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) is the premier academic organization and comprehensive research center of the People's Republic of China in the fields of philosophy and social sciences. CASS was established in May 1977, replacing the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Professor Xie Fuzhan is the current president. CASS is now made up of 31 research institutes and 45 research centers, which carry out research activities covering nearly 300 sub-disciplines. At present, CASS has more than 4,200 staff members in total, of which more than 3,200 are professional researchers. Conducting broad international academic exchange remains one of CASS's guidelines, and this has gained pace in recent years.

Prof Dr. Zahid Anwar visited China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing China on 7th August 2019 and held meeting with Prof Dr Liu Xiaoxue of the Department of International Economic Relations Study, National Institute of International Strategy (NIIS) at CASS. Prof Liu is an expert on BRI and South Asia. The two experts have thoroughly discussed BRI in the context of South Asian Region. The issues like regional economic integration and economic development in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan were also discussed. Linkages development is an important aspect of China Study Centre's goals. The two scholars agreed to strengthen academic cooperation between China Study Centre, University of Peshawar and China Academy of Social Sciences. In spite of the fact that it was summer vacations Prof Liu came to her office to hold a meeting with the Director of the China Study Centre to discuss avenues of collaboration between the two institutes.





13. ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN SIIS, CHINA & CSC, UOP, PAKISTAN

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar is developing academic linkages and promoting cooperation with renowned research institutions of China. In this connections Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS) on 13th August 2019. Founded in 1960, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) is a government-affiliated high-caliber think tank dedicated to informing government decision-making by conducting policy-oriented studies in world politics, economics, foreign policy, and international security. SIIS maintains intensive and extensive exchanges and cooperation with research institutions at home and abroad. SIIS as a think tank enjoying a high reputation at home and abroad has embraced the spirit of “industry and originality” and “patriotism and cosmopolitanism” by advising for the central government and the Shanghai municipal government as well, pursuing academic diplomacy, playing proactive role of opinion leader both within China and across the world. In a world that is politically polarized, economically globalized, culturally diversified and socially informationized, SIIS is striving for peace and development and win-win cooperation.



Prof Zahid Anwar held a meeting with CHEN Dongxiao, President of the SIIS. Prof. Dr. Chen Dongxiao got his Ph.D from Fudan University. He specializes in studies of the United Nations, China's foreign policy, and China-U.S. relations.

Dr. Chen is the chief editor of *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies* (CQISS), a flagship English journal on China's diplomacy. He also holds the position of Vice Chair of the China National Association for International Relations and is a senior adviser on economic diplomacy for China's Foreign Ministry. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar also met Prof Dr SHAO Yuqun and Prof Dr LI Hongmei, two senior SIIS experts on South Asia. The institute is located in the downtown Shanghai. Thorough discussion took place among the experts on different issues of South Asia including Afghanistan crises, Indian occupied Kashmir and revocation of Article 370/35A, BRI, CPEC and strengthening relations between China of Pakistan, then the president of SIIS Prof Dr. arranged lunch in honor of Prof Dr Zahid Anwar and discussed cooperation between the two prestigious institutions. Prof Dr CHEN Dongxiao, the SIIS President assured support to Prof Dr Zahid Anwar regarding academic cooperation and exchanges and joint research projects. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar thanked the President of SIIS for the hospitality and support and also thanked CIIS particularly its Vice President Prof Dr Rong Ying, who has arranged this meeting.



14. 5th WORKSHOP FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC YOUNG SCHOLARS, CHINA (2-10 SEPTEMBER 2019)

The workshop was co-hosted by CSCAP (China and China institute of International Studies). Focus was on BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE- BRI, especially Maritime Silk Road (MSR). Scholars from twelve countries i.e., Brunei Darussalam, Laos, Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippine, Pakistan, Cambodia, Japan and Singapore participated in the said workshop. The participants emphasized that for cooperation/integration, connectivity is required as it plays a vital role among the immediate neighbors and across the region as well. This connection is not just via roads, maritime but also people to people. Multiple educational and cultural exchange programs provide forum to know about people, culture and traditions. China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) provided this cultural exchange platform to the scholars of different states. Ms Nelofar Ikram, PhD scholar at the Department of Political science, University of Peshawar from Pakistan participated in this prestigious workshop. She was recommended by Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China

Study center, University of Peshawar for the said workshop. On her return Ms Nelofar appreciated Chinese hospitality, cuisine and enriching intellectual exposure.



15. PAKISTAN- CHINA COOPERATION ON CONTEMPORARY DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIAN OCCUPIED KASHMIR

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar has organized a seminar on "Pakistan- China Cooperation on Contemporary Developments in the Indian Occupied Kashmir" on 15th October 2019 at the conference hall of the Centre. Many scholars from different cities of Pakistan delivered their presentations. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar through light on the goals of the Centre and explained the objectives of the seminar i.e., to objectively analyze the approaches of the two countries in comparative perspective to the issue of Kashmir particularly the recent developments in the Indian occupied Kashmir.

