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H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China is receiving Centre's shield from Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar

## INTRODUCTION

The Relations between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the People's Republic of China are higher than mountains deeper than oceans stronger than steel, and sweeter than honey. The China Study Centre at the University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan was founded on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 when H. E., Sun Weidong, the Ambassador of China to Pakistan visited the university. On the occasion, the Ambassador said that China advocates the principle of peaceful co-existence and respects the political system of every country and that the time-tested Pakistan and China relations are based on common interest and respect for each other's sovereignty. The dream of establishing China Study Centre (CSC) at the University of Peshawar was materialized with the financial and professional assistance from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China at Islamabad.

The China Study Centre is focusing on issues considered important both for Pakistan and China. The wide range of research activities of the Centre include but not limited to Chinese society, economy, political system, history, culture, civilization, Pak-China relations, Pak-China joint Projects, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), regional integration and cultural cooperation. The CSC strives to strengthen institutional linkages with Chinese universities and think tanks. Under the Linkages Development Programme, it is focusing to augment institutional interaction with Chinese counterparts in areas of mutual interests. Through initiating scientific research, the China Study Centre adds momentum to friendship and cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and to pass on the 'torch of friendship' to students, faculty, researchers, intelligentsia, and the coming generations.



## VISION AND MISSION:

The China Study Centre (CSC) endeavours to enrich understanding between China and Pakistan through research, institutional linkages, and people to people contacts. To pave the way for shaping a better future for the people of Pakistan generally and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa particularly, the CSC seeks to make the University of Peshawar a rich source in Chinese Studies and deepen local understanding of Chinese society, economy, culture, language, political system and vice versa. The CSC aims at achieving continuous progress through research and dissemination of information about China and Pakistan in a manner that is in tune with the expectations of the people of two countries. The CSC draws from the cultural, intellectual, and economic resources of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan to enrich and strengthen its programs and will strive for excellence in study, creative expression, and service to the country. It strives to become an excellent Centre in research, learning and service in the region on China by producing research that shall meet as per highest international standards. To equip research scholars with analytical thinking, innovative research methodologies, effective verbal and written communication that is critical for their careers in Pak-China Studies in an increasingly globalized marketplace. It will strive to develop academic collaboration with similar institutions and reinforce enriching interaction between China and Pakistan.

## OBJECTIVES:

Main Objectives of the Centre are to:

- Promote research of 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 CPEC, BRI for Pakistan, in general, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in particular.

The above objectives will be achieved through organizing research, holding national and international conferences, arranging Chinese cultural events, educational exchanges, publishing books, Journal, papers, newsletter, documentaries, linkages development and faculty, staff, and students exchange programmes.



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## **VICE CHANCELLOR MESSAGE**

Pakistan and China relations are based on solid foundations. Pak-China cooperation has increased with passage of time in all fields including knowledge industry.

The collaboration in higher education strengthened in the wake of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). CPEC which is a mega project of BRI further galvanized academic cooperation in the institutions of higher learning between the two countries.

The University of Peshawar, which is the oldest and most established university of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is playing an important role in educating the youth of the province and the region at large. The establishment of China Study Centre at the University of Peshawar with financial and technical support of the Embassy of the People Republic of China, Islamabad will boost mutual understanding between the people of the two countries.

China Study Centre is a Research Centre, which will conduct research on different aspects of China- Pakistan relations, and its related dynamics. The Centre will educate people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan about Chinese culture, economy, political system, science and technology, and society. On the other hand, it will disseminate information to Chinese people about Pakistan, its people, culture, socio-economic and political developments.

The CSC annual report is a worth appreciation effort and I wish CSC success in its endeavors to achieve its objectives.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Khan  
Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Peshawar



# University of Peshawar China Study Centre



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is indeed an honour and privilege for me to be the pioneer Director/Coordinator of the China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, which formally came into existence on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016, when Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan, Sun Weidong, visited the University of Peshawar to inaugurate the Centre. In fact, the growing collaboration between Pakistan and China, necessitated the establishment of the China Centre, at the University in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa specially. Its establishment was felt to be need of the time.

The Centre will serve as a think tank, a reservoir of information and a research centre that will arrange talks among experts disseminate knowledge and foster research on matters of mutual interest between Pakistan and China. Among the initiative to be taken, my priority will be to enhance the existing academic collaboration between the two countries. China Study Centre coordinated Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between University of Peshawar (UOP) and many Chinese high ranking Universities i.e., Northwest University Xian, Xidian University, Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT), China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), Jiangsu University. MoUs with many other Chinese Universities are under process which will provide an excellent foundation to CSC to launch joint academic/research programs with Chinese counterparts. Under the MoUs signed between the University of Peshawar and the Chinese Institutions of higher learning, there will be cross cultural exchange programs, for the faculty and students that will further boost understanding in terms of bringing the people of the two countries closer.

The China Study Centre organises conferences, seminars, workshops newsletters, cultural programs, Chinese language courses research journal to achieve its objectives. The Centre arranges talks by eminent scholars on contemporary issues in Pak-China relations such as China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). In view of the support extended by the Federal and Provincial Governments, China Embassy, Higher Education Commission and the University of Peshawar, the Centre will hopefully become a significant milestone in enhancing academic/ research collaboration between Pakistan and China. Long Live Pak-China Friendship!

Prof Dr Zahid Anwar  
Director  
China Study Centre  
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## BACKGROUND



### **Group Photo with H.E. Luo Zhaohui China Ambassador to Pakistan.**

On the occasion PUTA President, faculty, students and Prof Zahid Anwar, University of Peshawar gave UOP collected donation for the victims of Sichuan / Wenchuan earthquake (May 12, 2008)

## CHINA AMBASSADOR VISIT TO UOP AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CHINA STUDY CENTRE:



The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Sun Weidong inaugurated the Chinese Study Centre at the University of Peshawar on 28<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 2016. The Ambassador met the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Muhammad Rasul Jan and presented a cheque to start the project on solid foundations. The Centre was perceived to work under an independent Director with the prime objective of encouraging and promoting research and study on Chinese society, culture and civilization and Pakistan and China relations. Sun Weidong while addressing the gathering said that the establishment of China Study Centre at a time when both the countries are celebrating 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its diplomatic relations is a milestone achievement.

The people to people interaction was the hallmark of the existing relationship which goes stronger with every passing day. The Ambassador said that China advocates the principle of peaceful coexistence and respects the political system of every country. The time tested Pak-China relations were based on common interest and respect for each other's sovereignty. The ceremony was attended by a large gathering including Chinese Embassy officials, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Director Planning and Development, Chairman Department of Regional Studies and Director Finance University of Peshawar.



## CHINA STUDY CENTRE SPACE INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT UOP:

Prof. Dr Muhammad Abid, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar inaugurated the space allotted to China Study Centre at the third floor, Academic Block-II on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. A large number of the University faculty and students participated in the ceremony. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, the Director of the China Study Centre (CSC) explained that the Centre will promote research on China and Pakistan, stimulate the study of Chinese Language, History, Culture, and explore further avenues to strengthen Pak-China ties.



