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**China Study Center**  
中国研究中心

## Our Services

We are committed to becoming a hub of Chinese studies. The China Study Center facilitates and promotes the Chinese language, history, culture, and arts. We undertake collaborative research focusing on Built Road Initiative (BRI), CPEC, regional connectivity, economy, and science and technology prospects to explore new horizons.

## Our Vision

Become the leading research and teaching center on the Chinese history, system, culture and Chinese language in Quetta for capacity building of the people of Balochistan.

## Mission Statement

To produce quality academic research in collaboration with Chinese universities focusing on CPEC, assimilate Chinese culture and be a base for teaching Chinese language.

## Our Core Values

Maintain a working environment based on team spirit, mutual respect, seeking unbiased truth keeping supreme the national interest. Collaborative result-oriented academic research based on integrity, creativity, and quality is the hallmark of our core values. Learning Chinese culture and teaching of Chinese language with passion.

## Our Objectives

- ◆ To facilitate capacity building of the people of Balochistan by teaching Chinese history, culture, art and language.
- ◆ To conduct academic research under different themes in collaboration with Chinese universities/institutions of interest to both countries.
- ◆ To promote research-culture and initiate bilateral academic exchanges by creating linkages with Chinese universities / institutes.
- ◆ To strengthen cooperation between the two countries by producing and disseminating academic knowledge of interest to both China and Pakistan.

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# China Study Center

## An Introduction

China Study Center (CSC) was established in 2021 at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) with the funds from the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad under PC-1 for “Academic Collaboration under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Consortium of Universities”. BUITEMS is a member of the CPEC Consortium of Universities which pledges to enhance cooperation in business, science, and technologies between Pakistan and China.

CSC has been mandated to promote academic, research, and cultural linkages among the Pakistani and Chinese universities. The Center deals with multi-disciplinary research themes with a particular focus on CPEC. Besides, the CSC undertakes the teaching of the Chinese language and cultural domain to facilitate the capacity building of the people of Pakistan in general and Balochistan in particular.

To pool resources, CSC is placed under the functional and operational control of Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN), a sister think tank located within the premises of BUITEMS and raised by the National Command Authority (NCA), Islamabad.

## CHINA STUDY CENTER TEAM



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Chairman CSC (CEO/Consultant) BTTN



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Executive Director BTTN



**Dr. Abdul Sattar**  
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**Dr. Raja Asif Wagan**  
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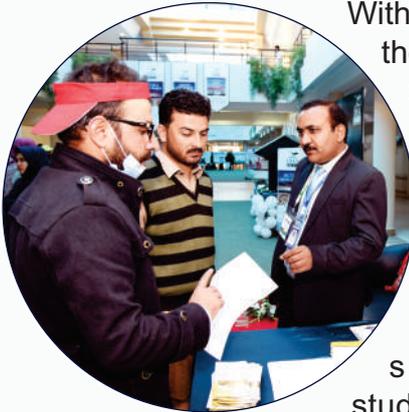
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## China Study Center Stall at the ICE CUBE Conference



With the commitment to becoming a hub of Chinese Studies and the capacity-building of the people of Balochistan, the China Study Center (CSC) kicked off its activities by placing a promotional stall on 26-27 October 2021 at the biennial conference, ICE Cube2021. The stall was visited by different dignitaries, faculty, staff, and students. The staff at

China Study Center briefed the visitors about the activities of the center such as the offers of Chinese language courses, research on CPEC, and the promotion of Chinese culture and arts.



## Orientation Session for Chinese Language Course

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, China Study Center, BUISTEMS organized an orientation session for the first batch of students of the Chinese language course (**Hanyu Shipping Kaoshi HSK-1**). The event took place at PINK Hall, Takatu Campus. The session started at 11:00 a.m. with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Dr. Faisal Ahmed Khan, the then Pro-Vice-Chancellor BUISTEMS, in his opening remarks, welcomed all the students and delivered a brief speech on the importance of the Chinese language. After that, Dr. Abdul Sattar, Director China Study Center (CSC), provided a brief introduction of the center, its objectives, and its activities. Finally, Dr. Zamir Abro (理安) Deputy Director of CSC and Chinese language instructor, shared his experience with the students about china and the scope of learning the Chinese language. He further enlightened students about how to learn Chinese as early as possible and introduced the syllabus of HSK-1. At the end of the session, Dr. Raja Asif Additional Director of CSC thanked all participants.



## Chinese Language Classes at BUIITEMS



The Classes for the Chinese language course (Hànyǔ shuǐpíng kǎoshì HSK-I) under China Study Center started on the 22nd of November 2021 at Takatu Campus, BUIITEMS. HSK1 is a three-month basic introductory course on the Chinese language. The classes were scheduled from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Two sections A & B were formed and taught by Dr. Zamir Ahmed Abro and Dr. Raja Asif Wagan, respectively.



