

The Cooperation and Cultural Exchanges Between China and Afghanistan Under the Belt and Road Initiative

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Afghanistan is a country that has good neighboring relations with China. Both countries were linked and had a relationship by the Silk Road, and both countries have a long history of cultural exchanges. Since the establishment of a new Afghanistan and a new Afghan government in 2001, China has helped and supported to promote and improve Afghanistan's social, economic, and reconstruction, and at the same time China has invested resources heavily in Afghanistan's reconstruction.

In 2013, the one of the best opportunities "Belt and Road Initiative" proposed by the government of the People's Republic of China provided an opportunity for assistance, promoting, and reconstructing Afghanistan. Participating in the initiative, Afghanistan is at a crossroad and heart of Asia in the Belt and Road Initiative, it can help much of Afghanistan to activate the economy of Afghanistan and promote cross-border trade in Afghanistan. The Belt and Road Initiative has changed and promoted the Afghanistan situation and at the same time solves the problems of reconstruction in Afghanistan.

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Introduction

The second century BC, the Silk and Road between Afghanistan and China was opened by the Chinese ambassador Zhang Qian in the Tang Dynasty, the Master Che Hongcai studied in Afghanistan in 1959 and then become professor of Pashtu literature and he compiled the Pashto-Chinese dictionary (Che & Zhang, 2015). And at the same time professor Zhang Min, who also was studying in Afghanistan and wrote culture and society in Afghanistan (Zhang, 2007). Two countries were good neighbors and had best diplomatic relations trade relations especially cultural exchange relations in the past and present, and China increased investment in Afghanistan reconstruction after 2001, and the both countries have also closer relations.

Purpose of study: To shed more light on the cooperation and cultural exchanges between China and Afghanistan under the Belt and Road Initiative, and The modern rebuilding relationship between China and Afghanistan, and at the same time have concentrate, on the Cultural exchanges between China and Afghanistan, and China-Afghanistan Relationship under Belt and Road Initiative. Further, focus on the relations of both country as good friends in future by the conducting Belt and Road Initiative in Afghanistan by People Republic of China to cooperate and promote Afghanistan economy.

The Modern Rebuilding Relationship Between China and Afghanistan

After the fall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in 2001, the Afghanistan government began reconstruction process. China supported in the reconstruction and promote of Afghanistan. Chinas support and cooperation relationship was established among China and Afghanistan to improve and promote the reconstruction of Afghanistan in different aspects of afghan life.

Further, after the new Afghanistan and new government was established, the People Republic of China government promote the cultural relations, economic relations, trade relations and cooperation in different aspects of afghan society with the Afghanistan. From 2002 to 2010, Karzai president of Afghanistan visited china 4 times. The communication between China and Afghanistan shows they are good

neighbors. At the same time China helps Afghanistan in the process of Afghanistan reconstruction and support international mechanism for the Afghanistan reconstruction.

Moreover, China as neighbor of Afghanistan has actively supported, promoted and participated in the improvement and promotion of peace and reconstruction in Afghanistan. First, China has paid more attention to create and establish close cultural, economic and diplomatic relations and ties with Afghanistan and works hard for the foundation, promoting and development of relations between two countries.

In the 2006, Afghanistan and China government signed 14 agreements. And both countries announced the friendship and partnership, which included cooperation between both countries in the field of economy, agriculture, cultural, tourism and extra. And both countries signed the Treaty of good-neighborliness and friendly cooperation between the people Republic of China and Afghanistan.

During 2001 to 2010 China supported and invested in different aspects of Afghanistan reconstruction. And China trade with the Afghanistan grow rapidly, and China helps Afghanistan goods to export and promote. In 2006 China allowed 287 kinds of goods to export from Afghanistan to China without tariffs. China has become Afghanistan important trading partner. China support Afghanistan since BRI was launched in 2013.

Cultural Exchanges between China and Afghanistan

Cultural exchange through the Silk Road was as diverse as the trade of the goods and products, the Silk Road in the UNESCO Plan had been termed as the "Road of Dialogue" to facilitate the dialogue between Eastern countries. Adding that Kabul government fully supports and confirms the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Afghan and Chinese investors are able to invest in both countries with the use of projects related to Silk Road. The reconstruction of WA khan Corridor in

Badakhshan province, Afghanistan, an important gateway in Silk Road, is crucial for economic and commercial growth of Afghanistan and the region.