## CSC FIRST CONFERENCE ON CPEC: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES:

A national conference on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was held in Peshawar University Peshawar on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and was attended by vice chancellors from different universities and economic experts. The conference was organized by China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, to highlight KP universities' role in the mega projects of CPEC. Different universities vice chancellors and researchers presented their research work on different projects like minerals, roads, railway lines and other facilities related to CPEC. On the occasion, China Study Cell Coordinator Dr Zahid Anwar said that CPEC would bring economic development to the region.



## VISIT TO CHINA EMBASSY ISLAMABAD:

Study Cell/Centre visited China Embassy Islamabad and met Bao Zhong, First Secretary Chief of the Political and Media Section and thanked the Embassy for supporting the China Study Centre and discussed ways and means to promote research on issues of mutual interests. On the Occasion Ms Bao Zhong presented to Prof. Zahid, President Xi Jinping Book on the Political System of China (Urdu translation)

## PRESENTATION IN CIIS SYMPOSIUM IN BEIJING CHINA:

International Studies (CIIS) organized an international symposium on deepening practical cooperation among China, Afghanistan, and Pakistan on 18th April 2017 at CIIS, Beijing, China. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar presented his paper in the symposium.





## **PARTICIPATION IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA-BEIJING TRADE ROADSHOW:**

**C**hief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) led a delegation comprised of a large number of delegates in April 2017 to Beijing, China to attract Chinese investors for investment in different proposed projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It also included Mr. Mushtaq Ghani, Education Minister, Special Secretary HED, and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar. Higher Education Department (HED) signed several MOUs with Chinese institutions of Higher learning.



## **VICE-CHANCELLOR UOP AND DIRECTOR CSC VISIT TO XIAN, CHINA:**

Silk Road Education Cooperation Fair was held in Northwest University Xian, China on 4th June 2017. Vice-Chancellors from many countries participated in the fair. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid signed MOU with North West University. Under the MOU academic collaboration, joint research projects, faculty and student exchanges between the two universities will take place.



## **SEMINAR PARTICIPATION IN ISLAMABAD:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director of the China Study Centre visited Islamabad and participated in a seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017 jointly organized by China Embassy Islamabad and Pakistan-China Institute Islamabad on, "One Belt One Road Initiative".

## CHINESE DELEGATION FROM SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY MEETING

Meeting with Chinese delegation from Shanghai University at Shelton Rezidor hotel 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid, the honorable Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar and Coordinator, China Study Centre attended the seminar on “CPEC: Pakistan & China Cooperation in Higher Education” at Shelton hotel Peshawar. The meeting was attended by Shanghai University officials, Minister and Secretary Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government and many Vice-Chancellors of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Universities.



## CSC SECOND CPEC CONFERENCE

A national conference on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was held in Peshawar University Peshawar on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Scholars from Pakistan and abroad discussed the opportunities and challenges of CPEC mega project.







### **MOU WITH NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY:**

MOU between Northwest University Xian, China and University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan was signed on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 due to the efforts of Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, and University of Peshawar.

### **MOU WITH JIANGSU UNIVERSITY:**

MOU between Jiangsu University China and University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan was signed due to the efforts of Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, and University of Peshawar.

### **MOU BETWEEN XIDIAN UNIVERSITY AND UOP:**

MOU between University of Peshawar and Xidian University, Xian, China was signed on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with the coordination of China Study Centre.

### **PARTICIPATION IN FOUNDING CEREMONY:**

Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study centre, University of Peshawar participated in the Founding Ceremony of the New Silk Road Universities Students Alliance at Xidian University, Xian China 23 September 2017



### **CHINA STUDY CENTRE (CSC) WEBSITE:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study centre, University of Peshawar initiated designing of CSC website which culminated in making CSC website which can be viewed on: <http://www.uop.edu.pk/csc/gallery>

### **CHINA STUDY CENTRE FACEBOOK WEBSITE:**

For social media coverage about the academic and research activities of CSC Facebook website was opened. <https://www.facebook.com/chinastudycentre>



## MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CPEC-THINK TANK, ISLAMABAD:

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre (Cell) visited Islamabad on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and held meeting with Dr Shahid Rashid, Executive Director CPEC-Think Tank which works under Planning Commission of Pakistan, and discussed joint research projects, conferences. Meritorious Professor Dr Amir Khan of the Think Tank was also present on the occasion and assured full support to Prof. Zahid Anwar in his worth appreciation efforts regarding China and CPEC.



## MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN, PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CPEC, ISLAMABAD:

Prof. (Tenured). Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre visited Islamabad on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and held meeting with Senator Sayed Mushahid Hussain in his office at Parliament House, who is Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on CPEC as well as Chairperson of the Pakistan China Institute, Islamabad (PCI). The honourable Chairman appreciated the efforts of the CSC for promotion of research on China in the region. Prof. Zahid also discussed collaboration and joint research projects, conferences between CSC, Peshawar and PCI Islamabad.

## SANGAM GALA AND MEETING WITH CHINA AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN:

The China Embassy Islamabad invited Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar to participate in Sangam Gala 2017 on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 organized by the Embassy. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar participated in the Sangam Gala and met H.E. the Ambassador and the Minister Counsellor.



## SEMINAR ON POST-CPEC PAKISTAN:

A seminar on POST-CPEC PAKISTAN was jointly organized by Department of Islamic Studies and the Triumphant Organization on 25 October. In the seminar Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, the Director of the China Study centre presented his paper on CPEC with focus on different CPEC projects in Pakistan.

## CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR:

Prof. Dr Muhammad Asif, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar chaired a meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, with visiting Chinese delegation from Northwest University, Xian China for the establishment of Confucius Institute at the University of Peshawar. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre briefed the officials on hitherto development. Prof. Wang Jianxin, the leader of the Chinese delegation along with Dr Li Tao and Mr. Dong Shibin discussed the prospects of joint projects in Arts, Humanities, social, natural, life and numerical sciences. Under One Belt One Road Initiative and CPEC, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government held a roadshow in Beijing in April 2017, and in its wake the two Universities signed an MOU on collaboration in higher education. Dr Zahid Gul, Registrar University of Peshawar, Aisha Salman, Treasurer, Ishtiaqullah Khan, Director & Athar Bangash Deputy Director, Planning and Development, and Mr. Aziz Gul Chief Security Officer, University of Peshawar, actively participated in the comprehensive discussion on different dimensions of cooperation between the two Universities. The Chinese delegates also visited China Study Centre, Pakistan Study Centre, Area Study Centre, Department of Regional Studies, and National Centre of Excellence in Geology.

