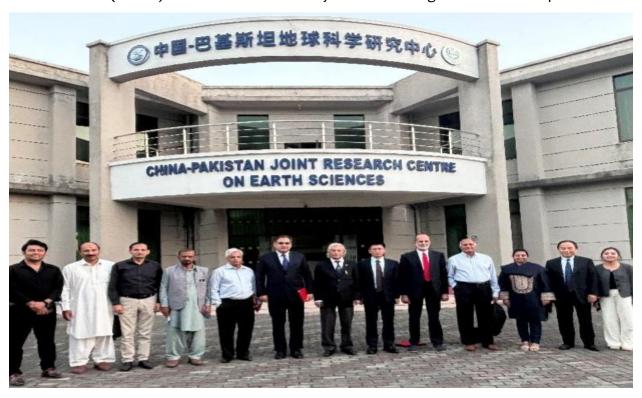
## **COLLOQUIUM ON THE GEOGRAPHY OF PAKISTAN**

Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, the CEO of PDRE (Peace, Development, Research, and Education) participated in the third annual China-Pakistan Geographical Cooperation Research Promotion Meeting in Islamabad on November 4, 2024. The China-Pakistan Joint Research Center for Earth Sciences (CPJRC) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences organized the colloquium.



Colloquium Participants` Group Photo

Prof. Dr. Hong Tianhua, Executive Director of the CPJRC Chaired the meeting. Prof Dr. Su Lijun, Director of the CPJRC and Deputy Director of the Chengdu Mountain Institute in his speech expressed gratitude to the Pakistani participants and reviewed the significance, purpose, and expected results of the project Pakistan country study, which was conducted by both countries, as well as the progress of the work since its launch this year.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Qasim Jan emphasized that the systematic geographical cooperation research between China and Pakistan has far-reaching significance and will provide solid scientific and technological support for promoting regional sustainable development. He hoped that Pakistani participants would cooperate with the heads of various Chinese chapters to continuously advance and complete the relevant results within the expected time.



At the meeting, Prof. Qasim Jan and Prof. Su Lijun also jointly issued appointment letters to the project leaders of Pakistan. The project leaders at the meeting gave detailed exchanges and reports on the project's progress and the next work plan.



Prof Dr. Zahid Anwar shared information about chapter 8 of the book on Pakistan's Political, cultural, and social geography. He thanked the Chinese Academy of Sciences especially Prof Dr Liu Hui and Dr Li Tao, Northwest University Xian who is the Chinese Coordinator of chapter 8, and iterated that he and his colleagues would complete the chapter as scheduled. Prof. Anwar congratulated Ms Li Wanhong, the Program Coordinator of CPJRC, and Dr Bazai, a Research assistant, at CPJRC, for organizing such a successful colloquium.



Pakistani heads of various subjects from the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Meteorological Department, Jinnah University, University of Peshawar, Faisalabad Agricultural University, and other institutions attended the meeting.

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