

CDWP Highlights

■ Transport & Communication Section

2 Projects worth Rs.112 million were approved while 6 were referred to ECNEC

■ Water Resources Sector

3 projects worth Rs. 1596 million were approved however 2 sent to ECNEC

■ Physical Planning and Housing Section

4 projects worth Rs. 2087.5 million were approved

■ Science and Technology Section

6 projects worth Rs. 6539 million approved

■ Agriculture & Food Section

2 projects worth Rs.1057million approved

■ Environment Section

2 projects referred to ECNEC, 1 project worth Rs.1848 million was approved.

Major Projects

- ▶ Balochistan Water Resources Development project worth Rs.15526 million
- ▶ Construction of Peshawar-Torkham
- ▶ Motorway Project worth Rs.41440.50 Million
- ▶ Pakistan Railways existing main line-1 (ML1) worth Rs.381038,
- ▶ Dualization of Mardan Sawabi road worth Rs. 9550 million
- ▶ Establishment of NUST Campus at Quetta worth Rs.2622.866,
- ▶ Construction of Hostel/Sports Facilities at Karakoram International University worth Rs 316.390
- ▶ Pakistan Space Centre worth Rs. 26998.9 million



“We are ready to make leaps and bound progress on all fronts engaging all stakeholders to make the country self-reliant as envisioned by the Prime Minister of Pakistan”.

Makhdoom Khusro Bakhtyar.
Minister for Planning Development & Reform

56th Progress Review Meeting

CPEC TO BE OPENED TO OTHER COUNTRIES

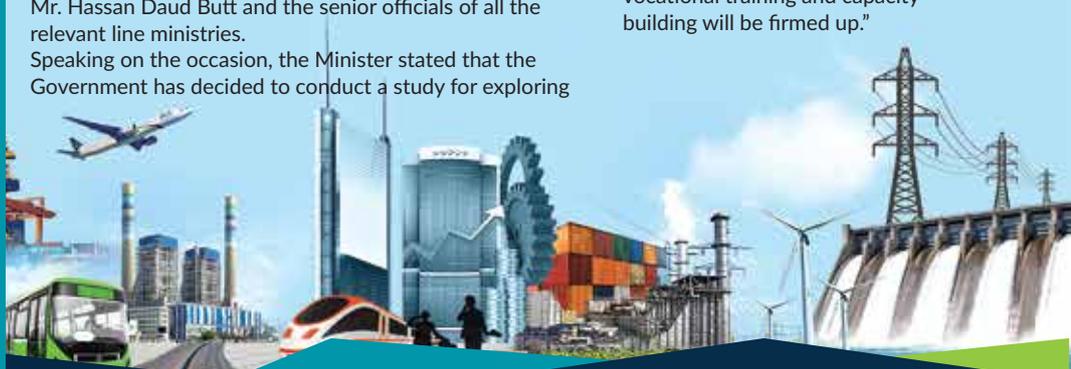


The 56th Progress Review Meeting was held in the Ministry of Planning Development and Reform which was chaired by the Federal Minister for Planning Development and Reform Mr. Khusro Bakhtyar.

The meeting was also attended by the Chinese Ambassador Mr. Yao Jing, Secretary Planning Mr. Zafar Hasan, PD CPEC, Mr. Hassan Daud Butt and the senior officials of all the relevant line ministries.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that the Government has decided to conduct a study for exploring

new mode of financing in order to undertake future projects on a build, operate and transfer basis, instead of the existing mode of engineering, procurement and construction contracts by securing loans,” he said, adding: “We are working on financial modeling of future projects.” The minister stated that the government also decided to create a business council to have larger input and consultations to take the CPEC to a higher trajectory, particularly through industrialisation and the maritime sector. “We have decided to establish new joint working group for social economic development where projects related to education, health, vocational training and capacity building will be firmed up.”



VICE PRESIDENT CHINA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED MR. YANG JINJUN CALLED ON SECRETARY PLANNING MR. ZAFAR HASSAN

Both the sides discussed investment opportunities, offered by Special Economic Zones being implemented under CPEC.

China Railway Construction Corporation Limited (CRCC) Vice President Yang Jinjun highlighted the economic development of Pakistan through ML-1 as it is one of the strategic projects which is technically very feasible. CRCC VP Yang said his state-owned company would explore opportunities to jointly work with the federal and provincial governments to ensure speedy implementation of the important projects.

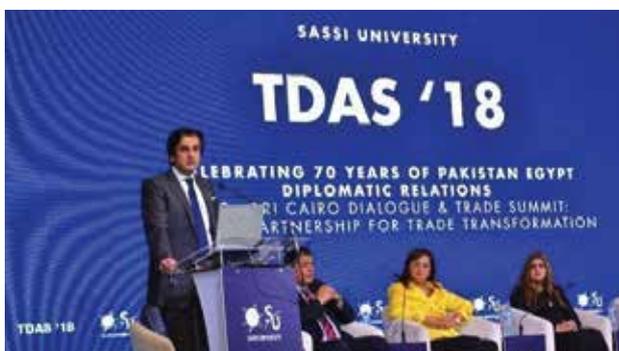
Mr. Zafar Hassan, Secretary Planning assured full support of Ministry of Planning Development and Reform for all the CPEC related projects and any other Chinese projects undertaken with the Government of Pakistan.