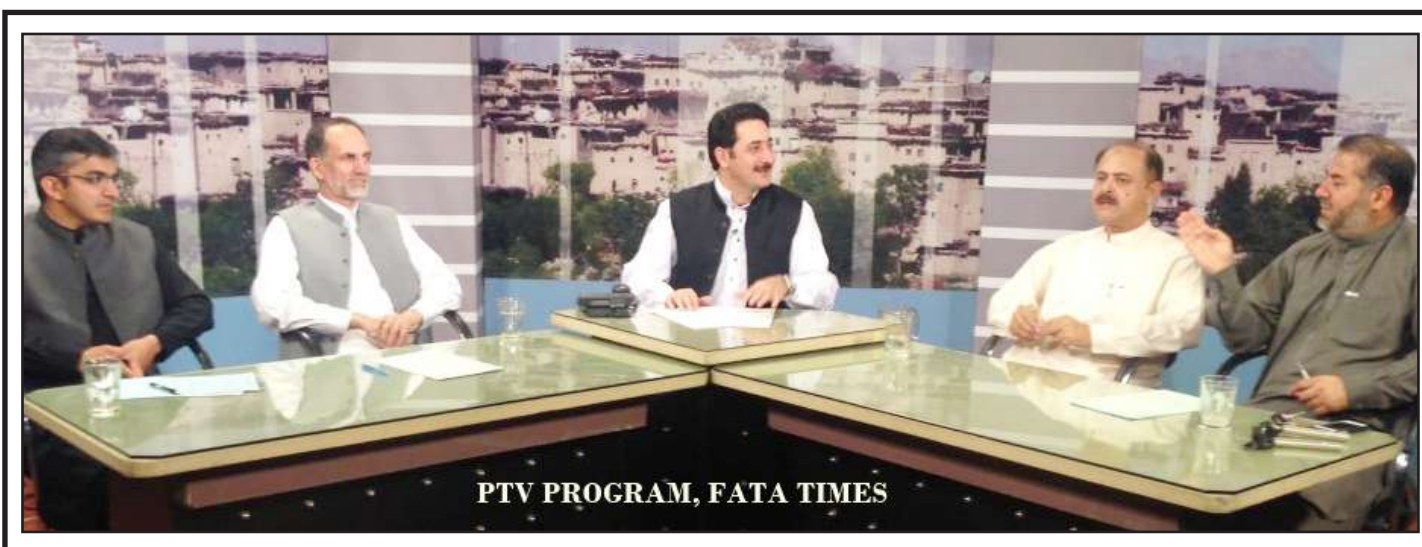
## **PARTICIPATION IN 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMINAR ON SOUTH ASIA AND PAKISTAN AND CHINA RELATIONS JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY CHINA EMBASSY ISLAMABAD AND CIIS:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar presented his paper on, “COUNTERING TERRORISM THROUGH CPEC IN THE REGION” in the above mentioned 4<sup>th</sup> seminar on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) Beijing, China.



## **SEMINAR PRESENTATION ON BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar delivered a seminar on, “BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND PAKISTAN AND CHINA RELATIONS” on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017, at China Study Centre many students and faculty attended the seminar.



## **MEDIA PROGRAMS:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre was invited by different T.V. Channels particularly PTV and Radio Pakistan as an expert on China Pakistan Relations, BRI and CPEC.





## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CPEC: PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA:



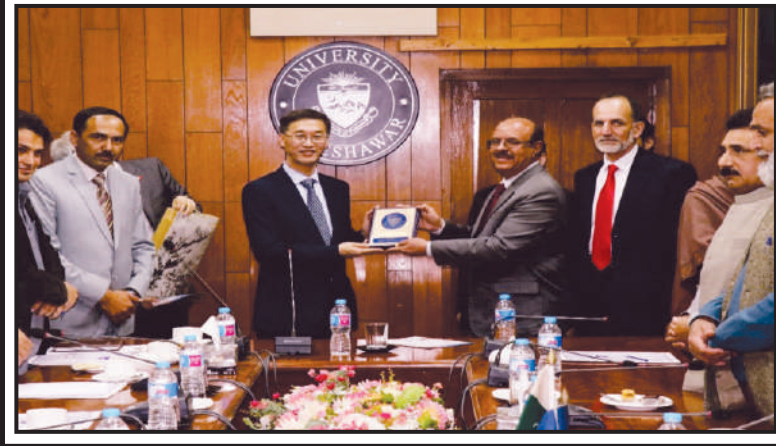
A one-day national conference on “CPEC: Peace and development in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” was organized by China Study Centre, University of Peshawar at SAQ Auditorium on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018. The conference started at 10 am, Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre explained the vision and mission of the China Study Centre and informed the audience about the objectives of



the conference. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid the Pro-Vice-Chancellor delivered welcome address. He welcomed the distinguished guests and talked about his China travelogue which showed his old association with China. Prof. Dr Habib Ahmad, Vice Chancellor Islamia College University, was the chief guest who discussed the old and new Silk Road in detail. The Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr Razia Sultana, Vice-Chancellor Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, in which she highlighted CPEC: Its opportunities and challenges. After a group photo and tea break second session started in which six speakers discussed different aspects of CPEC in the context of KP. Mr. Zamir Awan Deputy Director, Chinese Study Centre, NUST, Islamabad highlighted the nexus between peace and development. Mr Amir Rana Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS) Islamabad analyzed Pakistan economic policy in the context of CPEC. Shahid Ilyas senior research fellow of the Institute of Regional studies (IRS) discussed regional integration in the light of CPEC. Nazir Ahmad, Director KP-TAVTA discussed transformation of training and vocational institutes in KP in the era of CPEC. Prof. Dr Muhammad Khan of IIU Islamabad discussed geo-strategic development and Pakistan in the context of One Belt One Road. Prof. Dr Amir Khan, Head, Policy Studies, CPEC-Think Tank Islamabad explained different projects of CPEC and its benefits for KP, Pakistan. Renowned journalist of Pakistan Rahimullah Yusufzai chaired the session and emphasized balanced approach to CPEC. After lunch the third session started with Dr Raza Rahman Qazi, Head, PTV, Current Affairs, Peshawar, who in detail discussed the impact of CPEC on internal and external integration in the context of Pakistan. Prof. Dr Sohail Ahmad in his presentation highlighted avenues of cooperation between China and Pakistan in the field of agriculture. Dr Muhammad Sajid, Assistant Professor, department of Geology gave presentation on Pak-China cooperation the field of rare earth elements (REEs). Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, delivered his presentation on, CPEC: Peace through development in KP, Pakistan. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr Tahir Shah, Vice-Chancellor FATA University. The Chair highlighted that CPEC is a blessing and this opportunity should not be missed. In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid thanked all speakers, participants and organizers of the conference for making the event a success. A large number of Vice-Chancellors, Deans, HODs, scholars, journalists, academicians, practitioners, civil society and students participated in the conference.



## H.E. YAO JING, THE AMBASSADOR OF CHINA VISITED CHINA STUDY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR.



H.E. Yao Jing, the Ambassador of the People Republic of China visited the University of Peshawar on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Prof. Dr Muhammad Asif Khan, the Vice Chancellor, University of Peshawar welcomed the Chinese Ambassador. University's Deans, Directors, senior faculty and administrative staff were also present on the occasion. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre gave a presentation on the vision, mission, objective and achievements of the China Study Centre.

The Chinese ambassador, requested the University administration to harvest the benefits of One Belt One Road Initiative and CPEC Projects. The China Study Centre at University of Peshawar will help Chinese academics to gain broader understanding of the region, he hoped. The ambassador said that CPEC is not just building of highways and railways but essentially a long term plan to augment people to people contacts between the two countries. H.E. encouraged students and faculty to apply for scholarships. The ambassador hoped that China Study Centre at the university of Peshawar will help in the development of linkages between the two countries to foster cooperation in all walks of life. He further said that his government is looking to facilitate collaboration in higher education and students and faculty exchange. The ambassador said that cooperation in higher education with University of Peshawar through China Study Centre will have a deep impact and called upon the university to forward proposals to Chinese embassy which shall be readily accommodated.

