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*Report – In-House Meeting*

## **“2-member Indonesian Delegation”**

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## PICTURES OF THE EVENT





The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) hosted an In-House Meeting with 2-member delegation from Centre of Policy Analysis and Development Agency (PADA), Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on June 17, 2019. Members of the delegation included Mr. Ahmad Gunawan Wicaksono and Mr. Adi Priyanto.

Director General ISSI Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry welcomed the delegation and introduced the members of ISSI participating in the meeting.

Mr. Adi Priyanto thanked the ambassador for hosting them and shared information about the work and activities of his organization. He stated that the main focus of their visit was to learn more about connectivity and the developments taking place under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Ms. Mahrukh Khan, Research Fellow at ISSI gave a brief introduction of ISSI to the delegation and informed them about the activities and research work carried out at the Institute.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry briefed the delegation on the evolving global and regional developments. He said that the world is becoming multipolar with various centres of power emerging, prominent among them being the rise of China. The US still remains a power to be contended with, and is now pivoting towards Asia and treating China as its rival. In this regard, the US has co-opted India as a strategic partner to counter China in what it is now calling the Indo-Pacific region. He said that the center of economic activity has shifted to Asia and ASEAN region will have a critical role to play. He outlined various hotspots including the South China Sea, Indian Ocean, South Asia and the Middle East.

Ms. Neelum Nigar, Research Fellow at ISSI's China Pakistan Study Centre briefed the delegation on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). She elaborated on the political, strategic and economic aspects of Pakistan-China relations, and the progress on CPEC projects in Pakistan.

Adding to the presentation, Ambassador Chaudhry stated that CPEC is central to regional connectivity and will be beneficial for everyone. He added that the inclusion of industrial cooperation and socio-economic development in CPEC framework will be critical for Pakistan's

future. Responding to a question regarding CPEC's debt burden, Ambassador Chaudhry stressed that there is no serious threat since only 8 per cent of Pakistan's total debt is added by CPEC funding. He also pointed out that most of the projects are commercial ventures and overall government borrowing is very limited.

Mr. Wicaksono stated that this is the dawn of the Asian century and Indonesia wants the region to progress collectively. He emphasized that Indonesia's Asia-Pacific strategy is very different from that of the United States, because it is designed to support inclusive development in the region. He asserted that the quadrangular arrangement between India, Japan, US and Australia will not be in the broader interest of the region.

Mr. Priyanto thanked Ambassador Chaudhry for the briefing, expressed his desire for continued cooperation with ISSI