

CDWP Highlights

Health Sector

Emergency Plan for Polio Eradication worth \$986 million is referred to ECNEC

Water Resources Sector

Nai Gaj Dam worth Rs 46.5 billion is referred to ECNEC

Physical Planning and Housing Sector

Lahore Water and Wastewater Management Project worth Rs. 67503.625 million to ECNEC.

Science and Technology Sector

Punjab police integrated command, control and communication project, with an estimated cost of Rs17.520 billion is referred to ECNEC

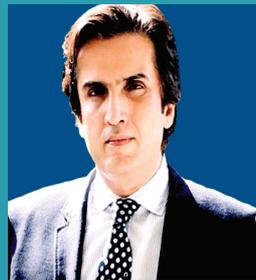
Agriculture & Food Sector

Up-gradation of Arid Zone Research Centre (AZRC) and Establishment of New Adaptive Research Cum Demonstration Institute' worth Rs. 691.564 million is referred to ECNEC

Emergency Plan for Polio Eradication

Minister Khusro Bakhtyar termed polio eradication as a national priority and that fast monitoring mechanism be made to ensure smooth implementation. He instructed that federal and provincial governments should work closely to eradicate the core reservoirs where sewerage water is contaminated with polio virus.

The Program envisages to end polio cases through Supplemental Immunization Activities (SIAs) to be carried out all over the country and use of environmental surveillance system to interrupt polio virus transmission once for all.



Government is committed to strengthen and modernize the country's infrastructure, eradicate poverty and improve life style standard of the marginalized sections of society, provide quality education and healthcare facilities to the masses as well as provide equal development opportunities to bring all the regions of Pakistan at par with each other.

Mukhdum Khusro Bakhtyar
Minister for Planning Development & Reform

8th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) SETS NEW TARGETS FOR PAK-CHINA COOPERATION

leading CPEC towards becoming a true economic corridor



"Signing of MOU on industrial cooperation would steer Pakistan into a new era of industrialization and to expedite development of special economic zones by relocation Chinese investments" Minister Khusro Bakhtyar expressed these views after conclusion of the 8th JCC proceedings.

Mr. Bakhtyar said that Pak-China cooperation in agriculture sector would focus on attracting investment in food production, processing, logistics, marketing and exports in joint ventures (B2B) with Pakistani companies.

The first meeting of the JWG on agriculture is planned to be held in the first quarter of 2019.

The Minister further announced that newly established Joint Working Group on Socio-Economic Development has devised an action plan that provides guideline for future cooperation in education, agriculture, poverty alleviation, skill development, healthcare, water supply and vocational training projects.



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

Both the sides discussed investment opportunities, offered by Special Economic Zones being implemented under CPEC. China Railway Construction Corporation Limited (CRCC) Vice President Yang Jinjun highlighted the economic development of Pakistan through ML-1 as it is one of the strategic projects which is technically very feasible. CRCC VP Yang said his state-owned company would explore opportunities to jointly work with the federal and provincial governments to ensure speedy implementation of the important projects.

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



IT IS OUR TOP PRIORITY TO JUMP START SEZs Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar

A delegation headed by Mr. Dong Futang, Chief Financial Officer, China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) called on Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar, Minister for Planning, Development & Reform. Secretary Planning, Zafar Hasan, Member Infrastructure & Connectivity, Malik Ahmad Khan, Project Director CPEC, Hassan Daud and other officials were also present on the occasion.

Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar appreciated the role of CRBC in the implementation of Karakorum Highway and other infrastructure projects. He underlined that the Chinese firm would continue its efforts to ensure efficient execution of Special Economic Zone.

While highlighting the focus of the present government, Minister PD&R said, "It is our top priority to jump-start SEZs and Rashakai will be the first one." He added that the area remained ignored in the past and none of the zones were taken off.

Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar further stressed on a clear timeline and business model for the development of SEZ at Rashakai as a first zone which would be followed by others.

He emphasized that the developer should focus on the relocation of Chinese heavy industry and investment from local as well as foreign enterprises to ensure value addition of the products and import substitution.



Secretary Planning, Zafar Hasan also emphasized on developing a state-of-the-art infrastructure in order to facilitate relocation of Chinese companies and ensure a level playing field for local as well as foreign investors.

GOVERNMENT IS FOCUSING HEALTH AMONG ITS TOP PRIORITIES.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The government would take Gwadar as a standalone project



to explore its full potential as 80 percent of the world cargo passes through maritime routes. Minister Khusro Bakhtyar said it has also been decided during his meeting with the Chinese delegation that a new sub group in the Working Groups of the CPEC would be formed.

"Now the group titled socio-economic development has been formed to look for cooperation in education, health, skill development, housing, agriculture, and other sectors."

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

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



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

Minister Khusro Bakhtyar

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

Minister PD&R apprised the house about his recent interaction with his counter part the Vice Chairman, National Development Reform Commission of China. On the occasion, Secretary Planning, Mr. Zafar Hasan gave an overview on the ongoing projects and run down of the schedule of upcoming events, leading to 8th Joint Cooperation Committee.