Dr Talat Shabir Director, China Pakistan Study Centre, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad highlighted the risks of unilateral change and revocation of article 370 by the Indian Government. He talked about the CPEC projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir which are going on for the social-economic development of the area. Furthermore he underlined that war will negatively affect the developmental efforts in the region. Prof Zamir Awan from NUST Islamabad said that there is need to understand China that will help to understand Chinese policies in the region. He told the audience that Pakistan is facing hybrid /5th generation war and there is need to use social media more effectively. Pakistan and China are supporting each other on different issues including that of Kashmir. Prof Dr Fakher ul Islam, Director Pakistan Study Centre said that China and India have border disputes even before 1947 and in this connection he referred to MacMohan line and continuation of rivalry, after the independence on Aksai Chin and 1962 war between China and India. Prof Dr Husain Shaheed Suharwardy, Director Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies in his speech said that revocation of article 370 made India Occupier of Jammu and Kashmir in the real sense. India is a big market. There is need to look at things in broader spectrum and shun narrow approach. China wants peace in the region which will enable it to successfully pursue its goal of regional economic integration.

Prof Dr Zahid Director China Study Centre Peshawar University in his presentation said that both China and Pakistan opposed Indian unilateral action on 5th August 2019 regarding Jammu and Kashmir. This unilateral change of Status quo is unacceptable to both China and Pakistan. He said that China and India have embarked

on a voyage of exploring commonalities nevertheless both have different approaches to the issue of Jammu and Kashmir in this connection he cited summit meetings in Wuhan (Hubei province of China) in 2018 and in Mamallapuram /Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu, India) in October 2019. Chinese experts called Modi`s Government revocation of article 370 /35A regarding Kashmir a big mistake. He further explained that India is turning attention of its public from real issues like poverty, unemployment, violence, and Hindu extremism by depicting Pakistan as threat to Indian interests. Muslims of India are living in constant state of fear and persecution under Modi`s Government. Shuddhi and Sangathan movements are threatening Muslim honourable living in India under the auspices of BJP Government. Cooperation between China and Pakistan will help to ease the problems of the people of Kashmir and will ultimately pave the way for peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue. Speeches were followed by question/answer session. A large numbers of experts, scholars, journalists, diplomats faculty and students participated in the seminar.





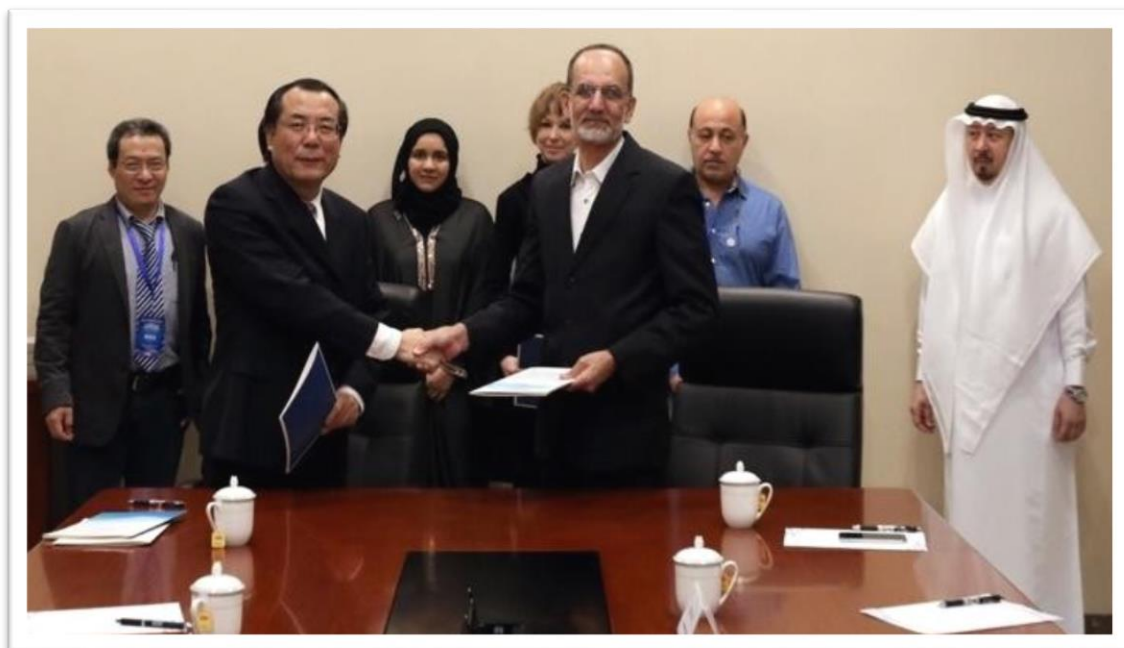
16. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE & CHINA STUDY CENTRE, UOP

