

Q CPEC is a flagship project of One Belt One Road (OBOR) and a regional game changer. Explain.

Answer

Introduction

"CPEC is a developmental project for developing countries."

(-Xi-Jinping)

CPEC is a game changer for South Asia region. In fact, CPEC is a flagship project of OBOR. Moreover, it has significance in several sectors. Therefore, CPEC is a regional game changer.

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CPEC - a regional game changer

"CPEC is a model for developing countries to build infrastructure."

(China Bureau of Statistics, 2011)

CPEC is a regional game changer. In fact, it makes China as a regional leader and it leads to other regional countries especially Pakistan.

"About 26,000 projects are completed under OBOR at the cost of \$26.5 billion."

(Economic Survey of China, 2020)

Therefore, OBOR-CPEC is a regional game changer.

3. CPEC as a flagship project of OBOR: Strengths of CPEC

Following are significances of CPEC:

a) Development of energy sector under CPEC

Energy sector is an important focus of CPEC. In fact several steps have

encouraged to produce clean energy

Palawan will reduce its dependency on imported hydrocarbon completely by 2050."

(-Economic Survey, 2022)

Moreover, an adequate energy will be produced under following projects.

Clean Energy Generation
for Palawan under
CPEC

wind	730 MW
solar	883 MW
hydro	60pc
civil nuclear energy	1320 MW

Therefore, CPEC is a potential

Source of energy generation.

b) Development of transport sector: regional connectivity

"CPEC is a regional connection of South Asia."

(Xi-Jinping)

Moreover, CPEC is a regional connector. So far, CPEC has built transport system to connect countries.

"A signal free train"

as a main line will connect countries with faster speed of 160 mile per hour."

(- China Bureau of Statistics)

Therefore, CPEC is also a connector of region and is as a flagship project of OBOR.

c) Industrial Development under CPEC
"CPEC is a basic
pol. of industries."
/ - Al-Jazeera, 2016)

CPEC is also a potential
source of industries development.
Impact of industrial development
under CPEC will revive
economies of suppressed countries.
According to Pakistan Bureau
of Statistics,

"Five major industrial
zones are fixed
under project
of CPEC."

(- Pakistan Bureau of
Statistics, 2020)

Tabulation representation is as follows:
Five Industrial Zones

Punjab	Allama Iqbal Zone
Sindh	Dabejee
Balochistan	Crawcher
KPK	Rakhsichin
GB	Makawan

(- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
2020)

d) Development of Gwadar port -

"Gwadar will be a
frontier place and
a hub of international
trade by
2030."

(- Xi Jinping)

Development of Gwadar
port under CPEC will enhance
supremacy of CPEC. In fact,
Gwadar will be hub of
global trade market.

"About \$200 billion
will enter Pakistan
through Gwadar
port."

(- Economic Survey 2021)

Therefore, Gwadar port is
a major skeleton of CPEC
under OBOR.

Important projects of CPEC

Energy sector

Transport sector

Industrial Zone

Gwadar Port

4- CPEC: How is a regional game changer?

"CPEC will produce economic growth to regional countries."

(A. I. Jafferri, 2010)

Depending on economy will shift regional tilt towards CPEC. In fact, Afghanistan, Iran, India etc will increase their dependency on CPEC for economic growth.

trap of China."

The West has strongly criticized China on its OBOR project. According to the USA, CPEC as OBOR is a conspiracy of China to become a regional leader.

"About \$95 billion headed China for BRI."

(The US Secretary, 2019)

Therefore, OBOR-CPEC is strongly criticized by the west.

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Conclusion

'CPEC is an infrastructural and economic supporter.'

(Xi - Jinping)

CPEC is a flagship project of OBOR. In fact, CPEC has more important than any other project. Therefore, CPEC is a regional game changer.