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*Report – Roundtable
with*

**“A 6-Member Delegation from Guizhou
Provincial Committee of the Chinese
People's Political Consultative
Conference (CPPCC)”**

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China-Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organised a roundtable discussion with a 6-member delegation from Guizhou Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) on January 1, 2020. The delegation was led by H.E Mr. Chen Jian, Vice-Chairman, Guizhou Provincial Committee of CPPCC. Other members of the delegation included: Mr. Wang Jinjiang, Deputy Secretary- General/Deputy Director General, Guizhou Provincial Committee of the CPPCC/General Office of Guizhou Provincial Committee of the CPPCC; Ms. Gong Ning, Associate Inspector, Guizhou Provincial Education Department; Mr. Li Jianjun, Party Secretary, Guizhou University; Mr. Zhang Xueli, Party Secretary, Guizhou Minzu University; Ms. Hong Yun, Division Chief, International Exchange and Cooperation Division of Guizhou University. Experts from outside ISSI also attended the roundtable discussion.

Ms Uroosa Khan, Associate Editor, CPSC gave a brief introduction of activities carried out at the institute.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director CPSC extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests. While stating the objectives of the roundtable, Dr. Shabbir said that it is aimed to generate ideas in pursuit of cooperation and create synergy among the two organizations. He further said that it is important to highlight educational and cultural aspects of Pakistan-China relations and deliberate on how various avenues of cooperation can be identified between both the countries.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General ISSI stated that China and Pakistan have a lasting friendship, which President Xi has termed as ‘‘iron brothers’’. Ambassador Chaudhry further said that the Government of Pakistan wants to enhance people-to-people cooperation, through various educational and cultural exchanges between both the countries. Furthermore, Pakistan believes in inter-faith harmony and mutual co-existence.

H.E Mr. Chen Jian, Vice-Chairman, Guizhou Provincial Committee of CPPCC thanked ISSI for hosting the delegation. Mr. Jian briefed the participants about China’s reforms and opening up policy and said that China has achieved greater progress in the last forty years. He further said that China and Pakistan have a long history of cooperation, and with an effective cultural and educational exchanges, the relationship between both the countries can be enhanced further.

Experts from outside the institute also participated in the roundtable discussion. The participants discussed various aspects of China-Pakistan relations and deliberated on opportunities for future cooperation in the fields of education and culture. While focusing on educational cooperation, they suggested having direct linkages between universities through research projects in various fields. Similarly, for cultural cooperation, it was suggested to enhance the linkages between various organizations, develop training programs and build better mechanisms to manage and safeguard the existing culture resources in both countries. Furthermore, through effective media mechanism, familiarization of culture on both sides can be achieved.

Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BOG, ISSI, in his concluding remarks stated that over the years, Pakistan and China have fostered a strong relationship. Today, this relationship has become stronger with more people-to-people contacts under the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

PICTURES OF THE EVENT