The 3rd Annual Meeting of International Youth Dialogue, themed “A Community of Shared Future for Mankind and International Youth Leadership”, which was held between November 15-17, 2019 at University of International Business and Economics (UIBE). In November 2017, UIBE established the Research Center for Youth Cultural Exchange, which launched the International Youth Dialogue. In almost three years, the annual event has become a platform for internationalized dialogues between youth, scholars and policy makers, as it has enabled youth from over 30 countries to participate in innovative projects for global open development and to discuss ways to promote globalized youth development with scholars, corporate executives and government officials from both China and abroad.

This year’s event was focused on promoting youth leadership and innovation as a way to contribute to the creation of A Community of Shared Future for Mankind. The organizing committee under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Wang Yuhang who is also Executive Director of Research Center for Youth Cultural Exchange, invited Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar to participate and present his paper on, “BRI, CPEC & Opportunities for Youth in Pakistan” in the international conference.

Many scholars from different countries including Pakistan, Austria, USA, Saudi Arabia participated in the conference. Some important International scholars of the conference were Prof. Dr. Gerald Knapp from the Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt, Austria, Prof. Ahmed Saeed Badrais, (New Westminster College), Saudi Arabia, Prof. Dr. Hannes Krall, Alpen-Adria University, Austria and Miraz Ahmed Badrais, Computer Science Expert and Youth Representative from Saudi Arabia. A large number of students from Pakistan are studying in this prestigious University. A think tank, “*A SILK ROAD THINK TANKS ALLIANCE ON PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGE*” was also initiated during the conference to further strengthen academic and cultural exchanges among countries and regions involved in the Belt and Road Initiative. China Study Centre, University of Peshawar became member of this alliance.

UIBE is one of the most popular Universities among Chinese young people and one of the most Internationalized Universities in China. The organized and earnest efforts of Prof. Wen Jun, deputy secretary of the Party Committee of UIBE, Prof. Liang Kaiyin, UIBE and Prof. Wang Yuhang, UIBE played vital role in organizing this successful International Conference.



17. CPEC: A PROJECT FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Institute of Education and Research, University of Peshawar has organized a seminar on, “ CPEC: A PROJECT FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT” on 28 November 2019 at 9.30 am at the conference hall of IER. Prof Dr Hafiz Muhammad Inamullah was the Stage Secretary. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, UOP was the Chief Guest who delivered a presentation on, “ CPEC: A PROJECT FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT”. He said that under CPEC the high ranking Universities of China and Pakistan are collaborating with one another in different fields including joint research projects, faculty and students training. 28000 students of Pakistan are now studying in China on Chinese scholarships. 75000 thousands citizens of Pakistan have got jobs in CPEC projects. 20000 more students will get opportunity to get higher education in China. China will establish six agriculture research Centres in Pakistan. HEC and CAHE are exploring new avenues of mutual cooperation in the realm of higher education. Through the coordinated efforts of China Study Centre, University of Peshawar signed MOUs with many high ranking Universities of China and many students and faculty of UOP visited China for short and long courses. Professor Anwar advised students to scientifically and objectively study CPEC and counter propaganda against it and explore the potential opportunities of BRI and CPEC. It is pertinent to note that the history of IER goes back to 1920's. It became College of Education on 14th October 1963. In 1980, the college was elevated to Institute of Education & Research (IER). IER imparts training to prospective and in-service teachers of primary, secondary and higher secondary schools. Prof Dr Arshad Ali, Director, IER threw light on different academic activities and programs of IER and hoped for cooperation in the field of education with Chinese counterparts. He thanked Prof Dr Zahid Anwar for delivering a thought provoking and useful presentation. More than 200 students, researchers, faculty members and experts participated in-the-seminar.



18. SEMINAR ON "FRIENDS OF SILK ROAD"

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar in collaboration with the Pakistan-China Institute, Islamabad organized a seminar on, " Friends of Silk Road" on 26 Oct 2019 at the hall of NCEG, University of Peshawar. The seminar started with the recitation of the Holy Quran at 3 pm. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar delivered a welcome address and welcomed Shah Farman, the Honourable, Governor, H.E. Yao Jing the Ambassador, Muhammad Atif Khan, the Tourism Minister, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Hasan Dawood Butt, CEO, KPBOIT, Arbab Sher Ali Khan, Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on CPEC, MNAs, MPAs and other distinguished guests. He highlighted the objectives of China Study Centre, Pakistan China Relations, BRI, CPEC and also spotlighted the purpose of the " Friends of the Silk Road" Seminar. He hoped that the said seminar will boost awareness among the public about the opportunities in CPEC and will erase misunderstanding regarding it. He particularly thanked H.E. Yao Jing, the Ambassador of China to Pakistan for his donation of Rs. 2 million, through China Study Centre for the deserving students of University of Peshawar.