A total of 36 students enrolled in the first batch out of which 26 completed the HSK-1 course. In the course, the students were taught Mandarin Chinese, in which, the reading, writing, and speaking aspects of the language were covered. At the end of the session, a written exam was conducted on February 22, 2022.

## Meeting with higher education commission on the progress of china study center

On December 6, 2021, an online meeting was held between the Directors of all China Study Centers across Pakistan. The main agenda item of the meeting was to share the progress of the respective centres and welcome suggestions and new proposals. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, Director General - China Pakistan Economic Corridor, Higher Education Commission.



Budget Proposal of BUIITEMS	
1	Study Material (Books and Magazines)
2	Audio Video Material/ Software
3	Multimedia/ Projector
4	Office requisites
5	Communication Materials and Research Publication
6	Conference/ symposium/seminar/workshop/exhibitions
7	Miscellaneous expenditures/Contingency
Total	

China Study Center, BUIITEMS was represented by Director, Dr. Abdul Sattar. The attendees agreed on sharing ideas and working in collaboration among Centers. In the meeting, BUIITEMS' proposal for reallocation/recomposing of budget for China Study Centers were also discussed. All the members showed their consent to the proposed reallocation and some additions were also proposed.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Exchange Mechanism Conference of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Consortium of Universities



Director of China Study Center, Dr. Abdul Sattar participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Exchange Mechanism Conference of China Pakistan Economic (CPEC) Consortium of Universities Corridor via Zoom on 15 October 2021. The hybrid conference was held at Peking University China and the National University of Science Technology (NUST) Pakistan.

The conference was also attended by Pakistan's Minister of Federal Education and Professional Training, Shafqat Mehmood. From China, Du Yubo, President of the China Association of Higher Education, delivered a keynote speech on the friendship between China and Pakistan including diplomatic ties and education collaborations. The meeting was attended by the representatives of 82 member universities of the CPEC Consortium of Universities from China and Pakistan. The conference also witnessed the establishment of the China-Pakistan Higher Education Research Institute to further facilitate high-end higher education research in various fields in both countries. The annual development report for 2019-2020 of the CPEC Consortium of Universities was also presented.

In the later part of the conference, experts from both Chinese and Pakistani universities presented reports/studies on the promotion of quality development of higher education cooperation and post-pandemic opportunities and challenges faced by both countries.

**Professional Training / Capacity Building**  
Professional training is an important theme that PolyU provides to B&R partners.  
**Belt and Road Advanced Professional Development Programme in Power and Energy**  
(University-Industrial Collaboration with State Grid of China, HK Electric)

- 2018 cohort (field-trip & workshop) : One NUST representative joined 2 weeks field-trip/workshop
- 2020-2021 cohort (online workshops): 60 Pakistan researchers from 11 universities join the training

Pakistan Universities	2020	2021
COMSATS University	10	9
Fatima Jinnah Women University	3	-
Foundation University Islamabad	4	2
National University of Sciences & Technology	7	3
NED University of Engineering and Technology	3	2
University of Engineering & Technology, Peshawar	1	-
Bahria University	-	2
BUIITEMS	-	10
Mehran University of Engineering and Technology	-	2
PAF-IIST	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>

## Welcome Meeting of China Study Center Staff

The China Study Center core team consisting of the Director, Additional Director, and Deputy Director, welcomed the newly recruited staff in the meeting held on February 17, 2022. The newly recruited Research Assistants and the Assistant Librarian were informed about China Study Center and its activities. The Director and Additional Director (CSC) shared the key performance indicators (KPIs), vision and mission, and future three years road map. The Director emphasized teamwork and collective actions for the achievement of the designated objectives of the centre.



## Meeting between China Study Center Buitems and Dalian Polytechnic University, China



A meeting between China Study Center (CSC) BUITEMS and the Dalian Polytechnic University (DPU) was held on March 9, 2022, for possible collaboration in different academic activities such as student exchange and scholarship programs. From CSC BUITEMS, Director, Dr. Abdul Sattar Chaired the meeting. Alongside him, Dr. Raja Asif, Additional Director of CSC, Dr. Zamir Abro, and Dr. Rehan Abbasi, Associate Dean Faculty of Engineering were also present. Dalian Polytechnic University was represented by the Miss. Yan Yu, Vice Dean, School of International Education (DPU), and Mr. Sheng Wang, Dean, School of International Education (DPU). Both universities agreed on a common interest in academic activities, and the document of understanding between the two institutions would be signed later.

