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The Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL) proudly houses the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS), a pioneering initiative dedicated to advancing research, promotion, and education in Chinese legal studies within Pakistan. Established in October 2019, CCLS stands as the first center of its kind in the country, focused on exploring and integrating Chinese legal perspectives.

The Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) profoundly appreciates the unwavering support and commitm-

-ent from the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL). This invaluable support has significantly bolstered our initiatives in promoting Chinese language, culture, and law in Pakistan, while also enhancing our research contributions to the field. This bulletin stands as a testament to SAHSOL's steadfast dedication and enduring partnership, which continue to propel our shared vision forward, fostering greater academic and cultural understanding between our nations.

## Message from the

*Director*

I am pleased to share the fifth issue of the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) Bulletin. Over the past year, with immense support from SAHSOL, CCLS has been actively engaged in numerous activities and initiatives, demonstrating remarkable progress in its mission to foster cultural and academic exchange between Pakistan and China. Among the year's highlights was the gracious pledge of support from His Excellency Consul General Zhao Shiren for CCLS's various initiatives, marking a memorable moment of our journey.

CCLS has provided a unique opportunity for LUMS students by offering HSK2 preparatory courses for the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp held in Ganzhou, China, allowing them to gain firsthand experience with Chinese culture. Additionally, the centre introduced a 6-week course aimed at mastering elementary Mandarin Chinese, open to individuals outside the LUMS community. CCLS has continued to foster academic dialogue and enrich students' understanding through the insightful CCLS Talk series and seminars featuring distinguished international speakers, discussing China's advancing role in the global arena.

Our commitment extends beyond academia. CCLS convened senior executives from the corporate world at LUMS to explore partnerships, contributing to research, training, and entrepreneurial activities. Moreover, we have established international partnerships with Jiangxi University of Science and Technology (JxUST) and actively engaged with the Chinese community through collaborations with organizations such as CIAL and LOCA.

As we enter a new year, we look forward to setting new goals and deepening our commitment to strengthening Pakistan-China relations through continued academic and cultural initiatives.

**Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah**

## Message from the

## *Operations & Outreach Lead*



This edition reflects our collective efforts and achievements over the past year, highlighting our unwavering commitment to fostering cultural and academic exchange between Pakistan and China.

As we look to the future, our focus is on expanding our research initiatives and deepening our collaborative engagements both internationally and locally. These projects will aim to contribute significantly to the academic community and provide valuable insights for practitioners in both regions.

Additionally, CCLS is committed to strengthening its international collaborations. We are actively pursuing partnerships with esteemed institutions and organizations worldwide to enhance our academic and cultural exchanges. Our goal is to create a more robust network of global partnerships that will facilitate joint research, knowledge sharing, and innovative projects.

Locally, we are focusing on expanding our collaborations with think tanks, academia and corporate entities. We believe that by fostering these relationships, we can drive impactful research, develop training programs, summer camp for kids and support entrepreneurial initiatives that align with our mission.

We look forward to your continued support and engagement as we advance these initiatives.

**Ms. Minahil Toor**



# MEET THE TEAM

## Ambassador Syed Hassan Raza

### Adjunct Faculty

Ambassador Syed Hassan Raza, an esteemed adjunct faculty member, brings a wealth of expertise honed through his distinguished career including his roles as Counsellor at Law and Special Foreign Secretary for Legal Affairs, Multilateral, and Middle East at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan. Ambassador Hassan Raza has adeptly navigated complex legal landscapes and advanced national interests globally. Serving as the High Commissioner of Pakistan to Malaysia and Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary to Qatar further showcases his diplomatic prowess. His academic background, featuring graduate studies in Comparative and International law from Columbia Law School and a Master's degree in International Affairs with a focus on South Asian Studies from Columbia SIPA, complements his practical experience.

