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**Vice Admiral
Engr. Abid Hameed HI(M)
Rector Bahria University**

Bahria University has been progressively expanding its academic engagement with Chinese universities and institutions, with a focus on research, knowledge exchange and new opportunities for our students and faculty.

During my recent visit to China as part of the HEC delegation, I had the opportunity to represent Bahria University in a meeting with the President of the Chinese Association of Higher Education (CAHE). The discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration in Maritime Studies and Contemporary Technologies, particularly in academic exchange, research and innovation.

The visit also opened avenues for further engagement with Chinese universities, including Beijing Language and Culture University, with discussions on the proposed Maritime Sinology Centre at Bahria University Karachi Campus.

We look forward to building on these engagements and strengthening Bahria University's academic and institutional links with China through meaningful and mutually beneficial collaboration.

Bahria University Explores New Horizons for Academic Collaboration with China

The relationship between Pakistan and China has evolved over more than seven decades into a close and enduring partnership founded on mutual respect, trust, and shared interests. Pakistan was among the first countries to recognise the People's Republic of China following its establishment in 1949, and the diplomatic relations between the two countries were formally established on 21 May 1951, laying the foundation for a relationship that has continued to deepen over the decades. The two countries have steadily expanded cooperation in diplomacy, defence, education, trade, infrastructure, science, technology, and culture. China is Pakistan's largest trading partner; while Pakistan is China's second-largest trading partner in South Asia. The launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) further expanded the economic dimension of this relationship by creating new opportunities for connectivity, infrastructure development, investment, trade, and regional cooperation.

Bahria University Established the Pak-China Study & Research Center (PCSRC)

Building on this collaboration, Bahria University established the Pak-China Study & Research Center (PCSRC) as an institutional platform to contribute to this longstanding friendship through research, education, innovation, economic cooperation, and people-to-people engagement.

Over the years, Bahria University has developed meaningful academic and institutional linkages with Chinese universities through faculty development, academic exchanges, language training, research collaboration, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Various BU faculty members have pursued Master's, PhD and post-doctoral qualifications in China, while members of the BU community have also received training in the Chinese language. The University has also contributed to CPEC-related academic discourse by organizing seminars, conferences, and workshops, while its researchers have produced 54 CPEC-related publications. Faculty mobility has further strengthened these ties, with three faculty members participating in exchange activities in 2023 and one in 2024, in addition to a three-month academic visit to China by a faculty member. The University also has submitted CPEC-related research proposals to HEC, demonstrating its continued commitment to research-driven contributions to Pakistan-China economic cooperation. Further strengthening these academic ties, BU has formalized an MoU with the China Sinology Center (CSC) for the establishment of a specialized China research facility at Bahria University Lahore Campus, aimed at promoting cross-cultural research, and knowledge creation between Pakistan and China.

Bahria University currently has linkages with thirteen Chinese universities and institutions, providing opportunities for research, knowledge exchange, academic mobility, and joint initiatives. Currently, 21 Chinese students are studying at BU making China among the 28 nationalities represented within Bahria University's international student community.

The Pak-China Study & Research Center (PCSRC) serves as an institutional platform for this wider engagement. Through the Centre, Bahria University seeks to connect academic knowledge with opportunities in trade, investment, technology, entrepreneurship, logistics, language, and culture, while creating greater scope for interaction among institutions, researchers, students, businesses, and communities in Pakistan and China. This engagement is further supported by a broad institutional consortium comprising 40 Chinese universities and 93 Pakistani universities, providing a platform for academic exchange, research, innovation, and collaboration across a range of fields.

The University also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China

Sinology Industrial Management (CSIM) in December 2025, marking another step towards strengthening institutional cooperation in Chinese studies, language, culture, and related academic initiatives. The collaboration is intended to provide opportunities for joint academic activities, knowledge exchange, and further development of China-focused studies at the University.

As part of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) delegation to China in July 2026, Rector Bahria University, Vice Admiral Engr. Abid Hameed HI(M), represented the University in a meeting with the President of the Chinese Association of Higher Education (CAHE). Discussions centred on strengthening institutional partnerships and exploring opportunities for academic exchange, research, and innovation, particularly in Maritime Studies and Contemporary Technologies. The Rector also presented a Bahria University souvenir to the President of CAHE as a gesture of goodwill.



The visit also brought forward a new area of potential collaboration with Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), a member of the CPEC Consortium. BLCU expressed interest in working with the ten Pakistani universities participating in the Consortium, including Bahria University. While the participating universities are pursuing collaboration across different areas, the proposed collaboration with Bahria University focuses on the establishment of a Maritime Sinology Centre at Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC).

The proposed Centre would provide a platform for Chinese language and cultural studies, academic exchange, research, and joint initiatives, with a particular focus on the maritime domain. Following the Rector's visit to China, subsequent discussions and follow-up engagements at HEC have contributed to the consideration of the Centre's scope and possible modes of implementation. The proposed Maritime Sinology Centre and the CSIM collaboration are currently under process, with efforts focused on developing practical academic linkages, research activities, language and cultural studies, and joint initiatives related to maritime affairs.

The University's engagement with China has also extended to the diplomatic level. A Chinese Embassy delegation led by Mr. Chen Peng visited Bahria University for an engagement focused on strengthening academic, cultural, and institutional ties between Pakistan and China. The delegation met Rector Bahria University, Vice Admiral Engr. Abid Hameed HI(M), and held discussions on areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration. During the visit, the delegation toured key university facilities, including the Auditorium, Chinese Language Lab, Computer Labs, and Media House/Media Studies facilities.

The University is also creating opportunities for students and faculty to gain direct exposure to China. As part of its continued efforts to strengthen educational and people-to-people ties, Bahria University is facilitating an Exclusive International Study tour to China for its students and faculty, providing opportunities for academic exposure, cultural understanding, and international learning.



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built on trust, respect
and shared progress



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& Institutions

Academic linkages with
Bahria University for
research, innovation
and knowledge
exchange



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CPEC-Related
Publications

Contributing to policy
dialogue and research
on shared development



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Chinese
Students at BU

Enriching campus
diversity and mutual
understanding



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