The Vice chancellor, University of Peshawar in his welcome address paid gratitude to visiting Chinese ambassador for his visit to the University. The Vice Chancellor added that his university looks forward to the Chinese Embassy to facilitate and support research in Numerical Sciences, Life Sciences, Arts and humanities and Social Sciences. The delegation after meeting with hosts at the spacious Committee Room in the company of vice-Chancellor and other distinguished Chinese guests visited China Study Centre at Academic Block II, where he was welcomed by Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, the Director of the China Study Centre. The Chinese ambassador Yao Jing inaugurated a plaque at the China Study Centre. The visit of the honourable guest left a lasting & conducive impact on the intellectual environment of the university.



## **ESTABLISHMENT OF CHINA CORNER AT UOP CHINA EMBASSY DONATION OF BOOKS TO UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR**

The cooperation between the Embassy of the People Republic of China, Islamabad, and the University of Peshawar (UOP) is strengthening with passage of time. The Embassy of China has donated a large number of books to the main library of the University of Peshawar and assured further support to the faculty and students of the university. The books are related to different branches of knowledge including culture, history, society, science and technology. In this connection a ceremony was held in PC hotel Peshawar on 27th February 2018 in which Mr Jiang Han, Counsellor and Mr Wang of the Embassy, Prof Dr Mohammad Abid, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mr. Habib ur Rehman, Librarian, Mr Tahir Jan, Assistant



Librarian and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre of UoP participated. The Embassy is also finalizing the arrangements with the University of Peshawar for the establishment of China Corner in the main library of UoP. Students and faculty of the University are taking keen interest in these activities keeping in view the windfall of opportunities in the wake of CPEC.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CPEC: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES:**

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar, University of Peshawar, University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar, Islamia College University Peshawar, IMS Hayatabad, CPEC Think Tank Islamabad, HEC organized three days an International Conference on CPEC: Opportunities and Challenges.

Dr Maher Taj Roghani, Deputy Speaker KP Assembly is giving shield to Prof Dr Zahid Anwar as Focal Person from University of Peshawar in the International Conference on CPEC on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Prof Dr Razia Sultana Vice Chancellor SBBW University and Prof Dr Muhammad Asif (T.I) Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar were also present on the occasion. Prof. Dr Razia Sultana, Vice-Chancellor SBBW University played a dynamic role in holding this conference. SBBW University was chief organizer while University of Peshawar was one of the co-organizers of this International conference.





## CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

The Vice Chancellor, University of Peshawar Prof. Dr Muhammad Asif Khan has held meetings with the delegations, including one from Northwest University Xian, China and another from China Institute of International Studies Beijing, China on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. The Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar welcomed the delegates and reiterated his support to the collaborative efforts between these institutions. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre (CSC) briefed the participants about the purpose of the meeting. The Delegation from Northwest University visited University of Peshawar to help in establishing Confucius Institute at the University of Peshawar. Northwest University will provide 3 to 5 scholarships to the students of University of Peshawar annually for learning Chinese. Scholars of University of Peshawar will be funded to teach regional languages including Pashtu to Chinese students in Northwest University Xian China.

University of Peshawar will support Northwest University in the establishment of Pakistan Study Centre in China. Northwest University through China Study Centre, University of Peshawar will initiate research projects with different faculties of University of Peshawar. The UoP has sent an application to Hanban (Confucius HQ), Beijing China for the establishment of Confucius Institute at the University of Peshawar and it is under process.

Dr Rong Ying Vice-President of China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) thanked the Director China Study Centre for his efforts to strengthen collaboration between CIIS and UoP. He offered joint research projects, exchange of faculty and research publications. Dr Rong Ying hoped for close cooperation between CIIS and CSC of UoP. After the meeting, the delegations visited China Study Centre and Pashto Cultural Museum. The delegates



appreciated the achievements of China Study Centre in such a short span of time. The visit of these delegations was arranged by the Director China Study Centre.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid, pro-vice-chancellor and Aziz Gul, Chief Security Officer of the University.



## SEMINAR ON POST CPEC PAKISTAN AND WOMEN DEVELOPMENT:



Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar presented his paper on, “CPEC: Peace and Women Development” in a seminar on, “Post-CPEC Pakistan and Women Development”, which was jointly organized by City University of Science and IT, The Triumphant Organization and Pakistan Girl Guides Association (KP Chapter) on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at City University, Peshawar. Mrs. Iqbal Zafar Jaghra, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was the chief guest. Many scholars and students from different public and private sector educational institutions participated in the seminar.

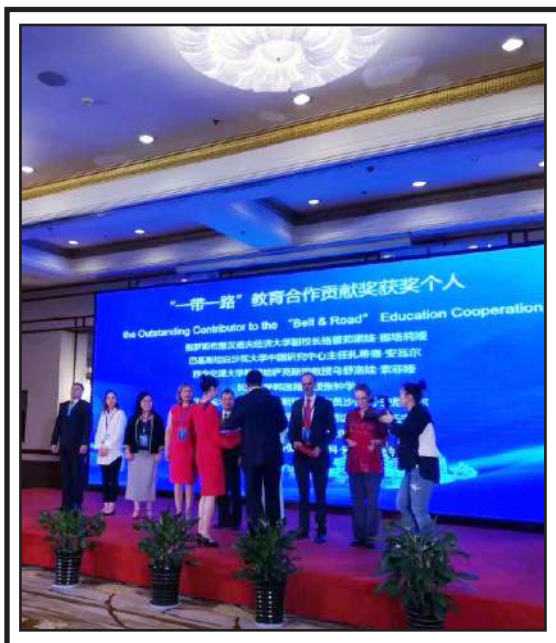
## CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

A delegation comprised of professors and scholars from China and Singapore visited University of Peshawar on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The members of the delegation included Prof. Duan Qing, Peking University, Prof. Li Xiao, Renmin University of China, Mr. Zhou Zhibing, Deputy Director, China Cultural Relics Academy, Ms. Meng Sihui, the Palace Museum, Beijing, China, Ms. Chong-Yuan Chien, Member of Singapore National Arts Council Arts Advisory Panel, Singapore, Associate Prof. Zhang Jiamei, Peking University, Associate Prof. Fan Jingjing Peking University, Ren Chao, the Forbidden City Magazine, National Geography (China). The visit was organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Government of Pakistan. Prof. Dr Muhammad Abid Pro-Vice Chancellor welcomed the delegation and discussed areas of mutual cooperation with them. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre who coordinated the visit briefly informed the delegation about the research and teaching activities, vision and mission of China Study Centre in a presentation. Dr Zahid Gul Registrar, University of Peshawar appreciated the delegates for their visit to the University of Peshawar. After the meeting with Pro-Vice Chancellor the delegation visited China Study Centre, Pashtu Academy and Cultural Museum. The delegates reiterated strengthening of collaboration and praised the beautiful campus of the University of Peshawar.



