

Huawei's Seeds for the Future Programme
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Distinguished Mr. Meng Qiang, CEO of Huawei Pakistan,
Dr. Fateh Marri, Executive Director of Higher Education Commission
of Pakistan,
Friends from Pakistan and China

Ladies and gentlemen,

- I wish to congratulate Huawei, my young friends and the participating institutions from Pakistan on the conclusion of this year's Seeds for the Future programme.
- In the futuristic era of digitalization, the importance of ICT cannot be underestimated. With the advancement and innovation in modern technology, ICT has come to fore as the primary vehicle of sustainable and robust development all around the globe. Technologies such as 5G, AI, Cloud Computing, and Big Data are poised to bring about even more profound transformations in global socio-economic and political landscape and in our societies.
- This on-going transformation has been accelerated further and brought sharply into focus by the raging COVID-19 pandemic. While I regret that participants in this year's Seeds programme were unable to take the course in person, the ICT skills and technologies we are promoting here today have never been so relevant or timely. I commend the participants for making the most of technology to keep up with the times, and express our profound gratitude to Huawei for taking this step.
- In the last 30 years, the story of Huawei has proven that there are always immense possibilities of success for those who are blessed with fertile imagination, unconquerable spirit and open minds. I am sure the same values have been imparted through this programme.
- As a longstanding development partner of Pakistan, we are pleased to note that Huawei has maintained the momentum of its growth and development despite some adverse external pressures. The success of Huawei is not only an ample testimony of innovative spirit of Chinese people; it also symbolizes the increasing significance of China in world of modern technology and communications.
- The advent of fourth industrial revolution has confronted us with new challenges and opportunities. While technology offers new prospects for growth, but it also has the potential to disrupt current socioeconomic models. In our embrace of such breakthroughs, we should also make sure that no-one is left behind and that society can offer a better future for humanity as a whole.

- With our overwhelmingly youthful and increasingly tech-savvy population, ICT will play an ever larger role in realizing Pakistan's development potential. The Government of Pakistan is committed to providing a competitive business environment for enterprises in the ICT sector, while providing a level playing field where our youth has the skills and resources it needs to pursue their dreams to the best of their potential.
- I would like to call upon Pakistani students to hone their skills in ICT and latest technologies, and learn from China's experience. Our Chinese friends' rapid progress has been made possible by hard work, dedication and discipline. These work ethics are invaluable. Today's event is not only an acknowledgement of your talent and hard-work but should also encourage you to keep working hard and excel even further for our nation and country.

Long live Pakistan-China friendship!

Thank you.