## Muhammad Azam

### Centre Administration Specialist

Azam is a highly skilled professional with a strong academic background in Labour and Corporate Law, having completed his LLB (Hons) from Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. Currently, he is furthering his expertise with a Master's in Management Sciences from the University of Lahore. With over five years of experience at LUMS, Azam has honed his skills in budget management, procurement, internal audit, and coordination, making him a vital asset to the Centre. His role is multifaceted, involving technical and logistical support to ensure smooth operations of CCLS. He is a cornerstone of the Centre's operations, combining legal knowledge with management expertise to handle diverse challenges, confidently and competently.

## Ms. Hui Qi

### Adjunct Faculty

Hui Qi has an MPhil in Education Leadership and Management from LUMS, a postgraduate certificate in Hotel Management from Hotel Institute Montreux, Switzerland, and a Bachelor's in Financial Management from Dong Hua University, China. She is now a PhD student in the Management Program at Suleman Dawood School of Business from LUMS. Her research revolves around the Chinese language, ancient Chinese philosophy, education and CPEC. She brings real-world experience from the commercial and banking sectors. She has taught Chinese language in Pakistani universities for ten years. She has been the Vice President of the Chinese Business Council in Pakistan since 2021.

## Mirat Sattar

### Research Associate

Mirat completed her BA (Honours) in English from the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS), LUMS in 2020, and has since devoted her time to research on legal and human rights issues. She has worked on a number of research projects and capacity-building training workshops focused on women's economic empowerment, child rights, gender-based violence, gender sensitivity, and refugee rights, and her research interests include studying postcolonial and illegal occupations and foreign investments from an ecological perspective.

## Attia Sohail

### Research Associate

Attia completed her MPhil in Economics from the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS), LUMS, in 2020. Her research focuses on the intersection of child health and education outcomes. She has also worked with the Women Development Department, Government of Punjab, addressing issues related to violence against women. Attia has also worked with the World Bank on the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) project, evaluating the effectiveness of cash transfers for female recipients and analyzing the program's impact on service delivery and welfare outcomes.

## The Friendship Award 2023



Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah, Director of the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) and an Associate Professor at the Shaikh Ahmed Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL), LUMS, was awarded the prestigious Friendship Award 2023 by the Consul General of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Zhao Shireen. The award ceremony highlighted Dr. Shah's vital role in promoting Chinese culture, language, and legal studies. It also acknowledged his diverse contributions to academia and research, as well as his significant role in strengthening the relationship between LUMS and the Chinese Consulate.

## Strengthening Ties with the Chinese Consulate

H.E. Consul General Zhao Shiren pledged generous support to CCLS initiatives at the Chinese Lantern Festival held at LUMS. The event, hosted by CCLS under the invaluable guidance of SAHSOL, was attended by foreign dignitaries, members of the Chinese community, as well as students and faculty of LUMS. Expressing his commitment to strengthening Pakistan-China relations, the Consul General affirmed his commitment for various academic research projects, advocacy endeavors, and commemorative events.



During the inaugural note by His Excellency Consul General Zhao Shiren, he emphasized the importance of fostering mutual understanding and collaboration between the two brotherly nations. He highlighted the crucial role that academic institutions like CCLS can play in promoting Chinese studies, language, and culture in Pakistan.

"We, together with the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies at LUMS, can contribute towards fostering socio-political stability, and laying a strong foundation for economic growth and social development," remarked H.E. Consul General Zhao Shiren.

As a symbol of solidarity and friendship, Dr. Tariq Jadoon, Provost LUMS, accompanied H.E. Consul General Zhao Shiren to plant a tree outside the SAHSOL building. This gesture epitomized the enduring bond between the Consulate General and LUMS, symbolizing mutual support and collaboration between the two institutions.