## Chinese Language Certificate Distribution and Chinese New Year Celebration

Chinese Language Certificate Distribution and Chinese New Year Celebration ceremony was arranged by the team of China Study Centre (CSC) BUITEMS. The ceremony was held on March 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the PINK SEMINAR hall of BUITEMS. Brig (R) Agha Ahmad Gul, CEO/Consultant Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN) was the Chief Guest of the ceremony.

The proceedings of the event started with a recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran. After that, Director CSC, Dr. Abdul Sattar, in his opening remarks, welcomed

the chief guest and other dignitaries. In his short welcome note, he briefly introduced the role of CSC in the capacity building of the people of Balochistan.

He highlighted the growing impact of China on the world economy and politics which signifies the importance of learning the Chinese language. He ended his note with the inspiration to continue Chinese language courses and extend the reach of CSC activities. After the welcome note, the host of the program requested the chief guest Brig (R) Agha Ahmad Gul to distribute the course completion certificates to the students. After the distribution of certificates, the chief guest expressed his views about learning the Chinese language. He urged the students to keep learning the Chinese language as the upcoming era would belong to China.

He also expounded that the socio-economic uplift of Balochistan depends upon the capacity-building of the residents. He appreciated the efforts of the CSC team and urged that CSC under the functional control of BTTN would achieve its objectives. In the end, CSC BUITEMS honoured their guests by presenting them the souvenirs. Director CSC also requested the Chief Guest to cut the cake for the celebration of Chinese New Year (新年乐 Xīnnián kuàilè), which could not be done earlier as BUITEMS was off for winter vacations.



Brig (R) Agha Ahmad Gul, Chief Guest  
expressing his views



Chief Guest, Brig (R) Agha Ahmad Gul cutting cake for the celebration of Chinese New Year



Chief Guest, Brig (r) Agha Ahmad Gul Distributing Hsk-1 Completion Certificates To Students



Participants at Certificate Distribution Ceremony of HSK-1



A group photo of HSK-1 students with Chief Guest and China Study Center Staff

## Students Review



I am Imran Ghani student of the Chinese language course HSK-1. It is very good to learn the Chinese language. This is a great course to learn Chinese for real-life purposes. Learning Chinese is fun and not stressful at all. I'm really satisfied with the course. It helped me learn all the basic Chinese words, which anyone needs to make short conversations with the people. This course is very useful for people who just started to learn the Chinese language. The topics and the vocabulary and grammar that we learn at HSK 1 level are very useful. The quizzes are short and the deadlines motivate you and help you keep track. Thanks to China Study Center BUIITEMS for providing this course.



I am Maryam Pervaiz student in the Chinese language HSK-1 class. Nowadays, there is an increasing number of people who are interested in the Chinese language, food, and culture. I have been studying the Chinese language for 3 months now and I love it. The teachers are great. At the start, I was not familiar with the Chinese language, but now I have made a lot of progress. I can carry on a basic conversation. Not only about the Chinese language, but I know Chinese culture and food too. I am really satisfied with the course. It is always a difficult task to learn a new language but the teachers and their teaching methods are so excellent that I learned very easily. I loved the course as it would also be a new feather in my resume and enable me to find a better job. I highly recommend it.



My Name is Iram Musarat and I am a student of HSK-1. If you want to learn some initial Chinese Language and you are not sure where to start, just start here with this Course. It is all verbal and conversational. You do not have to learn Chinese characters and if you have been thinking, "No, the Chinese language is not too hard to pronounce. It's a tonal language, and believe me, all the instructors speak slowly and patiently. It's three months Basic Chinese Language Course affiliated with China Study Center (CSC) at BUIITEMS and it covers Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. You will not be disappointed and you will be amazed at what you can learn from CSC. Awesome experience it was a comprehensive and informative course. I learned a lot. Thank you CSC and BUIITEMS for providing such a nice and global platform to enhance linguistic skills



I am Iftikhar Hussain student of the Chinese language. it is very good to learn the Chinese language. The Chinese language is difficult to learn but this course kept me interested and practising. I do recommend printing the book so you can practice and keep the information. We should study more vocabulary to understand more. Learning the Chinese language is very useful for us especially in Baluchistan, as we know that CPEC is playing a very important role in the development of Balochistan. There are many job opportunities, but the Chinese Language is preferable. This course helps me a lot to learn the Chinese language. Also, I'm applying for my higher studies in China. So this course helps me a lot in communicating easily with Chinese. I will suggest everyone come and avail this opportunity. Finally, I wish to quote Ludwing Wittgenstein as he said "The Limit of my language means the limit of my world".



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