The Committee decided to prioritize development of Gwadar, special economic zones, Pakistan's Railways' Main Line-1, inclusion of social sector development and 3rd country participation in CPEC.

WATER PROJECTS UNDER PSDP

Top Water Sector Projects in PSDP 2018-19

- Dasu Hydro Power Project Stage-I (2160 MW) (District Kohistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)
- Establishment of Pakistan Glacier Monitoring Network Upper Indus Basin Area Falling within KPK, Gilgit Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir
- Golan Gol Hydro Power Project (106 MW) (Chitral)
- Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project (969 MW) (China, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, IDB and OPEC)
- Thakot Hydro Power Project (4000 MW) (Battagram) (Study)
- Warsak Hydroelectric Power Station 2nd Rehabilitation (242.96 MW)
- Chitral Hydel Power Station Capacity Enhancement From 1 MW to 5 MW
- Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project (Dam Part)
- Balochistan Effluent Disposal in to RBOD(III) Jaffarabad, Nasirabad, Jacobabad, Qamar Shahdadt
- Channelization of Nullah Deg
- Construction of 100 Small Dams in Tehsil Dobandi, Gulistan Killa Abdullah
- Construction of 200 Small check Dam for Groundwater Recharge of Quetta (Phase-I, 129 Check Dams)
- Construction of 200 Dams in Killa Abdullah, Gulistan and Dobandi Tehsil
- Kachhi Canal Project (Phase-I) Dera Bugti, Naseerabad, Bolan and Jhal Magsi
- Kurram Tangi Multipurpose Dam Storage-I(Keitu Weir Irrigation & Power) Project North Waziristan Agency (FATA)
- Nai Gaj Dam Project Dadu (Sindh)
- Provision of Groundwater for Industrial sector Balochistan (Gwadar)
- Raineer Canal Project (Phase-I) Ghotki Sukkur and Khairpur
- Re-construction of Shadi Kaur Dam District Gwadar
- Rehabilitation of Irrigation System in KP
- Diamer Basha Dam Project (Dam Part) - PSDP Share [Total Cost Rs 474 billion]
- Construction of Kangori-II Storage Dam Shah Noorani Area, Tehsil Wadh, District Khuzdar



Ministry of PD&R Launches PAKISTAN DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR BETTER NUTRITION

A Launching ceremony of “Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition” was held in PPMI Complex organised by Ministry of Planning Development and Reform in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Ms. Kanwal Shauzab, the Parliamentary Secretary M/o PD&R was the guest of honor. While Dr. Nousheen Hamid, Parliamentary Secretary for NHR&C, Dr. Sania Nishtar, chairperson BISP, Prof Dr. Mehar Taj, the Senator, Ms. Mina Dowlatchahi, country representative FAO, Dr. Ayub Aljawaldie, Regional Advisor Nutrition WHO, representatives of federal and provincial governments, donors, UN agencies academicians, civil society, business persons and media were also in attendance.

Ms. Kanwal Shauzab highlighted that government is focusing the initiatives including nutritional mass awareness, provision of specialized nutrition foods and mitigating the data gaps. Adequate funds will be provided through PSDP for the implementation of nutritional awareness.

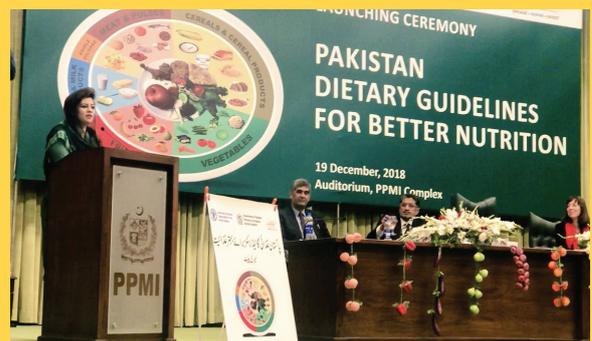
Ms. Mina Dowlatchahi, Country Representative FAO, congratulated upon the launch of “Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition” as it is the result of a good collaborative approach. She assured full cooperation of FAO to the Govt of Pakistan in its efforts to provide better nutrition to the people of Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. M. Azeem Khan, member food security and climate change stated that the document has been formulated in a very comprehensive way to guide the different segments of the population which would be helpful in adopting healthy dietary practices and lifestyles to overcome the widely prevalent nutritional and health problems.

Mr. M. Aslam Shaheen, chief nutrition / SUN focal person, M/o PD&R noted that the document of “Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition” provides a framework to guide the population in the selection of a variety of safe and nutritious foods that are easily available, affordable, meet the daily nutritional requirements and boost the immune system.

The formulation of “Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition” took around 2 years and involved a series of technical consultations facilitated by a highly professional resource persons.

