

**TO MARK THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF 65th ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND CHINA
COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP
May 21 , 2016**

SALIENT FEATURES

- Size of Stamp : 50.5 x 35.00 mm
Size of Print : 46.5 x 31.00 mm
Number of Stamps
in a sheet : (8 x 6) = 48 Stamps
Perforation : 13 C
Denomination : Rs. 8/-
Colours : CMYK
Printing Technology : Lithography Offset
Paper : 100 GSM W/M Gummed Paper
Gum : PVA
Quantity : 0.2 Million (2 lacs)
Design : Supplied by Customer
Printer : Pakistan Security Printing Corporation
Karachi.



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Diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China were established on May 21, 1951. Pakistan was among the first countries to end diplomatic relations with Taiwan and recognize People's Republic of China. Since then, both countries have placed considerable importance on the maintenance of a close and supportive relationship. The two countries have regularly exchanged high-level visits and entered into various agreements. The PRC has provided economic, military and technical assistance to Pakistan and is a strategic ally.

Bilateral relations which are mooted in the will of the people of both the countries have evolved from an initial Chinese policy of neutrality to a partnership with Pakistan. Pakistan has also served as China's main bridge with Muslim countries. It has also played an important role in bridging the communication gap between China and the West by facilitating the 1972 President Nixon's visit to China. A strategic alliance was established with China in 1972 and economic co-operation began in 1979. China is one of Pakistan's largest supplier of arms and trading partner. Recently, both nations have decided to cooperate in the civil nuclear program.

Chinese cooperation with Pakistan is reflected in its commitment through substantial Chinese investment in Pakistan infrastructural expansion, including the Pakistani deep-water port at Gwadar. Both countries have an ongoing free trade agreement.

The relations between Pakistan and China have been described as higher than the mountains, deeper than the oceans, stronger than steel, dearer than eyesight, sweeter than honey and Iron brothers.

The relations between the two countries reached new heights when President Xi Jinping during his visit to Pakistan in April 2015, signed agreements of over \$46 billion which reflects the abiding interest of People's Republic of China in the prosperity and progress of the people of Pakistan.

To Celebrate the Establishment of 65th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Pakistan and China, a commemorative postage stamp of Rs.8/- denomination is being issued by Pakistan Post on May 21, 2016.

TERMS OF SALE

The Commemorative Postage Stamps will be available for sale from May 21, 2016 at all important Post Offices in the country.

Overseas orders for Stamps, First Day of Issue Covers and Leaflets should be addressed to the Manager, Philatelic Bureau, Karachi GPO or Manager, National Philatelic Bureau, Islamabad GPO, accompanied by a Bank Draft or Crossed Cheque encashable in Pakistan.

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