H.E. Yao Jing, the Ambassador in his Keynote speech said that the Chinese government would establish vocational Centres and hospitals in Pakistan along with schools in erstwhile FATA. The Ambassador also stated that China has played and will continue to play its role for restoration of peace and stability in the region. The regional connectivity projects like BRI and CPEC will pave the way for regional economic development. Highlighting the importance of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in CPEC, the Chinese ambassador said that in the second Phase of CPEC the focus will be on industrialization and Rashakai Special Economic Zone which is located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will be developed on priority basis. Ambassador Yao Jing stressed the need for value addition to get maximum benefit from the manufacturing sector. Saying that 10 agriculture labs would be set up in Pakistan as part of the emphasis on social and agriculture sectors in the second phase of CPEC, he also suggested that the higher education institutions should come up with proposals for these labs through proper channel involving the Planning Commission and PARC, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, the founder of the Pakistan-China Institute in his keynote speech informed the audience that 75,000 jobs had been created in Pakistan.



due to the CPEC projects and 10,000 megawatts of electricity has been generated and added to the national power grid. He said 28,000 Pakistani students were presently studying in China and Beijing had announced 20,000 new scholarships for the students of Pakistan. He said that China and Pakistan had stood by each other in times of need and their friendship had become stronger over the years.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tourism Minister Mohammad Atif Khan in his speech highlighted the tourism potential of Pakistan in general Khyber Pakhtunkhwa particular hoped that soon tourists from abroad especially Chinese tourists would start coming to Pakistan.

Arbab Sher Ali Khan, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on CPEC, highlighted the potential of the CPEC related projects to put Pakistan on the path of progress. He said that CPEC will help to boost economic development in Pakistan generally and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa particularly. Hassan Daud Butt, Chairman of the Board of Investment and Trade, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa delivered an informative speech and said that CPEC projects are going well and in the second phase Rashakai SEZ will be developed and industrialization will increase in the province.

Shah Farman, the Honourable Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who was the Chief Guest in his speech said that Pakistan has immense deposits of metal and minerals which require investment. He advocated setting up of manufacturing and marketing units at the sites where raw material are available so that the people of the area also enjoy and get benefited. He also called for further coordination and linkages development between the Universities and the government departments to boost collaborative research and value addition of local mineral sector.

Prizes were given by the Pakistan-China Institute through the Honourable Governor to the winners of the essay competition. On the occasion a meeting was held between the Chinese Ambassador and Prof Dr Johar Ali, the Acting Vice Chancellor and after the meeting shared the good news that H. E. the Ambassador has agreed to provide scholarship and training opportunities to University of Peshawar faculty, students and administrative officials. A large number of politicians, businessmen, government officials, experts, faculty and students participated in the national seminar.





19. ROUND-TABLE OF CHINESE STUDY CENTERS IN ISLAMABAD

Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) has organized a round-table on 7th March 2019 at ISSI. Diplomats, experts and senior government officials and Directors of China Study Centres and Institutes in Pakistan participated in the round-table. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar also participated in the said round-table.

Honorable Tehmina Janjua, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan during her address as Chief Guest at the Roundtable said that Pakistan-China strategic partnership is a pillar of peace and stability in the region and added that China is now the strong voice of the developing countries, and its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) provides a vehicle for change and is indeed a win-win model. She said that with the progress of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), China has now become the largest investor and partner of Pakistan. While its Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under CPEC are all-encompassing and will benefit all parts of Pakistan, work needs to be enhanced in people-to-people exchanges and this is where the centers and institutions working on China can help.

Keynote speaker, H.E. Mr. Yao Jing. Ambassador, Peoples Republic of China said that the coming together of China focused centers was an important occasion. China-Pakistan relations figure very high in all of China's relations and China attaches special importance to its relationship with Pakistan, especially in the changing, complex world order. China studies have now become more extensive in Pakistani academic efforts and the input, advice and proposals received from this round-table will aid the foreign policy direction of both countries, he underlined. The agenda for the Round-table was to discuss the areas of research each center is currently focusing on and to outline avenues of future collaboration. Participants included representatives from China Studies Centers and Institutes from across the Pakistan including: Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Dr Fazal-ur-Rahman of Pakistan Institute of China Studies, University of Sargodha; Dr Ghulam Akbar Mahesar of Far East & Southeast Asia Study Centre University of Sindh, Jamshoro; Dr. Kaleem Ullah Mandokhail, Focal Person, Chinese Study Centre, University of Balochistan; Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, China Study Centre, GCU, Lahore; Dr. Omair Haroon, CPMI, Suleman Dawood School of Business, LUMS; Dr. Samina Sabir, CPEC Centre, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir; Dr. Saranjam Baig, Centre for

