

Esteemed Mr. Chen Xingliang, Secretary General of the Chinese Society of Forestry,
Honorable Vice President Yan Wende,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen: Dajia Hao,

I am very pleased to speak at the 3rd China-Pakistan Tropical Arid Non-Forest Science and Technology Exchange Conference. I congratulate the Chinese Society of Forestry and the Central University of Forestry and Technology for organizing this important gathering. I commend the role your organization plays in fostering robust bonds between our nations, particularly in the spheres of science, technology, agriculture, and forestry.

The enduring partnership between China and Pakistan stands as a testament to decades of engagement, exchanges and cooperation. Through the tireless efforts of successive generations, our bilateral relations have blossomed into All Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership which is characterized by high degree of political trust, strategic communication, and tangible cooperation.

Collaboration and exchanges in the field of science and technology remains a high priority area for our countries. The establishment of Joint Working Group on Science and Technology within the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a testament to this shared commitment.

Just last month, Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Anwarul Haq Kaakar had substantive and fruitful engagements with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang on the occasion of 3rd Belt and Road Forum. These bilateral interactions reaffirmed our collective resolve to pursue the high-quality development of CPEC.

Together, we are working to chart a visionary path for the forthcoming decade, ensuring that the dividends from CPEC's inaugural phase are disseminated equitably and widely, with science and technology steering the way.

President Xi's visionary discourse at the 3rd Belt and Road Forum, outlining the trajectory of CPEC with a focus on green development and AI, serves as an inspiration.

Operationalizing the vision into tangible societal benefits requires enhanced focus on promoting people-to-people exchanges. Initiatives such as this exchange conference that promote dialogue, foster research collaborations, and engage our youth, hold immense significance. These initiatives empower them as active contributors in shaping our collective destiny.

I once again deeply appreciate and convey my best wishes for a productive and successful conference. Thank you.