

## ***CPEC a mystery project between two reliable friends***

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Tayaba Anwar is group leader of CPEC a mystery project between two reliable friends research group of Political Science and International Relations, Government College for Women University, Faisalabad, Pakistan. Traditionally Pak-Sino relations are based on military-oriented at a large scale but now it commencing of the new relationship which is more economic-oriented concentrating on trade, investment and energy cooperation. In this way, it is projecting towards opening the new doors of relations between two reliable friends and has credible to further deepen the economic relations between China and Pakistan. Therefore it has been declared as a game-changer or fate changer for regional and global geopolitics because it is one of the leading Chinese overseas investment projects till to date. Moreover, the CPEC could serve as driving force to bring the other neighboring states of like Iran, India, Afghanistan and the Central Asian Republics for the economic integration of the entire region. The project has invested 10 billion USD alone on infrastructure development that will renew Pakistan's frail communication system and could transport trade merchandise from Pakistan to China, Middle East and across the regional level and then at a global level. However, at this stage, CPEC is by all accounts a bilateral enterprise between China and Pakistan but in the long run, it has the visions to be a multilateral project.

### **Building Ties**

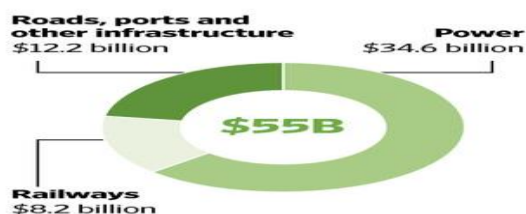
China has made Pakistan a key partner through infrastructure investment, much of it in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects.

#### **Top recipients of Chinese infrastructure investment**



Sources: BMI Research (recipients); Pakistan government

#### **Planned CPEC investment**



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