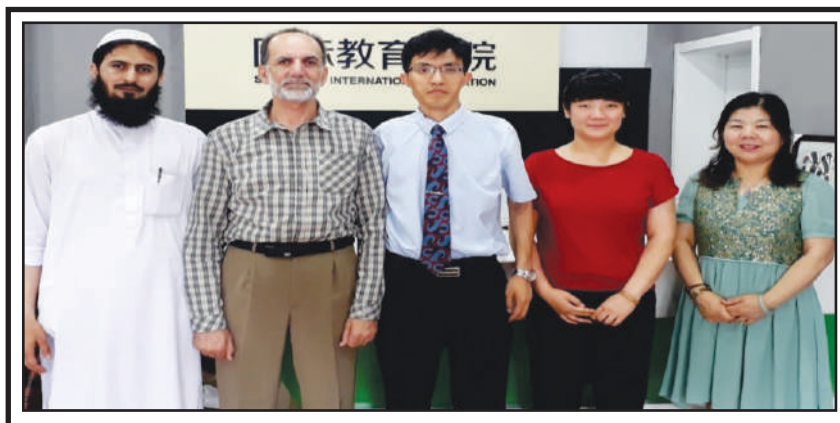


## UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BELT AND ROAD EDUCATION COOPERATION:



### ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN BUCT & UOP:

Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT) on 27th June 2018. BUCT and UOP have signed MOU when Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Khan became Vice-Chancellor of UoP. As a follow up Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar held meeting with Dean of Sciences Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT) and delivered the original copy of the MoU to BUCT officials. On the occasion, the BUCT officials agreed to establish a Scientific Laboratory for researchers at UoP that will be equipped with latest scientific equipment and also agreed to give two scholarships to candidates selected by the University of Peshawar. Both sides hoped for better cooperation under the umbrella of BRI and CPEC.



### ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW(CUPL) & UOP:

Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and held meeting with officials of International Affairs office CUPL and discussed academic cooperation and linkages development between CUPL and UOP during the era of BRI and CPEC. Dr. Maggie Qin, Head, International Affairs Office, CUPL welcomed the idea of collaboration and hoped for enhanced academic cooperation in days to come.

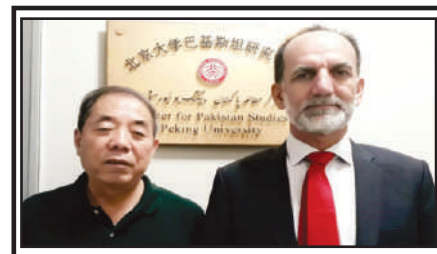
The Silk Road Education Cooperation Fair was organized and hosted by Shaanxi Government China on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Golden Flower Hotel Xian in which a large number of Universities' presidents, academicians and experts on China participated. Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar was awarded the outstanding contributor to "Belt & Road" Education Cooperation. The establishment of Pakistan Study Centre (PSCNWU) in Northwest University was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Fakhr-ul-Islam, Director Pakistan Study Centre. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Khan, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar has assigned this task to both Directors and the joint efforts of the two Centres culminated in the establishment of PSCNWU which will facilitate comprehensive collaboration in the long term between the two Universities. Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar delivered a presentation in a symposium organized by the Institute of Silk Road Studies, NWU on "Pakistan and China Relations in the Era of Belt and Road Initiative" and Prof. Dr. Fakhr-ul-Islam focused in his lecture on, "Pakistan and China Relations".



## PAKISTAN STUDY CENTRE, PEKING UNIVERSITY

Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited Pakistan Study Centre, Peking University and held a meeting with its Director Prof. Dr. Tang on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It is a well-known Centre on Pakistan in China and helped a lot to strengthen friendly relations between the two countries. Peking University was established in 1898. It is one of the best Chinese Universities and also renowned in the world for its academic excellence. Prof. Tang is a famous Chinese scholar on Pakistan.

The learned scholar was a mine of information on Pak-China Relations. He remained in Pakistan for many years and closely observed the construction of KKH. Prof. Tang welcomed the establishment of China Study Centre at the University of Peshawar and appreciated the efforts for academic collaboration and assured support to Professor Zahid in this connection.



## PROF. DR. ZAHID ANWAR PRESENTED HIS PAPER IN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AT PEKING UNIVERSITY

Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar presented his paper on, “BRI, CPEC and conservation of Cultural Artefacts in Pakistan” in International Broad Yard Workshop on, “PAKISTAN: GANDHARA BUHDEST CULTURE AND BHUDIST MONASTERIES IN XINJIANG, CHINA” at Peking University, Beijing, China organized by Institute of Area Studies Peking University on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mumtaz Zuhra Baluch, Deputy Chief of Mission, Pakistan Embassy Beijing was a keynote speaker. She highlighted the ancient Chinese travelogues about South Asia and close cultural links between the two countries.





## **DIRECTOR OF CHINA STUDY CENTRE VISITED UIBE:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) Beijing and met the officials of the International affairs office on 28th June 2018. The Director and Executive Director Professor Wang of the office of Foreign Affairs UIBE welcomed Professor Zahid Anwar in UIBE and appreciated his efforts for cooperation. A meeting took place in which cooperation between UIBE and UoP was thoroughly discussed. This University came into being in 1951 and a large number of International students' including Pakistanis studying in this prestigious University. Professor Zahid Anwar supervised (online) many students (including Pakistani students) of UIBE in their research during 2017-18.

## **VISIT TO SCHOOL OF IR, PEKING UNIVERSITY, JUNE 28TH, 2018:**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited School of International Relations, Peking University and held a meeting with its Professor Prof. Dr Xuemei Qian on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Prof. Qian discussed regional issues including development in Afghanistan, FATA merger and local culture and customs. She appreciated professor Zahid Anwar illuminating thoughts on the issues and looked forward for more deliberation on the issues in near future. She enthusiastically supported the idea of collaboration and hoped for strengthening of the academic linkages between her School of IR and China Study Centre, UoP. Pakistani students of Peking University arranged a dinner in honour of Director, China Study Centre.

## **ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN UOP & UIBE:**

University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) organized an International Youth Dialogue Annual Conference 2018 from 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018 in Beijing, China. The theme of the conference was, "An open China to connect the world". A large number of scholars from America, Europe and Asia presented their papers. Welcome Address was delivered by Wen Jun, deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of UIBE. Prof. Yang Xiaochun, Prof. Gerald Knapp, Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Prof. Tian Yuan and Prof Chen Meng delivered guest of honour speeches. Keynote speeches were delivered by Prof. Yu Hongjun, Prof. Rainer Winter, Prof. Xin Xiangyang, Prof. Ahmed Saeed Badrais and Prof. Deng Chundong. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar who represented Pakistan also presented his key note speech in the International conference. Prof. Dr Wang Yuhang, was secretary general of the organizing committee of the conference. UIBE is a first tier institution within the national key university Project 211 of China. Project 211 Universities offer 85% of the state's key subjects, hold 96 % of the state's key laboratories, and consume 70% of scientific research funding. MoU between UoP and UIBE is under process. Hopefully students and faculty exchange and joint research projects and conferences will start between the two Universities.







## CHINA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT PC PESHAWAR 1 OCTOBER 2018:

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre along with many faculty and administrative officers participated in China Independence Day celebrations at PC Peshawar on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in H. E. Yao Jing Ambassador of China and Chief Minister of KP participated.



