



China-Pakistan Libraries Association

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China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a flagship project of BRI and a framework for regional connectivity. After the visit of his excellency President Xi Jinping to Pakistan in April 2015, the two sides have set up the 1+4 cooperation mode, namely prioritizing, energy, transport, infrastructure and industrial cooperation, which has opened a new chapter for the CPEC construction. The total cost of this mega-venture, CPEC is 62 billion dollar which covers all projects.

CPEC will be more fruitful, if

some educational segments were brought under consideration because today's economy is viewed as a knowledge based-economy. In any global agenda, education is considered to be an indispensable element. Many projects in education under China Pakistan Economic Corridor have already been undertaken, like CPEC Study Centres in academia and study centres at different think tanks, etc. Numerous scholarships for higher studies have already been created under the CPEC umbrella, exchange of educational experts from both sides is also going on. But no encouraging steps have yet been taken in library and publication

exchange programmes. Pakistan is facing numerous challenges like political, cultural, socioeconomic, ethnic-based, etc. But, development of Education sector is one of the biggest challenges for our country. It is said that if 140 Million of our youth are not educated properly, it will create chaos, disarray, discontent and ultimately unemployment in the country in the coming few years.

Maslow's Hierarchy theory represents that basic needs of people in any country are education, health and jobs. The Chinese government model has addressed such issues and