PAKISTAN, EGYPT CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS

A two-day summit to celebrate the 70 years of diplomatic ties between Pakistan and Egypt was held at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Cairo.

The two-day summit concluded on September 25th was held to highlight the benefits of mutual collaboration between the two countries and to further capitalise on the opportunities presented by China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Mr. Khusro Bakhtyar represented Pakistan at the



conference. The forum aimed to promote and support an open and unbiased exchange of ideas, demonstrate continued commitment to constructive dialogue with the

international community and regional partners. It also aimed to enhance economic cooperation, regional connectivity and business activity.

HEALTH - TOP PRIORITY OF THE INCUMBENT GOVERNMENT



Parliamentary Secretary Ms. Kanwal Shauzab took a brief on the PM's National Health Program and ensured making health top priority of the government. She stated that initiatives such as PM's National Health Program must be publicised to give awareness to the masses at large for their benefit.

Ms. Kanwal Shauzab asserted to especially focus Hepatitis and Child Mortality issues! While discussing the health projects, the Parliamentary Secretary stated that better health facilities are most fundamental for every nation and human beings as health make a vital and foremost contribution to economic growth of the country.

THE ONGOING PROJECTS UNDER THE CPEC WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME.

Planning Minister Khusro Bakhtyar says that industrial cooperation between China and Pakistan under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) should not be limited to special economic zones only.

"There will be industrial relocation in Pakistan under larger industrial cooperation between Pakistan and China," he said while talking to media in Islamabad.

The minister stated that the ongoing projects under the CPEC would be completed within the stipulated time. He said progress would also be made on the early harvest projects as agreed under the CPEC framework and that the prime focus of the government is to revamp economy, create job opportunities, and increase manufacturing base in Pakistan.

The minister assured execution of ML-1 project for up-gradation of railway tracks from Karachi to Peshawar. "This will increase Pakistan Railways' speed up to 160 kilometers per hour and ensure effective cargo transportation," he said.

The government would take Gwadar as a standalone project to explore its full potential as 80 percent of the world cargo passes through maritime routes. Minister Khusro Bakhtyar said it has also been decided



during his meeting with the Chinese delegation that a new sub group in the Working Groups of the CPEC would be formed.

"Now the group titled socio-economic development has been formed to look for cooperation in education, health, skill development, housing, agriculture, and other sectors." He underscored that Pakistan provides connectivity to various regions and that CPEC should be opened for other countries for investment. "This would send a message that Pakistan is open for business."

Parliamentary Secretary Ms. Kanwal Shauzab chaired a meeting with the Federal SDGs Support Unit in the Ministry of PD&R Islamabad.

The agenda of the meeting was to discuss developing skilled human resource through out the country aligning curriculum with the upcoming demands of SEZs, skill development in Madrissas and also in less developed areas of the country.



GWADAR & Special Economic Zones are the Top Priority of the Government.

Minister Khusro Bakhtyar

The inaugural meeting of the Cabinet Committee on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was held under the chairmanship of Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar, Minister for Planning, Development & Reform.

The meeting was attended by the members Cabinet Committee and secretaries of the line ministries.

Minister PD&R apprised the house about his recent interaction with his counter part the Vice Chairman, National Development Reform Commission of China.

On the occasion, Secretary Planning, Mr. Zafar Hasan gave an overview on the ongoing projects and run down of the schedule of upcoming events, leading to 8th Joint Cooperation Committee. The Committee decided to prioritize development of Gwadar, special economic zones, Pakistan's Railways' Main Line-1, inclusion of social sector development and 3rd country participation in CPEC.

The Committee instructed the conveners of all the Joint Working



Groups to submit a detail agenda till 30th of this month for approval. Joint working groups meetings are planned to be convened in the month of October. CPEC's Joint Cooperation Committee meeting is tentatively planned in the 1st week of December in China.

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT OF PAKISTAN

Top Higher Education Projects in PSDP 2018-19

- Enterprise Resource Planning System and IT Training for 100,000 Youth
- Bridging the job market skills Gap for Central Post Graduate Degree Holders
- Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS) at PIEAS - Islamabad
- Establishment of National Center of Excellence in Big Data and Cloud Computing
- Establishment of National Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security
- National Center of Artificial Intelligence Islamabad
- Establishment of National Center of Excellence in Robotics and Automation
- Enhancement of Facilities, Institute of Space Technology (IST), Islamabad
- Establishments of Sub Campuses of Public Sector Universities at District Level (Umbrella Project HEC)
- Strengthening & Upgradation of Universities of Backward Area - HEC
- Strengthening of Core Network & Expansion of PERN footprints through CPEC Optical Fiber (PERN-III)
- Upgradation of National Institute of Science & Technical Education (NISTE) Islamabad into Skill University
- Upgradation of Synthetic Fiber Development and Application Center (SFDAC) and Plastic Technology Center (PTC) as a Sub Campus of National Textile University
- Women University Campuses at Pishin and Khuzdar (SBK Women University)
- Strengthening of University of Balochistan, Quetta and it's Campuses
- Strengthening of University of Poonch Rawalakot AJ&K
- Strengthening and Development of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University Quetta
- Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for Students of Balochistan and FATA
- Prime Minister's Electric Wheelchair Wheelchair Scheme for University Students
- Post Doctoral Fellowship Program (Phase III)