H. E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China with Mahmood Khan, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Province and Mushtaq Ghani, Speaker KP Assembly. In another Photo H.E. the Ambassador is standing with Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar.



## CHINESE CLASSES STARTED AT CHINA STUDY CENTRE:

The classes of Chinese language one-month certificate course started at China Study Centre on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. A large number of students applied to get admission.

## SECOND ASIAN-AFRICAN YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Two faculty member's Dr Zakiullah Department of Pharmacy and Dr Fazal Hadi, Department of Botany of the University of Peshawar participated in the second Asian African Youth Festival in Beijing & Xian in China (24-27 Sep. 2017). Both faculty members were recommended by the Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar.





## **FOURTH WORKSHOPS FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC YOUNG SCHOLARS BEIJING & XI'AN CHINA (12-20 AUGUST 2018)**

CSCAP (The Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific) China and CIIS (China Institute for International Studies) arranged a yearly workshop for young scholars of the Asia Pacific region. Since young scholars are to create sensibilities towards shaping the world of opinions. On the fifth anniversary of China's Belt & Road Initiative (BRI), 4th workshop for the Asia Pacific Young Scholars was arranged from 12-20 August 2018 in Beijing and Xi'an. Waqar Ahmad, a PhD scholar from the Department of Political Science University of Peshawar, participated in the workshop on the recommendation of the Director China Study Centre University of Peshawar. The workshop included meetings at superior Chinese institutions like CIIS, CICIR, and Xi'an Academy of Social Sciences etc. Besides meeting at Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Beijing and Xi'an China, thematic understanding of BRI and CPEC was discussed in detail by renowned scholars and researchers from China and other countries of South Asia and the Asia Pacific region.

## **HOW CHINA CAN PLAY A BETTER ROLE ON AFGHANISTAN?**

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar Director China Study Centre as Principal Investigator has conducted research on, "How China Can Play a Better Role on Afghanistan?" Prof. Zahid Anwar is thankful to all those who have contributed in this research endeavour especially Ambassador (Rtd) Rustam Shah Mohmand and Prof. Fazal Rahim Marwat.

## **SEMINAR ON PAKISTAN AND CHINA RELATIONS IN TH ERA OF BRI & CPEC AT NIM, RURAL ACADEMY, PESHAWAR:**

Prof Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre delivered a seminar on Pakistan and China Relations in the era of Bri & CPEC on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019. It was part of the training program for senior officers of the civil bureaucracy.





## ESTABLISHMENT OF PAKISTAN STUDY CENTRE, NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY, XIAN CHINA:

Prof. Wang Jianxin and Dr Li Tao, a two-member delegation from Northwest University the North West University Xian China visited University of Peshawar and held meeting with Prof. Dr Muhammad Asif and discussed cooperation between the two Universities. After the return of the Chinese delegation the Northwest university sent an invitation to University of Peshawar for participation in a conference. In response to that, a 2-member delegation comprising of Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre and Prof. Dr Fakhr-ul-Islam, Director Pakistan Study Centre visited China from 9th to 15th May, 2018. The delegation attended International Conference under the auspices of Silk Road Educational Forum. A letter of Understanding was signed on the occasion and Pakistan Study Centre was formally established in the Institute of Silk Road Studies, North West University Xian. The delegation attended series of consultation regarding future plans of the newly established Centre. The main objectives of Pakistan Study Centre at Northwest University Xian China will be to:

- Provide a platform for youth and intellectuals of both China and Pakistan wherein they could explore areas of mutual benefits
- Establish a state -of -the -art library equipped with books, research studies, manuscripts, and other source material.
- Conduct research on history, culture, archaeology, and other social sciences of both the countries.
- To offer language learning courses on languages spoken in both the countries.
- To exchange faculty and students.
- To translate books about history, languages, culture, archaeology and other aspects of both the states.
- To do any other useful work with mutual agreement.







## PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS IN REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY CONFERENCE IN CHITRAL, KP, PAKISTAN

Chitral Association for Education and Health (CAEH) and University of Chitral (UOCH) organized a one-day conference on regional infrastructural connectivity, tourism and trade with focus on Chitral from 13 to 14 October 2018 at University of Chitral.

Maulana Abdul Akber, MNA Chitral in his speech highlighted the significance of tourism, trade, communication and moral values in the economic development of Chitral.

Maghfarat Shah, Nazim District Chitral talked about infrastructural linkages between Chitral and Central Asia via Wakhan. Prof Dr Fazalur Rehman Chairman URP, UOP presented his paper on, "National and International Tourism in Chitral", and the presentation of Dr Ihsanullah, from Geography Department UOP was focused on the objective analysis of CPEC routes.

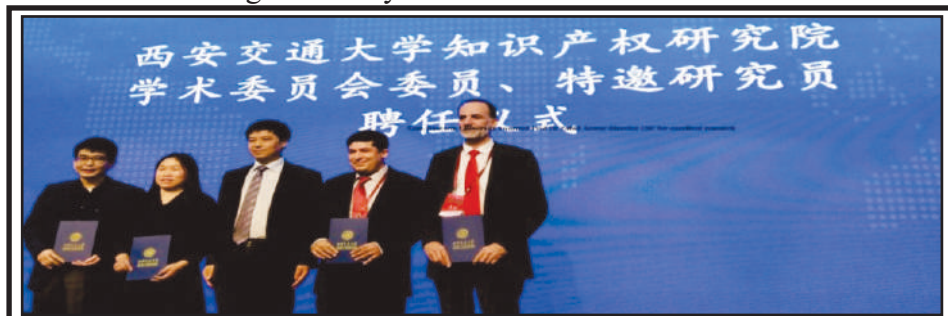
Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, UOP presented his paper on, "CPEC, Tourism and Opportunities for Youth".

Shahzada Sirajul Mulk discussed hurdles in the development of tourism in Chitral. Prof Dr Badshah Munir Bukhari, Project Director, University of Chitral, Habibur Rehman and Bahar Ahmad of CAEH distributed shields among the paper presenters.



## "THE BELT AND ROAD' INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FOR HIGH-TECH AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY" AT XIAN JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY CHINA ON 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018:

The Belt and Road' International Conference on Intellectual Property Law for High-Tech and Cultural Diversity was organized by Xian Jiaotong University, Xian on 27th October 2018. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Center, University was invited as a guest speaker in the conference. One day before the start of the conference he held a meeting with Prof. Dr Wenhua Shan, Dean of Law School, Xian Jiaotong University and presented to him a souvenir of the China Study Centre to him. Prof. Shan appreciated the efforts of Prof. Zahid for enhancing cooperation in higher education between the two Universities. Prof Zahid Anwar presented his paper in the conference on "the preservation of cultural heritage along the BRI /CPEC". A large number of scholars from different countries participated in the said conference. Different aspects of intellectual property rights were thoroughly analysed. The initiative for the establishment of 'Belt and Road' Intellectual Property Alliance was taken and China Study Centre, University of Peshawar was designated as member of the alliance along with many other renowned International institutions.







