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Friends of Silk Road Launch Ceremony Report



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Introduction

The Pakistan-China Institute held the inaugural event of the Friends of Silk Road, on Thursday, the 14th of February, 2019, in Nazara Hall, at the Serena Hotel, in Islamabad. The Inauguration was a high-profile event graced by senior dignitaries and important personalities, including a high-ranking Chinese delegation, representatives from all political parties, high-level government officials, cabinet ministers, Senators, MNAs, diplomats, bureaucrats, heads of think tanks and study centers, professors, PhD students, business and opinion leaders, influential personalities, journalists and civil society. Featured by addresses from distinguished speakers, a roundtable discussion with an eminent panel, and concluded by an interactive Question and Answer session, the event was an immense success. The launch established the first of its kind 'people's platform' for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which is the flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative.



Section 1 || Who Said What

Session I - Opening Session

Session one of the **Friends of Silk Road** inaugural event, featured keynote speeches by several important dignitaries who appeared as guests of honor at the occasion, including H.E Mr. Gao Yunlong, Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI, Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Pakistan, Senator Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House for Senate of Pakistan and Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Pakistan.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI, Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Pakistan, delivered an opening speech on the significance of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor and the new concept of the **Friends of Silk Road**. He commenced the session by asserting that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) launched in 2013 by President Xi Jinping, has emerged as the most significant developmental initiative of the 21st century involving over 65 countries, along six corridors. He said that Pakistan was a part of the ancient Chinese Silk Road 2000 years ago and today the flagship, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is the centerpiece of the New Silk Road, with national consensus amongst all national parties.

Senator Hussain explained that CPEC has come as an opportunity to Pakistan, as China has reposed confidence in Pakistan and its future by initiating several key projects which have caused a complete turnaround for the image of Pakistan, exemplified by recent investment interest shown by Gulf countries.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed making a speech.

CPEC has given women a chance to partake in the development of the country, and revived dead projects like Gwadar Port and Thar Coal Project, in addition to providing nearly 70,000 jobs. The relocation of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) underway in the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in Pakistan, and the development of Gwadar port will make Pakistan a model of rapid industrialization and the hub of regional connectivity.

In extension of this testament to the Pakistan-China all-weather friendship, was the launch of the

Friends of Silk Road by the Pakistan-China Institute. Senator Mushahid Hussain introduced the the **Friends of Silk Road** as a 'people's platform' bringing together local communities, parliamentarians, press, professionals, business and opinion leaders, youth, women, civil society, students and scholars. This platform will not only highlight the benefits of the BRI through CPEC projects, but also broaden the areas of people-to-people co-operation between Pakistan and China through greater communication and connectivity. Henceforth, **Friends of Silk Road** would be organizing activities in areas where CPEC projects have been launched.

H.E Mr. Gao Yunlong, Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, proceeded with compliments to the long-standing friendship between the two countries based on mutual public support which has stood the test of time. He pointed out that Prime Minister Imran Khan and President Xi Jinping have come to the consensus of building a common community, based on shared destiny and have set the course for future bilateral relations through win-win co-operation and transparent people-centric development, as per President Xi Jinping's vision. Of the 22 Early Harvest Projects, 9 have been completed and 13 are work in progress. These projects amount to \$19 billion, contributing 2 percent to Pakistan's economic growth. H.E. Gao Yunlong, purported that the pace of projects implementation should increase and for this purpose, China is willing to cooperate at all levels, particularly in sectors like transportation, infrastructure and improved livelihoods. He added that more than 20,000 Pakistani students are studying in China, and Chinese organizations like China Peace and Development Foundation are working to promote people to people exchanges, but this effort can be further bolstered to assure consistent progress and the completion of CPEC projects.



H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong making a speech.

Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Pakistan, talked about the importance of CPEC energy projects, and said that the energy projects under CPEC have helped in resolving Pakistan's chronic electricity crisis. He said that 2019 would be the year of industrial and agricultural cooperation in addition to socio-economic development and poverty alleviation efforts through CPEC, pursuant to Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to China.