# CCLS Corporate Dinner: Promoting Industry-Academia Linkages between China and Pakistan



The Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) at LUMS hosted a corporate dinner in June, bringing together senior executives from the corporate sector to discuss critical issues and explore areas of partnership that contribute to research, training, and entrepreneurial activities. CCLS is actively pursuing corporate linkages to navigate impactful areas that enhance cross-cultural understanding, promote research and development initiatives, and foster sustainable development through its platform. The event made possible with the generous support of SAHSOL, saw participation from key representatives in the chemical, textile, steel manufacturing, and telecommunications industries, along with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other corporate sectors.

The evening was marked by in-depth discussions on key themes crucial for mutual growth and cooperation between China and Pakistan. Participants focused on ways to bring cutting-edge technological advancements to Pakistan, enhancing educational and research collaboration, and promoting cultural exchange. Additionally, robust capacity-building efforts and the progress of the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC-II) project amidst political and



security challenges were also discussed. Mr. Chen Qiangxi, President of the Chinese Business Council, attended the event alongside other representatives of the Chinese community in Pakistan. Mr. Qiangxi recognized CCLS as a crucial platform for fostering collaborations and strategic partnerships between academia, industry, and the Chinese business community. He expressed readiness to partner with CCLS to achieve shared objectives, emphasizing the need to strengthen inter-sectoral connections for sustainable growth and enhanced bilateral relations.



The CCLS corporate dinner at LUMS served as a pivotal platform for in-depth discussions on critical issues shaping Pakistan-China relations and navigating the future of its collaborations. Participants engaged in exploring potential collaborations between academia and the corporate sector agreed to collectively tackle these challenges and enhance bilateral relations between Pakistan and China.







The event was attended by various other notable guests including Ahmed Jaudet, CEO at Sapphire Group; Mr. Shahid Alvi, Director of Human Resources at Haier-Ruba Pakistan; Col. Azam Tareen, Managing Director at Superior Links; Mr. Ashraf Rana, Director of SMT Steel Industries; LUMS alumnus (BSc 2014) Mr. Hamza Khalid, Vice President of the Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) and Director of Ittefaq Group Industries; Mr. Nazir Hussain, Additional Foreign Secretary (R), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Government of Pakistan; Mr. Syed Mohsin, Former Chairman of TEVTA; Mr. Khalid Chaudary, Managing Partner in KSA International Corporation; Mr. Zafar Iqbal, CEO, Sulfachem Industries; Farhan Zakir, Regional Director, Zong CMPak; Hassan Ali Regional Chief Technical Officer, Zong CMPak; and Brig. (R) Mansoor Saeed, CEO of Marvellous Business Solutions Ltd..





## Chinese Bridge Summer Camp

CCLS presented a unique opportunity to students, facilitating their participation in the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp organized by Jiangxi University of Science & Technology (JXUST) in China, held in July 2024. With a requirement to attain proficiency in HSK2 for this camp, CCLS has offered preparatory classes to students to ensure their participation.

Students will have the chance of their lifetime at this camp to explore the rich tapestry of Chinese culture, enriching their understanding while immersing themselves in this educational journey.



## Fostering Academic Dialogue

Under the esteemed direction of SAHSOL, CCLS has played a pivotal role in fostering academic dialogue and understanding among students by organizing insightful sessions aimed at broadening perspectives and enhancing knowledge. The inaugural session of the CCLS Talk Series 24 featured Dr. Humayun Bashir, a distinguished physician in Nuclear Medicine, who shared his expertise on "Globalization of Healthcare Technology and China - A Physician's Perspective." Dr. Bashir highlighted China's significant contributions to global healthcare technology, showcasing breakthroughs like PET-CT scans and innovative solutions by Shanghai United Imaging Healthcare.



We also had the privilege of virtually hosting Dr. Nadeem Omar Tarar, a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Texas, USA, renowned for his expertise in Gandhara cultural heritage and Buddhist heritage preservation in Pakistan. Dr. Tarar shared profound insights on "Bridging Nations: China-Pakistan Collaboration in Buddhist Tourism." Dr. Tarar's session emphasized the critical importance of China's support in Buddhist religious tourism and the economic potential of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He also discussed the transformative impact of strategic partnerships and infrastructure development in unlocking Pakistan's rich Buddhist heritage, ultimately positioning the country as a prominent player in the global landscape of heritage tourism.