On 28th October 2018, Director China Study Centre held meeting with Professor LEI Yanjun, Deputy Director of International Affairs office of the Xian Jiaotong University for academic and research collaboration between the two universities. For joint research projects and other areas of cooperation the basics of MOU were thoroughly discussed. On 29th October 2018 the University has arranged a lecture of Professor Zahid Anwar on “CPEC: Special Economic Zones”. A large number of Chinese and Pakistani students participated in the event to learn from the lecture.



## SEMINAR ON “PAKISTAN AND COUTERTERRORISM IN THE REGION”







## PROF DR ZAHID ANWAR WITH STUDENTS OF NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW, CHINA

Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar has been invited to Northwest University of Political science and Law, Xian, China to present a paper on, “Pakistan and counterterrorism in the region” in a seminar at the University on 30th October 2018. Prof. Zahid discussed the issue in historical perspective and underlined the earnest efforts of Pakistan in the eradication of the menace of terrorism in the region and highlighted the convergence of interests between China and Pakistan in this respect. Dr Li Tao a scholar from the Northwest University, who spent two years in Afghanistan, enlightened the participants regarding the counter terrorism developments in the region. Prof. Dr Zhang Jinping, Law School, Northwest University of Political Science and Law, who organised the seminar thanked professor zahid for participation in the seminar and proposed further academic collaboration and students exchange to enhance the understanding of young generation about the two societies. A large number of the University students participated in the seminar and in the question/answer they actively participated and asked many questions related to Pakistan and CPEC. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar gave a souvenir of the China Study centre to Prof. Dr Zhang Jinping on the occasion.

## *Chinese Delegation*

### VISITED HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, PESHAWAR



A Chinese delegation comprised of Islamabad based Ms. Scarlet, CEO of St. Falun Group and Ms Echo, CEO of Zhongbo Starlight visited Higher Education Department Civil Secretariat Peshawar on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and held meeting in the office of additional secretary Mr Zarif ul Mu`ni. In the meeting Mr Manzoor Ahmad, Secretary Higher Education, Mr. Zarif ul Mu`ni, Additional Secretary Higher Education, HIRA officials, Prof. Dr Iftikhar Hussain, Vice-Chancellor, University Engineering and Technology Peshawar and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre, University of Peshawar held talks with the Chinese delegates who assured support in vocational training, agricultural machinery and cultural exchanges. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid Pro-Vice-Chancellor University of Peshawar and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre during a visit to Islamabad met these Chinese experts and to further strengthen cooperation Ms Echo visited China Study Centre University of Peshawar and held meeting with Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Peshawar and Director of the China Study Centre.



## THE 2ND EXCHANGES MECHANISM CONFERENCE OF THE CONSORTIUM OF CHINA-PAKISTAN UNIVERSITIES, HANGZHOU, CHINA:

The 2nd Exchanges Mechanism Conference of the Consortium of China-Pakistan Universities was held at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China from 31st October to 2nd November 2018. Higher Education Commission of Pakistan shortlisted University of Peshawar the only University from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to participate in the one of the most prestigious conference on higher education in China. Prof. Dr Muhammad Asif Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre were invited to participate in the conference. Many Chinese Universities took keen interest in the collaboration with the University of Peshawar with focus on faculty exchange, student mobility and joint research projects under CPEC. Efforts were made during the conference to strengthen academic cooperation between Chinese and Pakistani Universities.



Prof Zahid Anwar gives China Study Centre's Souvenir to CAHE President



From Pakistan, Dr Safdar Ali Shah, DG, CPEC CELL at the HEC, Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Dr Qaisar Abbas, COMSATS, Dr Shahid Ahmed Khan, COMSATS, Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, IIU, Mr Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, IBA Sukkur, Dr Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, IBA Sukkur, Dr Khalid Ahmed, IBA Sukkur, Dr Attaullah Shah, KIU, Dr Zulfiqar Ali Umrani, Mehran UET, Dr Javaid Iqbal, NUST, Dr Mubbsher Munawar Khan, Punjab University, Dr Muhammad Ansar, QAU, Dr Abdul Nasir Afghan, IBA Karachi and Muhammad Ahsan Achakzai, BUITEMS participated in the conference.



After a series of consultative meetings with China Association of Higher Education and top Chinese universities with reputed Business Schools, a Pakistan-China conference was held at National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad on August 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, which was attended by nine top Chinese universities and ten Pakistani Business Schools / universities. It was decided to form CPEC Consortium of Business Schools. A follow-up meeting of the Consortium was held in Fudan University, Shanghai, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in which it was decided to enlarge the scope of Consortium and rename it as Pakistan-China Consortium of Universities. It was also decided to hold annual conferences in China and Pakistan alternatively to review the progress and discuss various proposals to make the Consortium more vibrant. A review meeting was held in Wuhan, China on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 with officials of China Association of Higher Education and representatives of the member universities from China. Nine Pakistani universities, including eight new / non-member universities participated. It was proposed that 15 new members may be added from Pakistan so as to make a total number of 25 universities. In that backdrop the prestigious University of Peshawar has been short-listed to join the Consortium.

## NINGBO CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION: 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

In the city of Ningbo, Zhejiang province of China, International Forum on Higher Education Annual Conference 2018 on, "Accelerate the Implementation of, 'Double First-Class Initiative' Achieve the Connotative Development" was hosted by CAHE (China Association of Higher Education), supported by People's Government of Ningbo Municipality and organized by Ningbo Education Bureau, Ningbo University and co-organized by Zhejiang University and many other renowned Chinese institutions from November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



Many renowned scholars from many high ranking Universities of Pakistan have participated in conference. Some of the scholars and educationists were Dr Safdar Ali Shah, DG, CPEC CELL at the HEC, Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Dr Qaisar Abbas, COMSATS, Dr Shahid Ahmed Khan, COMSATS,

Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, IIU, Mr Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, IBA Sukkur, Dr Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, IBA Sukkur, Dr Khalid Ahmed, IBA Sukkar, Dr Attaullah Shah, KIU, Dr Zulfiqar Ali Umrani, Mehran UET, Dr Javaid Iqbal, NUST, Dr Mubbsher Munawar Khan, Punjab University, Dr Muhammad Ansar, QAU, Dr Abdul Nasir Afghan, IBA Karachi and Muhammad Ahsan Achakzai, BUITEMS participated in the conference. Some of the themes of the conference were, 'strategies for the development of higher education in new era', 'accelerate the construction of world class universities and disciplines', path selection to achieve connotative development of higher education'.

On the occasion Mr Du Yubo, President of CAHE said, 'we need to strengthen cooperation with both developed and developing countries to expand international exchanges and cooperation in the field of education. China Association of Higher Education has launched, "China Pakistan Economic Corridor Universities Federation" in response of "Belt and Road" Initiative, playing an active part in the communication between Chinese Universities and Pakistani Universities. Yesterday the second meeting on the communication mechanism of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Universities Federation was held in Zhejiang University. Today, we are holding the 2018 International Forum on Higer Education Annual Conference, another significant meeting on educational cooperation with experts from across the world gathered together to discuss the development of higher education. All the mechanisms and measures we have adopted are all valuable exploration in expanding International educational cooperation". Dr Safdar Ali Shah, DG, CPEC CELL at the HEC in his speech highlighted the significance of connectivity by quoting from Cometographic," Mankind has a new Maxim-Connectivity is destiny-and the most connected powers, and people, will win."