He mentioned that on 24th February 2019, a Chinese delegation is expected to visit Pakistan to assess how the large reservoir of human resource in Pakistan can be developed. Finally, he stated that the operationalization of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) is a priority for the government, with Rashakai in KP province achieving headway. He said that further vistas of interaction should be initiated like the **Friends of Silk Road**, that expedite the realization of abundant possibilities promised through CPEC.



Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar making a speech.

Senator Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House for Senate of Pakistan, proclaimed that the benefits of the Economic Corridor between Pakistan and China were not comprehensively understood in the past and the challenge to fully disseminate the benefits of CPEC still remains. He gave the example of Pakistani exports, which are dangerously skewed towards textile sector, the correcting mechanism of which would be to diversify exports into other sectors, especially engineering goods, which only constitute 1 percent of the total exports of the country. Senator Faraz upheld the view that CPEC is an opportunity that Pakistan should fully grasp to benefit the people.

The **Friends of Silk Road** plaque was officially unveiled by H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan and Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman PCI, Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. The unveiling was witnessed by H.E Mr. Gao Yunlong, Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Pakistan and Senator Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House for Senate of Pakistan.



Mr. Syed Shibli Faraz making a speech.



The VIPs unveiling the plaque of "The Friends of Silk Road."

Session II - Roundtable Discussion

Impact of CPEC on Pakistan's Socio-economic Development

The Roundtable Discussion was presided by Senator Lt Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence Production, and featured the participation of Mr. Hassan Daud Butt, Project Director, CPEC, at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Mr. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy, and Mr. Li Ruogu, Vice President of China Peace and Development Foundation and Ex-President of the China EXIM Bank.

Mr. Hassan Daud Butt, Project Director, CPEC, at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, began the session by first thanking the Pakistan-China Institute and Senator Mushahid Hussain for envisioning and actualizing new opportunities that strategically bring together the people of the two countries. He termed CPEC as the 'primary platform for our shared sustainable and prosperous future' and quoted the many projects under CPEC that have successfully achieved completion and that are currently underway.

Mr. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy informed the audience that among other gains, CPEC projects have provided tax revenue for both the federal and provincial governments of Pakistan. China has remained the largest provider of Foreign Direct Investment in the country and is also its largest trading partner. "The last five years were a solid foundation for Pakistan's economy to take off", he affirmed. Interestingly, he also conveyed that the largest number of foreign students in China come from Pakistan. Mr. Lijian then pointed out practical steps to be taken on increasing the progress on CPEC. He suggested that a joint study on Pakistan's energy sector needs to be conducted. He informed that under a Joint Action Plan that covers housing, water supply, education and vocational training, a joint working group will be visiting Islamabad and Quetta. This will ensure that socioeconomic aspects of development in Pakistan will also be covered by CPEC.



Mr. Hassan Daud Butt making a speech.



H.E. Mr. Zhao Lijian making a speech.

Senator Lt Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum summed up the discussion by stating that the government is focused on making CPEC the gateway of Pakistan's prosperity. It aims at decreasing regional disparities and improving quality of life across the country. He noted that CPEC has turned Pakistan's geographic location into a geostrategic advantage. He stated that beyond energy and infrastructure, with Prime Minister Imran Khan's commencing of 4 Special Economic Zones and the introduction of 6 segments including trade, marketing, socio-economic development, global supply chains, agriculture and blue economy, the government's vision of embracing globalization is truly being met, as Pakistan enters a new era of development and takes a critical place in the future of a prosperous Asia. He concluded that with pragmatic policies, Pakistan will open up to further trade and investment and that the Pakistan of 2019 looks abounding in prospects, thanks to CPEC.



Senator Lt Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum chairing the roundtable session.