It is self-evident that the megaproject of BRI carries much significance for Afghanistan, which intends to regain its historical position as an Asian transit and trade roundabout connecting South Asia to Central Asia and East Asia to West Asia. That is, Afghanistan is situated at the heart of Asia and its provinces of Bamyan, Balkh, Kabul, Herat and Kandahar formed some of the key Silk Road passages which business, culture, and syncretic philosophies flowed through which Eurasia. Reiterating cultural exchanges between China and Afghanistan, Gansu and Bamyan were two sister cities, two cultural and historical sisters and the symbol of shared culture and history between Afghanistan and China.

It is believed that comparing only to a decade ago, the level of understanding between Afghan and Chinese nations have increased since the cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts have been promoted between the two countries. The level of public understanding about China has increased in Afghanistan and Afghan nation views China as a sincere friend, which is in pursuit of peace and stability and continues its relations on the basis of mutual respect and mutual trust. In other words, with the traveling of Afghan officials, media delegates, students and businessmen to China and the scholarships Chinese government provided to Afghan students, the public understanding about China has promoted in Afghanistan. With the continuation of the exchanges, both nations will understand more about each other and will enjoy more friendly relations in the future.

China is strongly determined to promote cultural exchanges between China and the outside world, seek regional peace and stability and take more concrete steps in building a community with shared future for mankind. China also seeks to open wider to the outside world with the aim of enhancing mutual relations, promoting multilateralism and contributing to regional economy. Moreover, Chinese officials along with many world leaders believe that the BRI is not necessarily a road to focus on economy but it is also a route of cultural exchanges and route of dialogue among nations for more understanding and building stronger trust, which will also contribute to global peace and stability and promote the spirit of ancient Silk Road and the spirit of brotherhood among nations of different cultures.

China-Afghanistan Relationship under Belt and Road Initiative

In 2013 Belt and Road Initiative began in Afghanistan by the proposed of the People Republic of China, and the purpose of this initiative between China and Afghanistan is to promote the prosperity and development of countries to establish community of share culture and shared future. Belt and Road project is road of cooperation and road of hope between People Republic of China and Afghanistan. The China Belt and Road Initiative is one of the best opportunity for Afghanistan's improvement, prosperity and stability in future of Afghanistan's people.

In recent years the relations between China and Afghanistan under the Belt and Road Initiative have developed rapidly. From 2011, Afghanistan and China have improved much in different aspects, and recent China pays much attention to Afghanistan reconstruction and stability.

At the same time China and Afghanistan reached to a consensus on the Belt and Road Initiative, both countries together promote this initiative. This project has especial effect on Afghanistan economy and this project will support Afghanistan to reduce the external aid in future. Further, by the putting forward Belt and Road Initiative Afghanistan showed more interesting and Afghanistan came under framework of Belt and Road Initiative.

In 2017 Afghanistan as part of the Belt and Road Initiative began more cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative framework. In the 2016 train's way opened between China and Afghanistan under the Belt and Road and began import and export among two countries.

China Scholarships for Afghan students under the Belt and Road Initiative

China provide 150 seat of annual scholarships for Afghanistan students for further and continue their study in China with the high quality of education and best facilities and under the Belt and Road Initiative. I am also one of the those afghan students in China I came to continue my study and to get master degree department

of cross cultural language and communication at Communication University of China from 2017 to 2019 under the Belt and Road Initiative in Afghanistan.

Conclusion

Historically, the ancient Silk Road linked Afghanistan and China and this road were witnessed of the friendly, good relations and prosperity of the both countries People Republic of China and Afghanistan. In 2013 one the best opportunity under the name of Belt and Road Initiative provided by China for the promoting, improving and reconstruction of Afghanistan to resolve problems and challenges of Afghanistan. This project (BRI) will help Afghanistan to promote trade of Afghanistan, contribute to the prosperity and stability of modern Afghanistan. At the same time Afghanistan is crossroad country of Asia a most important country for Belt and Road Initiative.

In addition, with cooperation between China and Afghanistan in recent years, China has increased its investment and assistance in different aspects in Afghanistan. Both country China and Afghanistan have assistance and cooperation in different fields, economics, cultural exchanges, and both countries have achieved good results.

In short, People Republic of China and Afghanistan under the Belt and Road Initiative, share common interests and great assistance and cooperation. The cooperation among both countries will improve and promote stability and prosperity in future.

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