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Abstract

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an important Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) project that integrates many countries. The CPEC project will play a vital role to make more strong relationship between China and Pakistan. CPEC project will enhance cooperation between Pakistan and China in field of socio-cultural and regional Bilateral Cooperation and exchange. Despite growth between two countries in the economic and trade field, there is a vital area to explore the cultural exchange, cooperation, and communication needed to improve from both sides. In this theoretical study method, the data has been obtained from primary and secondary sources. The primary sources consisted of books, official databases of China and Pakistan, MoU signed b/w both countries, etc., as the secondary sources consisted of research papers, newspapers, journals, online databases, etc. This paper has an analytical overview of the time value and general cultural and artistic exchanges between China and Pakistan. Further, the paper discussed the relationship between literature, art, and economics. In this paper, researchers have also examined the significant role of people-to-people contact for socio-cultural exchange and cooperation between China and Pakistan.

Graphic Abstract

Developments in Socio-Cultural Exchange through CPEC

- Chinese Quest to spread the Literature and Art through CPEC
- Relationship of between CPEC and Literature and art
- The Time value of CPEC for Socio-Cultural Exchange
- General Situation of Cultural and Artistic Exchanges between China and Pakistan
- The Role of Social Media in Improving Contacts between People
- Socio-Cultural Exchange Road map for Bilateral Cooperation

- Challenges for Socio-Cultural Exchange and current Practice
- Result & Discussion
- Conclusion

Keywords: Socio-Cultural Exchange, People To People Contact, Bilateral Cooperation, Literature and Art, Social Media, China Pakistan Economic Corridor.
1-Introduction

“Silk Road” is 2000 years old project that is well known as the “Belt and Road Initiative” (BRI). In fact, Belt and Road Initiative is a Chinese initiative for global development in which included industrial zones, communication infrastructure, the energy infrastructure in Asia, Africa, Europe, Americas, Middle East and international organizations.

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Figure: 1

Cooperation between China and BRI countries can play a crucial role to complete BRI projects. Thus, this study aims to explore the area of socio-culture exchange and cooperation in this field and its current scenario and future challenges. As Ali & Geng, (2018) expressed, the cooperation between China and BRI countries can play a vital role in completing every task. So that the cooperation will also play a vital role to bring socio-cultural exchanges, people contact and introduced different cultures that would be helpful for people to know about other peoples, language, and customs. People will travel in different countries through this road for material exchange and take part in cultural exchange. As well as knowledge about technology, crafts, literature, art, and science shared through BRI countries, cultures and languages will be developed and influenced on each other. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a critical BRI project that integrates many countries through the CPEC and CPEC project and will play a vital role in making stronger relationships between China and Pakistan. In the beginning, CPEC project value was $46 billion and now the current value is $62 billion for the development of communication infrastructure, transportation and energy projects. These projects are game-changers for Pakistan (Asif & Ling, 2019).

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Pak-China has long history of cultural communication since the establishment of ancient Silk Road. Cultural exchange and cultural cooperation gradually increased during this time. In spite of growth between China-Pakistan in the field of economic and trade, there is a vital area of cultural cooperation and communication that need to improve from both sides. Under the CPEC project, there is a need to emphasize cultural cooperation and cultural communication in other areas covered in this project. Many fruitful exchanges and cooperation in different fields such as sports, education, Literature, art, cultural relics, information, youth affairs, women affairs, health, publications, archives, and etc. Chinese art troupes visited in various Pakistan cities and performed folk songs, dance, acrobatic, and performed traditional instrumental. President Xi delivered a speech during the 18th Shanghai
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