Section 2 || Quality and Diversity of Audience

The Inauguration of ***Friends of Silk Road*** was a unique, high-profile event graced by senior dignitaries and important personalities. These included a high-ranked Chinese delegation, representatives from all political parties, high-level government officials, cabinet ministers, Senators, MNAs, diplomats, bureaucrats, heads of think tanks and study centers, professors, PhD students, business and opinion leaders, influential personalities, journalists and civil society.

Distinguished cabinet ministers, Mr. Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, Representative of the Prime Minister in the Senate of Pakistan, and Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar, Federal minister for Planning Development and Reform were keynote speakers at the event.

Eminent Senators that attended the launch included: Senator Talha Mahmood (JUI-F), Chair of the Senate Cabinet Secretariat Committee; Senator Sitara Ayaz (ANP), Chair of the Senate Climate Change Committee; Senator Sana Jamali (Balochistan Awami Party); Senator Sherry Rehman (PPP), Parliamentary Leader and Chair, Senate CPEC Committee; Senator Javed Abbasi (PMLN), Chair of Senate Justice and Law Committee; Senator Lt Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum (PMLN), Chair of Senate Defence Production Committee; Senator Azam Swati (PTI), Chair of Senate Defence Committee; Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi (PMLN); Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani (PMLN) and Senator Seemi Ezdi (PTI).

Among Members of the National Assembly (MNA) that participated in the inauguration included: MNA Kheal Das, representing the Hindu minority; MNA Kanwal Shauzab (PTI), Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, Development and Reform; Former MNA Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali and former Member of Provincial Assembly of Punjab, Soraya Nasim.

From the Chinese delegation, were present: H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong, Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; Mr. Li Ruogu, Vice President of China Peace and Development Foundation and Ex-President of China EXIM Bank; Mr. Lin Zeyan, Director General of Research Office, All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce; Mr. Liu Kaiyang, Deputy Secretary General of China Peace and Development Foundation and Mr. Cheng Jianguo, Council Member of China Peace and Development Foundation. From the Chinese embassy, H.E. Yao Jing, Ambassador of China to Pakistan and Mr. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy were also participants in the event.

Other distinguished participants comprised of senior Federal Ministry officials such as: Mr. Hassan Daud Butt, Project Director, CPEC, at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform; representatives of Business Chambers, such as: Mr. Daroo Khan Achakzai, President of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI); Mr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Vice President of FPCCI; Mr. Syed Zia Alamdar Hussain, President Faisalabad

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI); Mr. Qamar Zaman Chaudhry, Former Chairman of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB); Mr. Rahat Ikram from the Tourism Department of Gilgit-Baltistan Government; Mr. Behram Baloch, Vice President of Gwadar Press Club; Mr Tahir Khan, Editor of the News Network International (NNI); Mr. Yasir Rehman, Anchorperson Pakistan Television (PTV) and representation from various Chinese companies such as Huawei and China Overseas Port Holding Authority (COPHC).

Key representation was also seen from members of the academia, think-tanks and business sector, including: Prof. Dr Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of the Karakorum International University (KIU) in Gilgit; Mr. Malik Sohail, Chairman Coordination of the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI); Prof. Zamir Awan, Chinese Language Expert and Columnist for "Global Times"; Mr Habib Ahmed, Chairman of the Habib Rafiq Group, one of the largest construction groups in Pakistan and Honorary Consul General of Russia in Punjab; Mr Tauqir Sultan, Chairman Hajvairy Associates and one of the most prominent businessmen of Pakistan; Rear Admiral (R) Mukhtar Khan, Director General Institute of Maritime Affairs, Bahria University Karachi; Prof. Omair Haroon, Director China-Pakistan Management Initiative (CPMI), Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS); Mr Qurban Ali, prominent business leader from Gilgit Baltistan; Prof. Ayesha Alam of Hazara University, Author of a book on China, "The Shadow of Himalayas: Pakistan-China relations"; Mr. Shazil Rafi, Director of the Rafi Group of Companies, that has a large real estate investment in Gwadar, Balochistan and Mr. Ramzan Mughal from the Pakistan Poultry Association (PPA).

