

2022 Global Smart Energy Summit Forum

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Respected Leaders,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and ni hao,

It gives me immense pleasure to join the ‘2022 Global Smart Energy Summit Forum’ and share my thoughts on a very important issue concerning the whole world today. Transformation to smart and green energy for achieving carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals is indeed an important topic for all our countries. I congratulate People’s government of Shandong province and China Smart Energy Industry Alliance for successfully holding this forum.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Energy is a key driver to economic growth and industrial development. Access to energy is considered central to reducing poverty, socio-economic development of a society and increasing employment opportunities. Therefore, energy security is an important part of our overall national security. However, a big challenge particularly for the developing countries is to transition from non-renewable resources of energy to clean energy and find a balance that ensures sustainable economic growth and protection of environment from climate change perspective.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Climate change is indeed a serious issue facing the whole world today. Pakistan is particularly affected by it. Pakistan contributes less than 1% to global carbon emissions but ranks fifth among the countries most vulnerable to climate change. The recent monsoon-induced unprecedented floods in Pakistan have demonstrated severity of the threat posed by the climate change especially to the developing countries.

We are making efforts to improve our climate, reduce carbon emissions and increase the share of renewable energy in our national energy mix. Just as President Xi Jinping has announced to achieve carbon peak by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060, Pakistan endeavors to shift our energy mix to 60% clean energy by 2030 by untapping country’s vast renewable energy potential.

In this regard, Pakistan and China are closely cooperating with each other. During the recently held 11th meeting of CPEC JCC, both sides agreed to strengthen cooperation in energy planning, skills training, etc. so as to push

forward the energy mix optimization and upgrade the capacity building of energy governance in Pakistan.

During the visit of Prime Minister of Pakistan to China earlier this month, the leadership of the two countries also discussed development of renewable energy projects in Pakistan which aligns with the green, low carbon and environmental development of energy sector, with the participation of Chinese companies.

We are also going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on “Development of Renewable Energy Projects in Pakistan” under the framework of CPEC to substitute power generation from traditional fuels with solar PV generation by setting up large solar plants.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In addition to the enhanced focus on renewable energy projects being jointly implemented under and outside the CPEC framework, the issues related to environmental protection, biodiversity, ecology and afforestation have assumed great importance in our bilateral cooperation. We have recently launched China-Pakistan Green Corridor to institutionalize bilateral cooperation in this key area.

Moreover, Pakistan and China, under the framework of Global Development Initiative, which Pakistan has joined as first partner country, aim to strengthen cooperation in various fields including climate change. We believe that GDI is a historic initiative of President Xi Jinping which will effectively promote a balanced and inclusive global development partnership and accelerate the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Given the enormity of challenge posed by climate change, collective efforts are required to address the climate change issues and help each other in smooth transition to the clean energy. In recently concluded Climate Change Conference COP27, Pakistan as the Chair of G-77 played big role in the establishment of a “loss and damage” fund for vulnerable countries hit hard by climate – related disasters which includes Pakistan. It is a significant development and will benefit us in building our capacity to mitigate the effects of climate change and strengthen our efforts for clean energy development.

At the end, I wish this Forum a great success. China has become a global leader in clean energy development and Chinese companies have the requisite advanced technologies for achieving energy efficiency. I hope this Forum will further promote energy digitization and clean energy development in the world.

Thank you !