

# MEDIA COVERAGE



**PIDE, Tsinghua University Meeting**

## Web Editions

**The News International**

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1294115-exploring-bold-economic-fix-for-pakistan>

**Islamabad Post**

<https://islamabadpost.com.pk/pide-tsinghua-university-explore-bold-economic-fix-for-pakistan/>

**APP Pakistan**

<https://www.app.com.pk/business/pide-tsinghua-university-explore-bold-economic-fix-for-pakistan/>

**Lead Pakistan**

<https://leadpakistan.com.pk/news/pide-tsinghua-university-explore-bold-economic-fix-for-pakistan/>

**DNA News**

<https://dnanews.com.pk/pide-tsinghua-university-explore-bold-economic-fix-for-pakistan/>

**The Asian Telegraph**

<https://theasiantelegraph.global/?p=26705>

**Voice of Melange**

<https://voiceofmelange.global/?p=24851>

# Exploring bold economic fix for Pakistan

## Our correspondent

Islamabad

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) held a high-level meeting with Prof David Daokui Li, Mansfield Freeman Chair Professor at Tsinghua University, China, to deliberate on Pakistan's economic challenges and explore areas for strategic collaboration.

Dr Nasir Iqbal, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor, who led the PIDE team pre-

sented the institute's National Economic Transformation Plan, to Prof Li. The plan focuses on key pillars of exports, digital transformation, environment & climate change, energy & infrastructure, and equity & empowerment. These components together outline a roadmap for inclusive and sustainable development in Pakistan, said a statement.

Prof Li engaged the team in a wide-ranging discussion on Pakistan's macroeconomic growth trajectory, fis-

cal imbalances, energy challenges, trade relations and the ongoing IMF programme. The PIDE team emphasised that low productivity remains a critical constraint to Pakistan's economic development. Dr Nasir highlighted that addressing this issue through targeted technology transfer and capacity-building is essential for future growth.

He further emphasised that engagement with China offers a strategic opportunity to overcome these constraints

through mutual cooperation.

In response to Prof Li's queries regarding short-term collaborative interventions, the PIDE team proposed a sectoral agenda for Pakistan-China cooperation. This included the auto industry (leveraging Chinese expertise to enhance production and technology), renewable energy (particularly solar), industrial development (expanding local manufacturing), agriculture (modern machinery and practices), the power sector (im-

proved infrastructure and distribution), trade and connectivity and the establishment of joint research and development centres.

A shared vision emerged around developing an indigenous economic model for Pakistan that integrates social capital, equitable development and digital transformation, especially under the E-Pakistan initiative. Prof Li expressed strong support for this approach and acknowledged the relevance of the framework.

March 22, 2025

# PIDE, Tsinghua University explore bold economic fix for Pakistan

**Commerce Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) held a high-level meeting with Professor David Daokui Li, Mansfield Freeman Chair Professor at Tsinghua University, China, to deliberate on Pakistan's economic challenges and explore areas for strategic collaboration. The PIDE delegation was led by Dr. Nasir Iqbal, Registrar, and included Dr. Shujaat Farooq (Chief of Research), Dr. Usman Qadir (Senior Research Economists), Ms. Afia Malik (Senior Research Economists), Dr. Mehmood Khalid (Senior Research Economists), Dr. Muhammad Zeshan (Research



Fellows) and Dr. Muhammad Faisal (Research Fellows).

Dr. Nasir Iqbal presented the Pakistan's flagship initia-

tive, the 5E National Economic Transformation Plan, to

Professor Li. The plan focuses on five key pillars: Exports, E-Pakistan (digital transformation), Environment & Climate Change, Energy & Infrastructure, and Equity & Empowerment. These components together outline a roadmap for inclusive and sustainable development in Pakistan.

Professor Li engaged the team in a wide-ranging discussion on Pakistan's macroeconomic growth trajectory, fiscal imbalances, energy challenges, trade relations, and the ongoing IMF program. The PIDE team emphasized that low productivity remains a critical constraint to Pakistan's economic development.

March 22, 2025

# PIDE, Tsinghua University Explore Bold Economic Fix for Pakistan

■ STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) held a high-level meeting with Professor David Daokui Li, Mansfield Freeman Chair Professor at Tsinghua University, China, to deliberate on Pakistan's economic challenges and explore areas for strategic collaboration. The PIDE delegation was led by

Dr. Nasir Iqbal, Registrar and Acting Vice Chancellor, and included Dr. Shujaat Farooq (Chief of Research), Dr. Usman Qadir (Senior Research Economists), Ms. Afia Malik (Senior Research Economists), Dr. Mehmood Khalid (Senior Research Economists), Dr. Muhammad Zeshan (Research Fellows) and Dr. Muhammad Faisal (Research Fellows).

Dr. Nasir Iqbal presented the insti-

tute's flagship initiative, the 5E National Economic Transformation Plan, to Professor Li. The plan focuses on five key pillars: Exports, E-Pakistan (digital transformation), Environment & Climate Change, Energy & Infrastructure, and Equity & Empowerment. These components together outline a roadmap for inclusive and sustainable development in Pakistan.