Finally, the diversity of the event was also seen by representation from prominent personnel from the security and intelligence sector which included: Lieutenant General (R) Asad Durrani, Former Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI); Lieutenant General (R) Talat Masood, Former Federal Secretary at the Ministry of Defence Production; Mr. Tauqir Ahmed, Former Inspector General (IG) Police and Vice President of the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) and Lt. Col Obaid from the Doctrine and Evaluation (D&E) Directorate of the General Headquarters (GHQ) of the Pakistan Army.

The last segment of the program was an interactive Question and Answer session, that was both highly informative and engaging for the audience. The session was conducted by a distinguished panel, including Mr. Hasan Daud Butt, Project Director, CPEC, at the Federal Ministry of Planning Development and Reform, Mr. Li Ruogu, Vice President of China Peace and Development Foundation and Ex-President of the China EXIM Bank, Mr. Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, and Senator Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence Production.

The session also featured special participation of officials from the Chinese delegation, including Mr. Lin Zeyan, Director General of Research Office, All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Liu Kaiyang, Deputy Secretary General of China Peace and Development Foundation, and Mr. Cheng Jianguo, Council Member of China Peace and Development Foundation. As highlights of this session, below are questions posited by the audience and detailed answers that followed:

Question: Please specifically name some of the key achievements of CPEC since the Belt and Road Initiative's launch in 2013?

(Question asked by Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali, Former MNA)

Answer: In the infrastructure and transport sector, Peshawar-Karachi motorway and Multan-Sukkur motorway are 80 percent complete. This project alone hired 20,000 local Pakistanis. The Karakoram Highway which is the only land route between China and Pakistan has been refurbished. In the power sector, the Sahiwal power plant was completed within 22 months. Furthermore, Port Qasim is a joint venture between Qatar and China, and another power plant is under construction in Kahuta. The Gwadar Port is now functional and Thar is now generating electricity through coal mining, plus providing for women's empowerment. Pakistan's chronic electricity crisis has been resolved thanks to CPEC, and the road built between Quetta and Gwadar has shortened the travel time to a mere 8 hours, while before it took almost two days. Most importantly, CPEC has helped transform Pakistan's image as an investor-friendly destination and now other countries are coming forward to invest in Pakistan. So, the benefits of BRI through CPEC have been transformative for Pakistan and its people.

Question: What 'people-to-people-contact' initiatives will be taken in the future as part of CPEC?

(Question asked by Mr. Yasir Rehman, Anchorperson, PTV News)

Answer: Several Chinese NGOs have started work in Pakistan including the China Foundation for Peace and Development and Chinese Red Cross. They are working to develop schools, hospitals and vocational institutes and have the full support of the public. More

conferences like these should be held to enable people to come to one platform for exchange and learning. The Chinese language should also be promoted to bridge the language barrier between Pakistani and Chinese populations. Education has become another bridge of co-operation and learning between Pakistan and China, since almost 25,000 Pakistani students are now studying in China. Tourism and culture would now be an important factor in promoting people-to-people contacts between Pakistan and China, as part of CPEC. The **Friends of Silk Road** is also going to be a major plus in this context.

Question: What are some of the major challenges that confront CPEC?

(Question asked by Lt. Gen. (R) Talat Masood, Former Federal Secretary at the Ministry of Defence Production.)

Answer: Several challenges arise that can be effectively overcome through good governance and robust internal coordination. These include negative reporting in Pakistan that questions the intentions and transparency of CPEC projects. It should be widely understood that projects under CPEC are completely transparent and there are no irregularities in business dealings and project operations. Moreover, the issue of adequate skilled labor in Pakistan to compliment projects is being tackled by the creation of vocational centers for locals. Another challenge is that of ensuring security to our Chinese workers whose free movement has been restrained. Finally, the attitude of other countries towards CPEC is also something that needs to be positively tackled through the use of media, but also through deft diplomacy and timely dissemination of facts to counter any false propaganda.

Question: What is the role of AIIB and other financial institutions in future CPEC projects?

