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The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): A Game Changer for Pakistan’s Economy

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Abstract

The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is yet another important corridor along the BRI where China has promised to invest US\$57 billion dollars, of which 14 billion has been already invested in 30 early-harvest projects. Moving away from the geopolitics of the corridor, the chapter focuses on the economic fundamentals of the CPEC. It argues that, being the pilot and flagship of the BRI, the corridor would be a model for bilateral and multilateral cooperation. It is projected that the CPEC will bring about a miracle on the Indus similar to the miracles in post-war Japan, Korea, and ASEAN in the 1980s.

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Appendix 1 The On-Going CPEC Projects

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Source: Embassy of the People's Republic of China,
Islamabad

Appendix 2 CPEC Proposed Mineral and Industrial Zones

Mineral Zones

Thar (coal), Larkana (coal), Salt Range (antimony), Chiniot (iron ore), Dargai (chromite), North Waziristan (chromite), Kurram (antimony), Waziristan, (copper), Chitral (antimony), Besham (iron ore, lead), Nizampur (iron ore) Mohmand (marble), Khuzdar (chromite, antimony), Chaghi (chromite), Qila Saifullah (antimony, chromite), Saindak (gold, silver), RekoDiq (gold), Kalat (iron ore), Lasbela (manganese), Gwadar (oil refinery), Muslim Bagh (chromite)

Source: *The News International* (Rawalpindi), 26 July 2015.

Industrial Zones

Sukkur, Larkana, Karachi, Bin Qasim, Korangi Creek, Khairpur, Hattar, Gadoon Ghazi, D I Khan, Jalojai, Nowshera, Bannu, Chitral, Risalpur, Quetta, Dostan, Gwadar, Khuzdar, Uthal, Hub, Dera Murad Jamali

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