

Preface

This book has been authored mainly to manifest the seven-decades diplomatic relations of China and Pakistan. The relationship between the two brother countries is always cited as *“A Friendship Higher than Himalayas, deeper than ocean, sweeter than honey, and stronger than steel”*. This partnership has a high degree of significance for Pakistan and the entire South Asian region. China and Pakistan have been time tested friends and 70 year diplomatic relations between the two brotherly countries reveal their close understanding and collaboration about the regional and international issues.

This book has been divided into four parts. First part gives a detailed overview of the History of China Pakistan Friendship. The second part provides the major attributes of the Miracle of China, which enabled China to transform from a poverty-stricken low-income group country to middle income group. The third part gives the salient features of Education and Research in China while highlighting the recent advances in high-tech research and innovations. The fourth and last part of the book reflects the future of China and Pakistan relations in the changing global and regional dynamics.

While exploring the above parts of the book, the first chapter illustrates The trade relations between the two regions which existed centuries back, when the goods were transported through the Silk Route from East to West and vice versa. This route remained a historic trade route from 2nd Century BC to 14th Century A.D and covered Asia to Mediterranean, passing through China, India, Persia, Arabia, Greece and Italy, thereby providing a strong connection between the East and West.

The second Chapter highlights the seven decades of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. This relationship is largely motivated by the need for security and economics. In the presence of adversary attitude and expansionist design of India as a natural opponent of Pakistan, after the partition of United India, Pakistan extended warm friendship with the People Republic of China. The emerging geopolitical realities in South Asia and East Asian region were a forerunner of close relations between the two countries. In the latest development in the region reflected in close collaboration between US and India, to contain China, the relations between China and Pakistan are becoming more important.

The third chapter explains the 100-year achievements of the China Communist Party, based on Socialism and China Model. In centenary celebrations of the CPC, President Xi Jinping explained the achievements of CPC in the last 100 years and explained the way forward to make China, a developed middle-class economy.

The second part of the book starts with the fourth chapter, which provides a holistic view of China's miracle and its fundamentals. The reforms and openness policies of China after 1978 by Deng Xiao Ping and its subsequent liberalization and globalization, has turned China into an active global partner in Global Trade. In this context the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of President Xi Jinping is a comprehensive approach for China to become a leading Economic Power.

Chapter five explains the dynamics of BRI with special reference to China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). BRI has been envisioned as a New Silk Route for the economic development of China and the region. The chapter also provides details of CPEC and its Challenges and Opportunities.

Chapter Six provides detailed deliberations on the President Xi philosophy of Economic growth with Socialism in China model. Chinese history can be divided into the early socialist revolution with Chairman Mao Tse Tung as leading with the strong role of Communist Party of China and People Liberation Army. In the 1970s, the economic reforms and openness philosophy of

President Deng Ziao Ping, created a neo-liberal way forward for economic prosperity and during the last four decades, China has moved out from the rampage of extreme poverty to a lower middle class economy. For continuity of the growth rate and expanding trade to all regions of the world, the BRI philosophy of President Xi is highly significant.

In the fourth part, the education and research achievements of China have been highlighted. This starts with Chapter seven, which gives a history of education and research developments in China. The concept of China World Class University (CWCU), adopted by higher education of China has been explained, which aims at making a visible position for China Education and Research Institutes in top 500 Universities.

In Chapter eight, the China Pakistan Knowledge and Research Corridor under CPEC has been highlighted. Various options of collaborations between the two countries have been explained. There is a need that education and research institutes of the two countries strengthen this collaboration for transfer of knowledge and research & technologies.

In Chapter Nine, the aims and objectives of China Study Centre being established at Karakoram International University with support of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan have been explained with the road map to achieve the goals and target of the project.

The last part of the book, Chapter Ten illustrates the China road for Fourth Industrial Revolution (I 4.0), with high focus on innovations and commercialization. The Made In China 2025 (MIC25) is a comprehensive approach of China to develop high tech and high quality products in the global competitive markets, which can be high quality and affordable products and services. The last chapter is comprised of the pictures of my visit to China.

China and Pakistan are time tested friends with shared boundaries, culture and history dating back to the ancient silk route. The two countries have always stood for inclusivity, peaceful co-existence and sustainable growth in the region. While inaugurating, the China Pakistan Economic Corridor, President

Xi-Jinping, said:” *Friendship between China and Pakistan is based on trust and mutual support, and we have been devoted friends through both good and hard times. Our friendship is a pacesetter for amicable relations.....*”

In the wake of regional dynamics, China Pakistan collaboration provides a greater set of opportunities for the region and hence a careful and proactive approach is required to harness these opportunities. Nevertheless, there are many more challenges, which require careful consideration at levels.

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Long Live Pak China Friendship

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