(Question asked by Mr. Tahir Khan, Editor of the News Network International, NNI)

The Question-Answer session was highly interactive. In response to Mr. Li Ruogu's earlier comment that Pakistanis learning the Chinese language would help to promote CPEC in Pakistan, Prof. Zamir Awan, Chinese language expert and columnist for "Global Times", much to the pleasant surprise of the audience, made a short speech in fluent Chinese. In his remarks, he said that there are 26,000 Pakistani students studying in China and there are over 25,000 Pakistanis learning the Chinese language in Pakistan, a figure which is increasing day by day.

Highlights





The VIPs standing attention while the national anthems of Pakistan and China are played.
From Left to Right: Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Yao Jing, Mr. Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, Representative of Prime Minister in the Senate of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong, Vice Chairman of the China People's Political Consultative Conference and Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman of Pakistan-China Institute (PCI).



From Left to Right: Mr Hassan Daud Butt, Project Director CPEC, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Senator Javed Abbasi from Pakistan Muslim League (N), Chair of the Senate Committee on Justice and Law, Senator Sherry Rehman from Pakistan People's Party, Parliamentary Leader and Chair, Senate CPEC Committee, and Ms. Kanwal Shauzab, Member National Assembly of Pakistan and Parliamentary Secretary of Planning, Development and Reform of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.
Back, Third from Left: Mr. Ayaz Gul, Bureau Chief of The Voice of America



From Left to Right: Ms. Kanwal Shauzab, Senator Sana Jamali from Balochistan Awami Party, Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi from Pakistan Muslim League (N), Senator Azam Khan Swati from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani from Pakistan Muslim League (N) and Lieutenant General (R) Talat Masood.

Back, Second from Right: Ambassador (R) Syed Hasan Javed, Director, Chinese Studies Centre, National University of Science and Technology (NUST).



H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong making keynote speech.



Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Mr. Makhdoom Khusro Bakhtiar making a speech.



Mr. Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, Representative of Prime Minister in the Senate of Pakistan, addressing the audience.



The VIPs unveiling the plaque of "The Friends of Silk Road."



From Left to Right: Rear Admiral (R) Mukhtar Khan, Director General Institute of Maritime Affairs, Bahria University Karachi, Lieutenant General (R) Talat Masood and Senator Mushahid Hussain. Sayed.
Back Second From Left to Right: Mr. Tahir Khan, Editor News Network International (NNI) and Mr. Tauqir Ahmed, Former Inspector General Police, Vice President of Center for Global Strategic Studies.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed presenting a bouquet of flowers to Senator Lieutenant General (R) Abdul Qayyum, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Defence Production, upon the successful conclusion of the second session.



From Left to Right: Senator Seemi Ezdi from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood from Jamiatul-Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Cabinet Secretariat and Senator Sana Jamali.



From Left to Right: Ambassador (R) Syed Hasan Javed, Mr Malik Sohail, Chairman Coordination of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and Mr. Qamar Zaman Chaudhry, Former Chairman of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

Back Right: Professor Zamir Awan, Chinese Language Expert and Columnist for "Global Times."
Back Left: Mr. Hanan Ali Abbasi, Chairman, Pakistan Youth Assembly and Author of a Travelogue on China in Urdu.



Mr. Li Ruogu, Former President of China EXIM Bank, being congratulated on his speech by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.



Front Left: Mr Habib Ahmed, Chairman of the Habib Rafiq Group, one of the largest construction groups in Pakistan and Honorary Consul General of Russia in Punjab.
Directly behind Front Left: Mr. Tauqir Sultan, Chairman Hajvairy Associates, one of the most prominent businessmen of Pakistan.



The Chief Guest, H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong, along with Senator Mushahid Hussain and Executive Director of PCI, Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, in a lighter mood.



Front Row: Distinguished Chinese guests.
 Second Row: Top office bearers of FPCCI.



