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7TH JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE HELD IN ISLAMABAD



Opportunities and resources for women are crucial for Pakistan economic growth. The private sector needs to invest in Pakistan's future human resource for their own and society's benefit. Planning Commission is heavily investing in growth strategies that ensure inclusive and sustainable economic development.

Sartaj Aziz
Deputy Chairman Planning
Commission of Pakistan



The 7th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) was held in Islamabad on 21st November 2017 to review the progress and approval of development projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Over 150 officials from Pakistan and China attended the meeting along with all the Chief Ministers and Prime Minister of AJK. The representatives of private sector, including trade and industry also attended the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Planning, Development & Reform Ahsan Iqbal called 7th JCC a milestone towards realizing CPEC goals. He said that the people of Pakistan value the multifaceted cooperation provided by the People's Republic of China.

"The long-term plan will give new dimensions to bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan," he added.

**SYMPOSIUM ON
INSTITUTIONAL
COOPERATION
PROGRAM (ICP)
BETWEEN
PAKISTAN &
NORWAY
GOVERNMENTS**

Central Development Working Party approves 17 projects worth Rs 19.2 billion

Meeting of CDWP was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Mr. Sartaj Aziz in the presence of senior government officials. Approved projects include schemes in transport & communications, energy, water resources, information technology, physical planning & housing, environment and health. The CDWP also approved a governance project with a total cost of Rs 732 million.



UK representative on Afghanistan calls on Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission

Mr. Owen Jenkins, British Prime Minister's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan called on Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Mr. Sartaj Aziz at his office on October 16, 2017.

British High Commissioner Mr. Thomas Drew and other senior officials of the High Commission also accompanied Mr. Jenkins. Secretary Planning, Development & Reform Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Chief Economist Dr. Nadeem Javaid and Spokesman of the Ministry Mr. Asim Khan also attended the meeting.



Both sides discussed issues of bilateral interest, mutual cooperation, peace, security and economic conditions in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The two sides discussed bilateral relations, trade and transit matters which are very significant for both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Symposium on Institutional Cooperation Program (ICP) between Pakistan & Norway

Institutional Cooperation Program (ICP) is a bilateral development initiative between Norway and Pakistan. The program involves various institutions of both the countries. Under the ICP, capacity of different Pakistani institutes/departments has been increased significantly.

The ICP was launched in April 2005 with the signing of an Agreement between the Royal Government of Norway and the Government of Pakistan. Under the Program, Norway has committed a grant of NOK 15 million. The Program is multi-Sectoral and aims to foster meaningful collaboration between identical institutes of Pakistan and Norway with a view to enhance the technical and managerial capacity of Pakistani institutions.

Major areas of cooperation under the Institutional Cooperation Programme include social sector, education, science & technology, environment, culture, good governance, human rights, and treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.



SEMINAR ON “EMERGING ROLE OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN PAKISTAN”:

Centre for Social Entrepreneurship under the Ministry of Planning organized a seminar on the emerging role of social entrepreneurship on 12th October 2017.

Federal Secretary Planning Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddique was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The center will take lead role in promoting innovation and research to find solutions for social issues, business problems, poverty reduction, availability of trained workforce and data reports on social issues. The Center established by the Ministry, aims to lead towards a better policy and planning in the area of Social Entrepreneurship.

Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui on the occasion told the participants that social enterprise landscape is



important in Pakistan. Promotion of innovative business ideas for addressing unemployment among youth would help redress poverty reduction, and lead to employment generation and youth involvement in social issues of the society.

Another feather in the cap of Development Communication Team at the Ministry of Planning



The Development Communication Team conducted the 3rd Capacity Building Workshop of top economic journalists from Sindh Province.

The title of the workshop was **“Dynamics of Development Economics & Economy: Ethical – Professional and Political Challenges for reporters in different fields”**.

The areas focused included Reporting in Digital Arena, highlighting impacts of CPEC on global supply chain, Budget-making process, Vision 2025 and Economic Policies.

Conference with Digital Media Stakeholders on Development Initiatives



Development Communication team held a workshop on **“Digital Media for Development Discourse”** with the top bloggers, highly talented social media activists and digital media experts. The purpose of this workshop was to join hands with digital media stakeholders for development and to create awareness among the general public through social media.

It was first of its kind interaction between the government and bloggers, social media activists and digital media experts. The event was held under the chairmanship of Minister Ahsan Iqbal. Minister Iqbal advised the social media activists to create a positive development narrative for a prosperous and peaceful Pakistan.