# Chinese Language Course for External Audience



CCLS introduced a 6-week course aimed at mastering elementary Mandarin Chinese, catering to absolute beginners above the age of 18. This initiative, open to external community members, provided comprehensive language instruction and cultural immersion. Participants not only received a certificate of completion but also experienced an authentic journey into China's rich cultural heritage, guided by experienced native instructor, Ms. Hui Qi. We received an overwhelming response to enrollment in the course, reflecting the community's strong interest in learning Chinese language and culture.

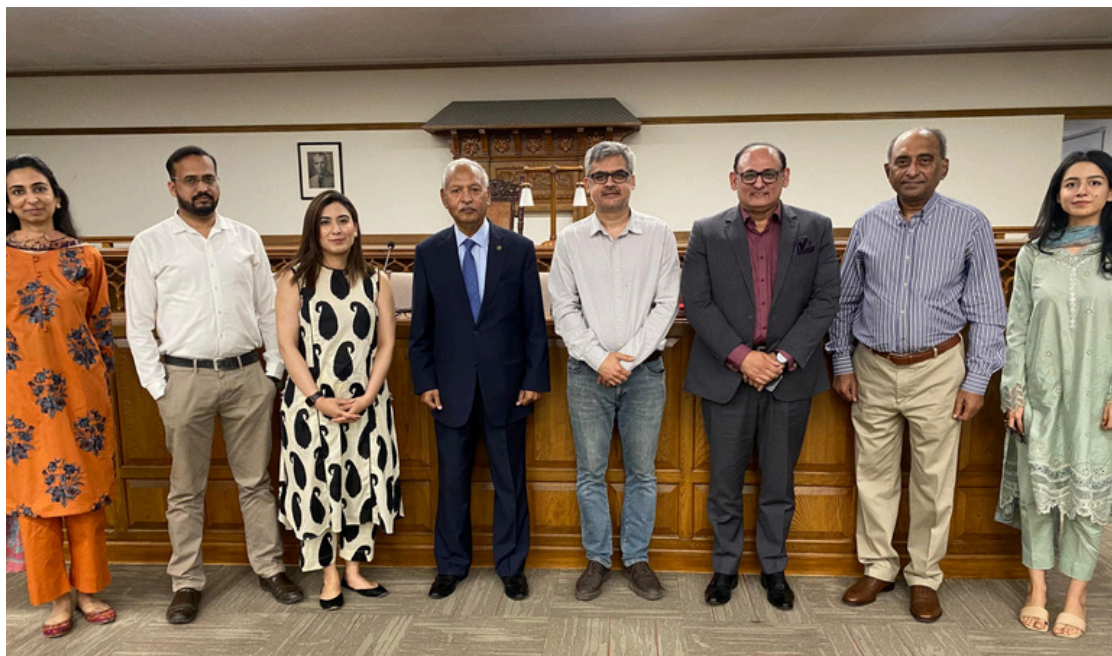




## Celebrating 11 years of CPEC: Connecting Nations, Building Futures



A seminar titled "Celebrating 11 years of CPEC: Connecting Nations, Building Futures" marked the 11th anniversary of CPEC. Esteemed speakers, including Dr. Hassan Butt, Former CEO, KP BOIT; Dr. Safdar Ali Shah, Director General CPEC HEC; and Dr. Sikandar Shah, discussed the socioeconomic impacts of CPEC projects on Pakistan and the academic collaborations between Chinese and Pakistani universities. Discussions also addressed future CPEC projects such as the Arabian Sea CAREC corridor and Gwadar's development plans, signalling a promising trajectory for CPEC.