Research on CPEC, Karakoarm International University; Mr. Muhammad Arshad Qaim Khani, China Economic Forum; Syed Tanvir Abbas Jafri, COMSATS Chinese Study Centre, Islamabad; Dr Imran S. Khalid, SDPI China Study Centre; Mr. Zamir Awan of Chinese study Centre, NUST, Dr Talat Shabbir, Director CPSC, ISSI and Ms. Saadia Waqar un Nisa, the Director CPEC at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Directors of the China Study Centres deliberations explored the ways and means to coordinate their efforts and enhance the constructive engagement among these centres. The discussion focused on channels for further cooperation, and the speakers agreed that the need of the hour is to focus on building human resource capacity which can later be passed on to the younger generation. The participants agreed that attention should be paid to joint publications, research collaboration, exchange programmes for researchers, fieldwork support, host joint events, talks, seminars, conferences and an annual national China Centers conference to promote further understanding.





20. SHANGHAI FORUM 2019: ASIA AMIDST GLOBAL RESHUFFLING: CHALLENGES, DEVELOPMENTS, AND NEW PARADIGMS

Shanghai Forum 2019" was organized by Fudan University, Fudan Development Institute, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies and was held in Shanghai between May 25-27, 2019, focusing on the theme "Asia Amidst Global Reshuffling: Challenges, Developments, and New Paradigms". The opening ceremony was held on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Shanghai International Convention Center (SICC) and the rest of the session took place at Fudan University.

Shanghai Forum, launched in 2005, is known as one of the most famous international forums held in Shanghai. The Forum is a non-governmental and non-profit academic organization, which holds an annual symposium each May in Shanghai. Shanghai Forum 2019 was held from May 25 to May 27, 2019 in Shanghai. The theme was "Global Governance and Asia — Asia Amidst Global Reshuffling: Challenges, Developments, and New Paradigms".

Shanghai Forum takes its mission to "Concentrate on Asia, focuses on hot issues, congregate elites, promotes interactions, enhances cooperation and seeks consensus" seriously. It endeavors to build an interactive platform for multi-sided communication amongst academic, political, commercial, and press circles.

Shanghai Forum 2019 was a mega event in which 21 round-tables beside many other sessions took place in different buildings of the beautiful Fudan University. The forum was well organized and divided into many panels. In the round-table number nine (9) on, "South Asia in Global Changes" the Ambassador of Pakistan

H.E. Masood Khalid and the Ambassador of India H.E. Vikram Misri spoke in detail on the difficult situation in South Asia and stressed on cooperation for the betterment of the people of the South Asian Region.

This round-table was organized by Center for South Asia Studies, Fudan University, Co-organizer: Center for Pakistan Studies, Fudan University and Center for Gandhi and Indian Studies, Fudan University. It was divided into two sessions: Session one was on "South Asia in a Changing World", moderator: Prof Zhang Jiadong and the speakers were Arun Kumar Panwar, Dr Rasheduzzaman who spoke on South Asia in Global Change, Fu Yuhong "the Development of Terrorism in South Asia", Lan Jianxue "The Adjustment of International Structure and Upcoming Changes in South Asia", Darko Trifunovic "South Asia in Global

Change” Session two was focused on China-South Asia Relations in this Changing World, moderator: Lin Minwang and the speakers were Hu Shisheng who delivered his speech on Sino-India Relations and Asia Multi-polarization, Zhu Cuiping “The Changing International Environment in the IOR, and China’s Choice” Liu Zongyi “The Future of China-India Relations and their Role in South Asia and Indo-Pacific” and Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director China Study centre, University of Peshawar, Pakistan presented his research paper on China - South Asia Relations in a Changing South Asia”. The session came to an end with a group photo. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar thanked the organizers particularly Prof Zhang Jiaodong for the invitation, hospitality and excellent arrangements.



21. VISIT OF A BIG DELEGATION OF CHINESE INVESTERS TO PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

A Chinese delegation visited Peshawar and in its honour Dr Hasan Daud Butt, CEO Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment and Trade arranged a dinner in a local hotel on 24 November 2019 . Then a seminar was organized at the Chief Minister House on 25 November, 2019. Experts and Government officials explained the attractions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to the Chinese investors who took keen interest in the investment opportunities offered by the province. The delegation of 45 investors from China met with their business counterparts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at the Chief Minister House to discuss avenues of mutual interest and investment. The Chinese delegation of businessmen which was led by Mr. Sha Zukang Ex-Ambassador of China to UN appreciated the warm welcome and hoped for further strengthening of economic cooperation particularly investment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in near future.

The chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in his address said that the history of KP and Silk Road went a long way when merchants from China and Central Asia used to come to Peshawar. Addressing the delegation of Chinese and Pakistani investors in a mega lunch , he said that his government was focused on attracting investment in sectors of renewable energy, information technology, small/medium hydel project, mining, tourism, agriculture, livestock and light manufacturing. The Chief Minister further stated that implementation of Suki Kinari Hydel Project, Rashaki Special Economic Zone, Havelian-Thakot Highway, Swat Expressway, Peshawar-DI Khan Expressway and Havelian dry port as part of ML-1 project would bring prosperity to the province.

For economic growth and development, the government is focusing on value addition in the existing mining and agriculture sectors to improve export to large markets like China and others. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study centre, University of Peshawar was invited to the events and held meetings with the distinguished guests especially Professor Tang Mengsheng. Mr Zahoor Ahmad, Manager Liaison, ORIC UOP also accompanied the Director CSC.



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22. DIRECTOR CSC, UOP PRESENTED PAPER IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE IN THE CHANGING REGIONAL DYNAMICS AT ISSI, ISLAMABAD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2019

China-Pakistan Study Centre, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad has organized an International Conference on 'Belt and Road Initiative in the Changing Regional Dynamics' on November 20-21, 2019 at Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad. It began with the introductory remarks by Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director CPSC. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General, ISSI delivered the welcome address. It was followed by Mr. Wang Bin, Vice President of Power China (TBD) speech. H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador, People's Republic delivered the keynote address and said that Pakistan and China Relations has further strengthened after the BRI and CPEC. H.E. Shah Mahmood Qureshi was the Chief Guest and in his speech he discussed in details the strengthening of Pakistan and China Relations in the changing regional politics dynamics. The other speakers included Professor SHI Yuanhua, Fudan University, Dr. Fazal-ur-Rehman, University of Sargodha, Prof GUO (Xuetang), Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, Dr. XU Jianying, China Academy of Social Science, Dr. Huma Baqai, Institute of Business Administration, Prof LIN Minwang, Fudan University, Ambassador Salman Bashir, Former Foreign Secretary, Prof TANG Mengsheng, Beijing University, Mr. Hasan Daud Butt, KPK Board of Investment, Dr. LIU Zongyi, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Dr. Mirwais Kasi, University of Balochistan, Professor SONG Zhihui, Sichuan University, Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Government College University, Lahore, Dr. Li Qingyan, China Institute of International Studies. Prof FENG Yujun, Fudan University, Mr. Aamir Rana, Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies, Prof ZHANG Jiadong, Fudan University, Dr. Muhammad Khan, International Islamic University Islamabad, Dr. WANG Shida, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Dr. Liaquat Ali Shah, CPEC Center of Excellence, Prof YE Hailin, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar. Dr. Zahid Anwar delivered his paper on, "BRI, CPEC & Pakistan and China Shared Future" in which he said that BRI is a voyage of economic, social, political and cultural understanding and that BRI is pooling of collective resources for shared future of mankind. Under BRI and CPEC people to

people contacts are increasing and will open up new avenues for better social and cultural understanding. He underlined that without an iota of doubt such constructive collaboration in higher education and other fields will provide a conducive environment to the young people to promote their career and galvanize trust and understandings between China and Pakistan.



23. PROF DR ZAHID ANWAR REPRESENTED CHINA STUDY CENTRE AT THE INTERNATIONAL ROUND-TABLE AT ISSI, ISLAMABAD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2019.

An International a round-table on “Avenues for Collaboration between China and Pakistan Think Tanks” took place At the ISSI Islamabad. Directors of Pakistan Study Centres in China and China Study Centres in Pakistan collectively discussed avenues of mutual cooperation. The participants included Professor Du Youkang, Fudan University, Dr. Mirwaiz Kasi, University of Balochistan, Prof Tang Mengsheng, Peking University, Dr. Samina Sabir, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Professor Sun Hongqi, Jiangsu Normal University, Dr. Hina Aslam, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Professor Song Zhihui, Sichuan University, Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Government College University, Dr YE Hailin, LI Qingyan, Dr WANG Shida, Dr LIU

Zongyi, Dr XIU Guangmin and Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar. Prof Dr Zahid Anwar explained the aims and objectives of the CSC, UOP and discussed in details the academic and research activities going on in the Centre





24. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CPEC: COLLABORATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar in collaboration with Embassy of the People Republic of China, HEC, HED and partner Universities has organized an International Conference on, “CPEC: Collaboration in Higher Education and Sustainable Development” on 19th-21st February 2019 at the University of Peshawar. More than 30 experts from Pakistan and abroad presented their papers. The inaugural session took place at the Khushal Hall, Pearl Continental Hotel, Peshawar on 9 Feb 2019. A large number of experts diplomats, intellectuals, journalists, government officials, faculty and students participated in the session. The objective of the conference was to scientifically analyze the socio-cultural, geo-economic, politico-strategic impacts of CPEC on Pakistan and the region.