It has been reviewed and finalized in the light of feedback /guidance of the core committee, technical committee and renowned nutritionist & dietitians from the academia and research organizations.





THE STAGE IS NOW SET TO TAKE CPEC TO THE NEXT LEVEL. MINISTER BAKHTYAR

Federal Minister for Planning Development and Reform Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar has reiterated Pakistan's firm commitment to CPEC which he termed as the heart and soul of Pakistan-China economic cooperation.

Mr. Bakhtyar made these remarks in Beijing at the 8th meeting of the CPEC JCC which he co-chaired with Chinese Vice Chairman of NDRC Mr. Ning Jizhe.

Chief Minister of Sindh Mr. Murad Ali Shah, Chairman Board of Investment Mr. Haroon Sharif, and representatives of provincial governments and officials of both sides attended the meeting.

Appreciating the progress made in CPEC, Minister for Planning said, "the stage is now set to take it to the next level wherein the cooperation can be diversified to more trade and industrial cooperation, socio-economic development, agriculture, people-to-people interaction and knowledge sharing under the clear vision set by our leadership."



While talking to CGTN's reporter Feng Yilei, Minister Khusro Bakhtyar shared that Government of Pakistan expanded the scope of CPEC by adding another dimension of social economic development joint working group that will come a long way in addressing the social economic development needs of people of Pakistan, especially in the areas which are marginally less developed, and will address poverty.

He further stated that the issue of poverty alleviation in Pakistan again is the focus of the present government. No country in history has lifted so many people out of poverty than what China has exhibited in the last few decades and therefore we take China as a role model.



12TH FIVE YEARS PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO REAL ECONOMIC GROWTH. KHUSRO BAKHTYAR



Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar has underlined that the 12th Five Year Plan would contribute to real economic growth covering all aspects for attaining sustained economic growth.

The Minister was chairing a meeting on 12th Five Year Plan wherein Secretary Planning Zafar Hasan, Joint Chief Economist Rai Nasir Ali Khan, Chief Macroeconomics Muhammad Zafar and review committee members also attended the meeting.



Minister Khusro Bakhtyar stated that the growth strategy of the government is focusing upon building strength of economic fundamentals such as quality and inclusiveness of economic growth or human capital, upscaling technological capability, sustainable agriculture, social protection, strategic trade policy framework, national SME policy, financial inclusion, productivity and efficiency, and above all an investment strategy for efficient resource allocation.

The core objective of the plan is to create 10 million jobs in 5 years and enhance sustainability of the economic growth through building fundamentals.

PSDP WOULD BE UTILIZED AS A DRIVER OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Federal Minister Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar says that the incumbent Govt has rationalized the PSDP to curtail thin spreading which leads to time and cost over run.

He said priority is water sector, energy transmission lines, poverty alleviation and regional equalized development.

Minister Bakhtyar also informed that PSDP projects would be taken up after thorough scrutiny and due diligence keeping in view strict cost benefit analysis to be financed through public- private funding, viability gap financing in addition to public funding.





PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC JOURNEY AND 12TH FIVE YEARS PLAN



MR. ZAFAR HASAN,
SECRETARY PLANNING

The overarching focus of the 12th Five Years Plan would be to move from 'factor-driven' to 'efficiency-driven' economy through steady increase in productivity. Increase in productivity can be realized by investing in skills and capabilities, technology, industrial infrastructure, finance and-most essentially - a thriving investment climate for private sector.

A considerable surge in FDI is expected on the back of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. The establishment of nine 'Special Economic Zones' across the country and 'Free Trade Zone' in Gwadar would have multiplier effects on economic growth via connectivity and access to other regional markets.

The high population growth rate of 2.4 percent calls for immediate attention. Government is focusing to convert this challenge into opportunity by launching a crush programme to impart demand driven education and trainings to the potential entrants of the job market, which will be more than 1.2 million every year. The 12th Five Years Plan would layout a roadmap to convert this demographic burden into a dividend.

PAKISTAN'S 1ST INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

CRVS systems perform hundreds of activities everyday to continuously register vital events and to produce vital statistics for the country.



A first ever three days International Summit was held on **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics** here in Islamabad in the last week of November, 2018. The summit was attended by Senior Representatives of DFID, UNICEF, World Bank, World Health Organization and the senior officials of the Ministry of PD&R being the host.

Parliamentary Secretary Ms. Kanwal Shauzab was the guest of Honor. She said that Pakistan can be one of the pioneers in the region to implement state of the art CRVS systems to register 220 million by the year 2024.

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems are concerned with the legal registration and analysis of vital events in the population.

Vital Events include births, deaths, marriages, divorces, foetal deaths, annulments judicial separations and adoptions and through the registration process, these events are made legal and legitimate.

A technical support unit for CRVS was established in July 2017 within Ministry of Planning Development and Reform for the promotion and strengthening of CRVS. TSU is to take lead at the national level for advocacy, promotion and strengthening of CRVS System in the country.