### **CHINA STUDY CENTRE, CONFERENCE HALL INAUGURATION:**

The conference hall of the China Study Centre was renovated and equipped with required gadgets. Now conferences/seminars/ workshops can be held in the China Study Centre, University of Peshawar. It was renovated with the financial support of China Embassy Islamabad. The inauguration ceremony was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the conference hall of the China Study Centre. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid, Pro-Vice-Chancellor University of Peshawar was the chief guest. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar discussed different programs of the Centre and appreciated the support of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid praised the role of Dr Zahid Anwar for promotion of the goals of China Study Centre and assured support of the University for promoting the vision and mission of the Centre.







## CHINESE COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AWARDING CEREMONY

China Study Centre organized classes for one month Chinese certificate course. The classes started on 01 October 2018 and ended on 31 October 2018. Those students, who successfully completed the course, were awarded certificates on 6th December, 2018 in a ceremony at China study Centre, University of Peshawar. Dr Zahid Gul, Registrar, University of Peshawar was the chief guest.



**CHINESE CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY AT CSC, UOP 6 DEC, 2018**

On the occasion Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre threw light on the aims and objectives of the Centre. He said that dissemination of information about the Chinese society and culture is an important aspect of China Study Centre's programs. Prof. Dr Fazal Ur Rehman, Chairman Department of Urban and Regional Planning, UOP said that the students should further improve their language skills so that to get jobs in CPEC projects. Dr Kashif from the department of Economics, UOP praised the Chinese cultural event. Dr Zahid Gul in his key note address focused on the importance of Chinese language in the era of CPEC and appreciated the efforts of the China Study Centre for the promotion of China Studies.

## CHINA EMBASSY DONATION DISTRIBUTION AT UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR:



China Embassy Islamabad donated about two million equipment to different institutions of the University of Peshawar. The donation distribution ceremony took place at the China Study Centre, University of Peshawar on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director China Study Centre in his welcome address thanked the China Embassy Islamabad for the donation. Prof Dr Mohammad Abid, Pro-Vice-Chancellor who was the chief guest distributed the donation of lap tops, computers, printers, heavy photocopier, multi-media and LED. He highlighted the friendly relations between Pakistan and China and underlined the significance of understanding of Chinese society and its culture. Prof. Dr Johar Ali, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences in his speech highlighted the importance of studying Chinese society, thought and craft and appreciated the efforts of the Director China Study Centre and assured support in this connection. A large number of guests, faculty members and students including Mr Falak Naz, Chairman Department of Electronics, Principal, University Model School, and Principal, University Public School participated in the ceremony.

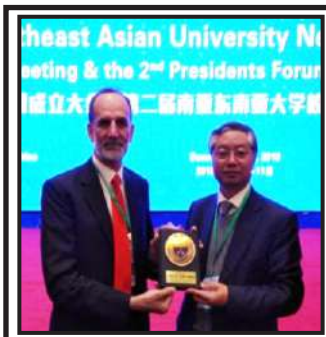
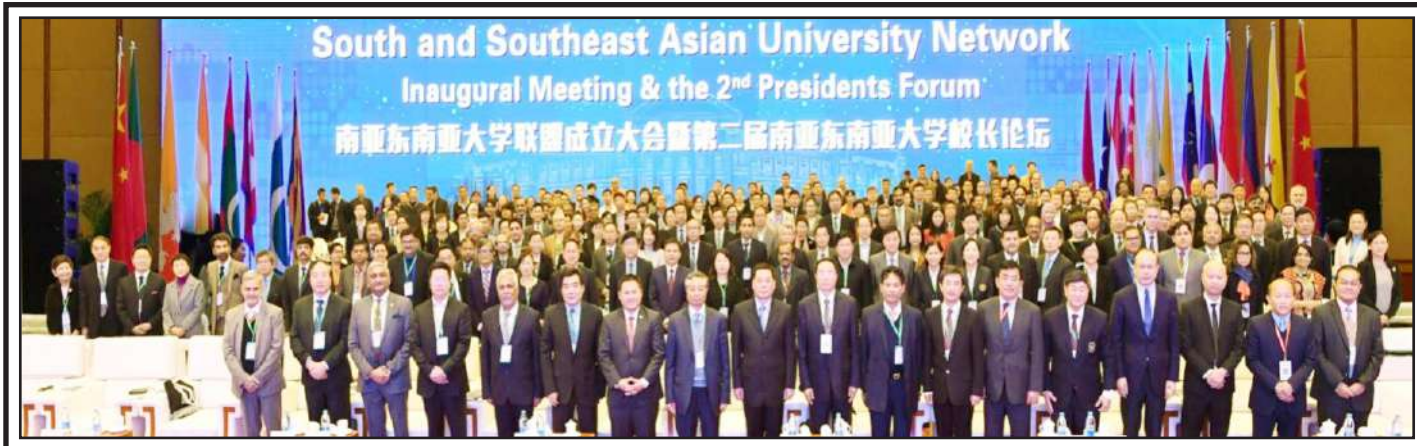
Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar Director China Study Centre, University of Peshawar visited University Model School (UMS) and the University Public School (UPS) respectively to handover China Embassy donation of computer systems to the schools





## **SOUTH & SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNIVERSITIES NETWORK CONFERENCE, YUNNAN UNIVERSITY, CHINA 9-11 DECEMBER 2018:**

South and Southeast Asian Universities Network and the second South and Southeast Asian Universities Rectors forum was organized in Yunnan University Kunming China from 9-11 December, 2018. Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid Pro-Vice-Chancellor University of Peshawar and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar, Director, China Study Centre participated in the two events.



Prof. Zahid Anwar presented souvenir to Prof. Dr Lin Wenxun, the President of the Yunnan University. Every founding member participating University planted a tree with its name tag. It was a historic moment when the University of Peshawar's delegates planted Cedrus Deodara at the beautiful campus of Yunnan University. Besides, UOP the National University of Science and

Technology (NUST), Quaid-e-Azam University, Comsats, Baluchistan University, IIU Islamabad, Aga Khan University Karachi, Karakoram International University and University of the Punjab also participated in the conference. Furthermore, much progress has taken place regarding MoU between the Yunnan University and University of Peshawar through efforts of China Study Centre. Kunming the capital of Yunnan Province of China is a centre of attraction for tourists for its renowned stone forest and Yunnan University has a beautiful campus which is located in the region of perennial spring



After the conference the delegates from many South and South East Asian Universities were taken to the world renowned stone forest near Kunming in Yunnan province. In the end Prof. Dr Mohammad Abid and Prof. Dr Zahid Anwar thanked Prof. Dr Lin Wenxun, Prof. Dr Yang Wei Prof. Dr Shen Bin and other organizers` of the conference for their wonderful hospitality and efforts regarding academic collaboration.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The report underlines that due to team work, China Study Centre organized many activities to achieve its lofty goals. Throughout the year the Centre focused on linkages development, conferences, courses, research projects and dissemination of information to promote cultural understanding. It is hoped that next year many more solid steps will be taken to enhance understanding between the people of China and Pakistan.