Prof.Dr. Zahid Anwar, The chief organizer and China Study Center’s Director in his welcome address stated that the main purpose of the conference is to invite experts form diverse fields in order to their perspectives on CPEC.and He welcomed all the participants especially the Chinese experts for participation in the conference.

Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, Director General CPEC CELL, HEC, Islamabad in his presentation highlighted the significance of connectivity and said that as 21st century is the era of connectivity and collaboration between the Universities of China and Pakistan is required. He said that under CPEC the cooperation has increased between the institutions of higher education of Pakistan and China and furthermore assured that the Platform of HEC is always there for assistance.

Prof.Dr Zhang Jiadong, the learned Professor from renowned Fudan University, Shanghai in his speech praised the location and climate of the Peshawar city and stated that the organizing such international conference in Peshawar is a good omen for the regional peace and development as well as elucidates about the changing situations of South-Asia. He said that Pakistan and China friendship is important for the Peace of South-Asia. For sustainable development and higher education, Pakistan and Chinese universities cooperation required.

Dr. Habib Ahmad, Vice Chancellor of Islamia College University, Peshawar said that has welcomed collaboration with Chinese counterparts. He appreciated China study

center, University of Peshawar, for the initiative to organize international conference on the useful and fruitful theme.

Prof. Dr. S.M. Saqlan Naqvi, Vice Chancellor of Bacha Khan University in his address has stated that Bacha Khan University welcome academic collaboration with Chinese and Pakistani Universities . He also acknowledged the efforts of China Study Centre, University of Peshawar for organizing the conference.

Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Niazi, President, Qurtuba University said that it's an honor to be at this conference and hoped that the recommendations of the conference will be circulated to all the stakeholders. He expressed his profound gratitude to friendly country China for its unwavering commitment to provide world-class infrastructure for the development of Pakistan. *Long live Pakistan China friendship (Pakisitan zhongguo youyi wansui)*

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Khan, who was the chief guest of the conference, appreciated the earnest efforts of Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar for organizing the conference in collaboration with partner institutions and said that climate changes are occurring in the region which requires a collective response of the regional states particularly China and Pakistan. He hoped for collaboration between the universities of China and Pakistan particularly in the fields of Geology, Geography and disaster management.

Prof Dr Razia Sultana, Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University in her vote of thanks speech said that this international conference on CPEC is a continuation of series of conferences on the theme and assured Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar of her support to make this International Conference successful. The worthy Vice Chancellor thanked all the distinguished guests who participated in the inaugural session of the conference which was followed by Dinner.

Prof Dr Rong Ying, Vice President, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) Beijing China in his address said that keeping in view recent developments in Afghanistan raised hopes and concerns and underlined that it is more important to ensure that history will not repeat itself. He said that he is very much encouraged by the efforts of Pakistan. He also highlighted that China and Pakistan are standing at critical period to work together to make a difference and find a way to help Afghan people. He further stated that he shares optimism in the long run but pretty cautious

about the near future.

Mr. Shahram Khan, Minister of Local Government, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa graced the the concluding session of the conference as the chief guest and on the occasion has highlighted that the provincial and federal governments are fully supporting the CPEC and hoped that it will strengthen peace and development in Pakistan and the region at large.



25. NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY AND CHINA STUDY CENTER JOINT SURVEY FOR PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

A delegation from Northwest University Xian, China in collaboration with China Study Center, University of Peshawar for promotion of tourism conducted a survey and visited Takhtbhai (Mardan) and Hund (Swabi) on 23rd February 2019. The delegation was comprised of Prof. Dr. Ran Wanli, Prof. Dr. Huang Minxing and Dr. Li Tao surveyed Takhtbhai and Hund. Takht-e-Bahi ("Throne of the Spring of Water"), or Takht-e-Bhai ("Brother's Throne") is an Indo-parthian site of an ancient Buddhist monastery in Mardan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. . The site is well preserved and considered one of the most influential relics of Buddhism in all Gandhara. The delegation Chinese also visited Hund (Swabi) archaeological sights and museum on 23rd February 2019. Hund is the oldest city in the Swabi district on the right bank of the Indus River. Alexander the Great in 327 BCE also passed through the same city and spent a night in Hund City. Famous Chinese Buddhist monk, scholar, traveler, translator and pilgrim Hiuen Tsang 644 AD. Passed through this area. After Peshawar and Charsadda, it was the third capital of the Hindu royal dynasty.

The Hund archaeological and tourist site project was approved in 1994. Excavations started at Hund in June 1996. At the time of the excavations, Indo-Greek beautiful houses, coins, jewelery and other and royal Kushan, Hindushahi and Islamic era buildings were found. 33 kanals of land were acquired in 2002 to establish the Hund Museum at the bank of Indus. Prof Dr Ran Wanli, Dr Li Tao and Prof Dr Huan Minxing praised the richness of the sights and told prof Dr Zahid Anwar during the visit that these museums and sights carry great potential for Chinese tourists.