From Left to Right: Senator Mushahid Hussain, Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali, Former Member of National Assembly (MNA) from Pakistan Muslim League (N), and Ms. Soraya Nasim, Former Member of Provincial Assembly (MPA) of Punjab Province.
 Back Left: Mr. Behram Baloch, Vice President of the Gwadar Press Club.



From Left to Right: Rear Admiral (R) Mukhtar Khan, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Dr Shezra Mansab Ali and Ms. Soraya Nasim.
Back, Left to Right: Mr Tahir Khan, Editor, News Network International and Mr Behram Baloch, Vice President Gwadar Press Club.



Senator Mushahid Hussain presenting a shield to Mr. Lin Zeyan, Director-General of Research Office of All China Federation of Industry and Commerce.



Senator Mushahid Hussain shaking hands with Mr. Liu Shengguo, Council Member of China Peace and Development Foundation. Senator Lieutenant General (R) Abdul Qayyum is also seen in the picture.



From Left to Right: Mr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Vice President of FPCCI (came especially from Karachi in Sindh Province), Mr. Daroo Khan Achakzai, President of FPCCI (came especially from Quetta in Balochistan Province), Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed and Mr. Malik Sohail.



The leadership of FPCCI from all parts of Pakistan with Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.



From Left to Right: Mr. Cheng Jianguo, Council Member, China Peace and Development Foundation and Mr. Lin Zeyan.

Second Row, Third from Left: Mr Qurban Ali from Gilgit Baltistan, a prominent business leader.



From Left to Right: Mr Liu Shengguo, Mr. Cheng Jianguo and Mr. Lin Zeyan.



From Left to Right: Lieutenant General (R) Talat Masood, Senator Seemi Ezdi and Mr. Daroo Khan Achakzai.



Audience eagerly listening to the speakers.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed making a speech.



Mr. Syed Shibli Faraz making a speech.



From Left to Right: Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of China, H.E. Mr. Zhao Lijian, Mr. Li Ruogu, Senator Lieutenant General (R) Abdul Qayyum and Mr. Hassan Daud Butt.



Professor Ayesha Alam of Hazara University, Author of a Book on China, "The Shadow of Himalayas: Pakistan-China relations," talking to Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.



Mr. Hassan Daud Butt making a speech.



H.E. Mr Zhao Lijian making a speech.



Mr. Liu Kaiyang, Deputy Secretary General, China Peace and Development Foundation answering a question from the audience.



Mr. Tahir Khan asking a question from the panelists.



Lieutenant General (R) Talat Masood asking a question from the panelists.



Senator Mushahid Hussain presenting a shield to H.E. Mr Zhao Lijian.



Senator Mushahid Hussain presenting a shield to Mr. Li Ruogu.



From Left to Right: Ms. Soraya Nasim, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, two members from a Chinese company and Senator Lieutenant General (R) Abdul Qayyum.



From Left to Right: Ambassador (R) Syed Hasan Javed, Mr. Malik Sohail and Mr. Qamar Zaman Chaudhry.



H.E. Mr Zhao Lijian and Mr Mustafa Hyder Sayed with Mr. Shazil Rafi, Director of the Rafi Group of Companies, that has a large real-estate investment in Gwadar, Balochistan.



From Left to Right: Mr. Kheal Das, Member National Assembly (MNA) from Pakistan Muslim League (N), Senator Sitara Ayaz from the Awami National Party, Mr Hassan Daud Butt and Ms. Kanwal Shauzab.



Mr. Syed Zia Alamdar Hussain (Front Left), President of the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, along with a member of his delegation.



Left to Right: Senator Mushahid Hussain, Mr Tauqir Ahmed and Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.



From Left to Right: Senator Ghous Muhammad Niazi, Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, H.E. Mr. Gao Yunlong and Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.



H.E. Mr Gao Yunlong.



Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed presenting a shield to Mr. Hassan Daud Butt.



From Left to Right: Lieutenant General (R) Talat Masood, Senator Seemi Ezdi, Senator Talha Mahmood, Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali and Ms. Soraya Nasim.