## Budding Partnerships

CCLS, under the exceptional expertise of SAHSOL, has significantly forged ties with the Lahore Overseas Chinese Association (LOCA) through active participation in various events over time. On the eve of the Chinese New Year, a collaborative inaugural ceremony brought together CCLS, Chinese International Academy Lahore (CIAL), LOCA, and other key stakeholders to celebrate the enduring partnership between Pakistan and China. Additionally, CCLS joined members of the Chinese community to celebrate the Dumpling Festival at the Lahore Overseas Chinese Association (LOCA).



CCLS also reached a remarkable milestone in its collaboration for cross-border exchange in language and culture by signing two significant MoUs with CIAL and JXUST. These agreements mark a crucial step forward in promoting cultural exchange and academic collaboration between the institutions.



## CCLS Celebrates Dragon Boat Festival at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad

The Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) was represented by Ms. Minahil Toor, Operations and Outreach Lead, at the Dragon Boat Festival celebration organized by the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad. The event was graced by the presence of the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) of the Chinese Embassy, Mr. Shi Yuanqiang, and various diplomats



who have served in building relationships with China, including Former Ambassador Moin ul Haque, Former Ambassador Masood Khalid, and Former Ambassador Naghmana Hashmi, along with dignitaries from think tanks and members of the Foreign Ministry.

## CCLS meets the Centre of Excellence for CPEC (COE-CPEC)

Ms. Minahil Toor, Operations and Outreach Lead at CCLS, engaged with Dr. Liaqat Ali Shah, Executive Director and Head of the Policy Division—Trade and Industry Cooperation at the Centre of Excellence for CPEC (CoE-CPEC),



to explore potential collaborations mainly focusing on research and capacity building. The CoE-CPEC, a key initiative of the Ministry of Planning Development and Reform, supports CPEC through research, policy advisory, and skill development initiatives. This meeting was a part of the Centre's efforts and commitment to establish diverse partnerships with government sectors and civil society organizations in order to strengthen its impact and broaden its reach.

## Engagement with the Chinese Community

The Centre for Chinese Legal Studies played a dynamic role at the Sports Carnival '24, LUMS, launching the "East Meets Quest" gaming stall with short minute-to-win-it games. This initiative combined entertainment and education, attracting 943 students from various academic institutes nationwide. Attendees engaged in interactive games, fostering discussions on Chinese Legal Studies and promoting awareness of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).







Furthermore, our students were given an exclusive opportunity to join the celebrations hosted by CIAL on International Women's Day. From calligraphy to authentic Chinese tea rituals, there were activities for all to participate in and immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Chinese culture. This event provided a unique cultural experience for our students, fostering a deeper understanding of Chinese traditions and customs.



# Credited Courses

## Chinese Language Courses

### HSK Level 1 Course:

The HSK Level 1 course introduces Mandarin Chinese, focusing on basic vocabulary, essential grammar, and practical communication skills. Topics include greetings, daily routines, and common expressions, building a foundation in both spoken and written communication for everyday scenarios.

### HSK Level 2 Course:

The HSK Level 2 course prepares students for the level 2 exam by teaching necessary grammar and vocabulary. It covers verb usage, expressions, descriptions, and inquiries in Mandarin, along with more complex sentence structures. Students learn to describe events, compare experiences, and articulate emotions, enhancing their conversational skills and character recognition to advance in the HSK exam.

## China and Global Governance

"China and Global Governance" is a course that explores the evolving dynamics of the international system, focusing on China's role and impact. It addresses political, legal, and social issues, human rights, and security, and examines global governance debates involving states, organizations, civil society, and corporations. The course highlights China's economic rise, its integration into global decision-making, and achievements in poverty alleviation and contributions to environmental, financial, and health governance. It also critically examines China's one-party governance model and the "China and the Rules-Based Order" to analyze differing international norms. Students will gain insights into international relations and governance complexities in the 21st century.