26. PAKISTAN CHINA ECONOMIC COOPERATION: NEXT LEVEL

Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) has organized a conference on, “Pakistan china economic cooperation: next level” on 6TH March 2019. Ambassador @ Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General (ISSI) in his welcome address explained that regardless of the changes on the international scene and change of governments in both countries, Pakistan and China close friendly relationship has strengthened with time. Mr Jiang Han, Political Counselor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in his address highlighted the strengthening of Pakistan China relations in the era of BRI and CPEC. He said that Under BRI economic integration will strengthen which will pave the way for raising the living standard of the people of these regions.

Honourable Shah Mehmood Qurishi, the Foreign Minister of Pakistan was the Chief Guest of the conference. In his address H.E. highlighted the strengthening of Pakistan and China relations with passage of time and underlined that Pakistan and China friendly relations are a source of regional peace and stability. He further highlighted that under BRI and CPEC these relations will further strengthen and will usher regional prosperity. A large number of the Directors of the China Study Centres and institutes in Pakistan and Ms. Saadia Waqar un Nisa, the Director CPEC at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated in this conference . Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar has delivered his paper on, “ CPEC: Extension to Other Countries”. In his paper Prof Anwar highlighted the benefits of CPEC for the whole region including Afghanistan. He said that by joining CPEC Afghanistan will be able to overcome many of its infrastructure connectivity problems. Many diplomats, experts and senior government officials and Directors of China Study Centres and Institutes in Pakistan participated in the conference.



27. CONCLUSION

The above mentioned events and programs highlight that the China Study Center despite scarcity of human and material resources successfully took big steps to achieve its objectives. Through these International, national conferences, symposiums, workshops, round-tables, seminars, networking and other programs, China Study Center under the guidelines of the China Embassy Islamabad and worthy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peshawar has promoted people to people contacts, understanding between China and Pakistan, awareness about BRI and CPEC, information about Chinese culture, history and society. For 2020 the Center has planned International and national conferences and other programs and will continue its collaborative efforts to enhance Pakistan and China understanding with more enthusiasm and vigour.

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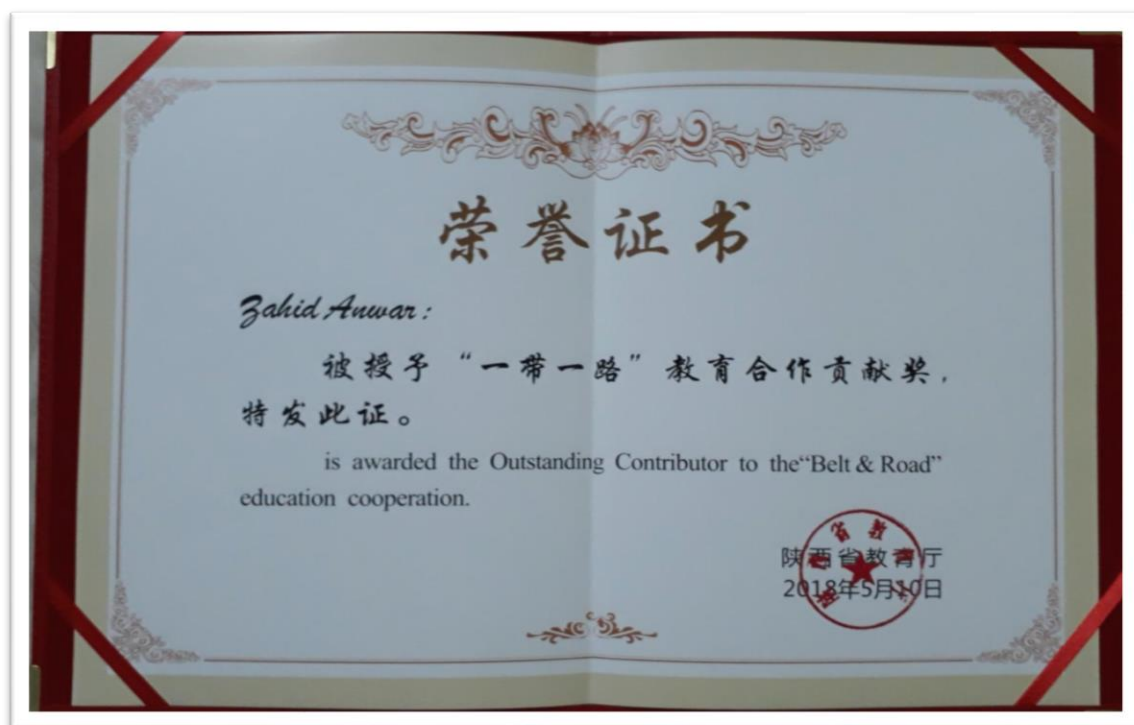
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