

Launching Ceremony of CCTE Model Dual Degree Joint Education Program

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Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to visit Tang International Education Group today. Thank you for the warm welcome extended to me and my colleagues.

Today is a very important day. The launching ceremony of CCTE Model Dual Degree Joint Education Programme.

This cooperation started when the Tang International Education Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding on TVET cooperation with the Punjab Technical and Vocational Education Authority (TEVTA) in July 2021. And today the strategic cooperation agreements being signed between Tang International Education Group, the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Guizhou University, Shenzhen Institute of Information Technology, Bailie Vocational College, PAF-IAST and Zalmi Foundation will open a new chapter of cooperation between China and Pakistan in the areas of vocational and technical education.

Pakistan and China have very special and unique ties. Our iron-brotherhood is deeply rooted in the hearts of our peoples. We have always supported each other, in good times and bad times. Rain or shine, our friendship has remained constant.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a manifestation of that. It has further strengthened and deepened our cherished friendship and provided a solid base for Pakistan to industrialize and prosper. The 2nd Phase of CPEC has been progressing very well. It focuses on industrialization, poverty alleviation, socio-economic development and agriculture cooperation.

Recently, during the 10th JCC meeting, both sides agreed to establish a new Joint Working Group on ICT Cooperation to boost digital economy and development of digital skills among the youth of Pakistan. During my last visit to Tianjin in September 2021, Pakistan and Tianjin agreed to promote and deepen our cooperation in the field of technical and vocational education. We are also working on a concept paper to establish a working group for TVET. Today's ceremony would strengthen our efforts in this regard. This would also help in capacity building and development of right technical skills required for high-quality development of CPEC.

Dual Degree Joint Education Model can serve as a good and solid base for future bilateral TVET cooperation. To meet the challenges of the 4th industrial revolution, innovative skills development under TVET cooperation become more important.

High-quality development of special economic zones (SEZs) requires high-quality human resource. China has excellent TVET infrastructure. TVET cooperation with China is extremely important. I see a great scope of such cooperation in future. I hope that Tang Education Group will play its due role in capacity building of Pakistan's TVET infrastructure and high-quality human resource development through its dual degree programme.

I wish a complete success to the cooperation between Tang International Education Group and Pakistani academic institutions.

Long-Live Pakistan-China Friendship.

(Ba-zhong Youyi Wan Sui.)
