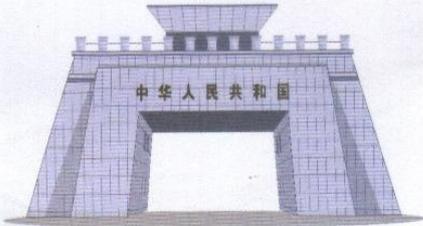


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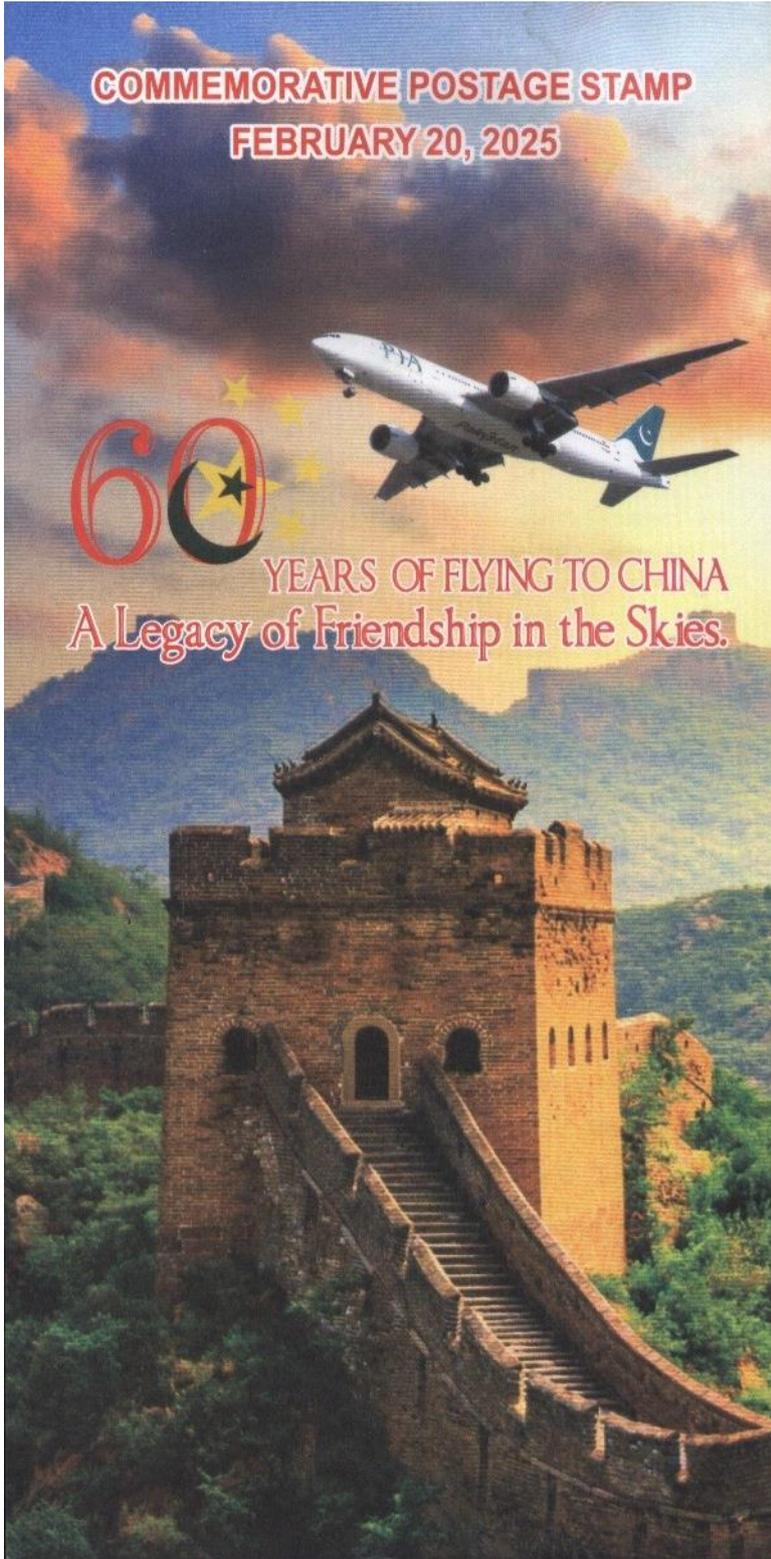
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In the realm of international aviation, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has carved a remarkable legacy by connecting nations and fostering diplomatic ties. One such milestone in its illustrious journey is the celebration of 60 years of direct flights between Pakistan and China. This longstanding connection between the two nations goes beyond mere transportation; it symbolizes a bridge that spans cultural, economic, and diplomatic landscapes.

Direct flights between Pakistan and China have played a pivotal role in cultivating cultural ties that have withstood the test of time. The flights serve as a conduit for the exchange of traditions, values, and heritage. The seamless travel experience has allowed people from both nations to explore each other's rich cultural tapestry, creating a deep appreciation for the similarities and differences that exist between them.

The flight route serves major cities in both countries, facilitating not only business and trade but also tourism and people-to-people connections. Passengers on these flights often find themselves immersed in a cultural odyssey, sharing stories, experiences, and forging friendships that transcend borders.

The six-decade celebration of direct flights between Pakistan and China is a testament to the enduring partnership between the two nations. PIA, as a pioneering force in this journey, has witnessed and contributed to the evolution of this vital air corridor. The celebrated occasion marks not just the passage of time but the resilience and adaptability of a connection that has weathered political and economic shifts.

In the early days of direct flights, the aviation industry was vastly different from what it is today. PIA's commitment to maintaining and improving this vital link has been instrumental in sustaining and enhancing diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China. The 60-year milestone is an opportunity to reflect on the historical significance of this air route and the positive impact it has had on both nations.

Beyond cultural exchanges, the direct flights between Pakistan and China have catalyzed substantial economic benefits for both countries. The flights serve as a conduit for trade and commerce, facilitating the movement of goods and services with unparalleled efficiency through PIA Cargo. This connectivity has played a pivotal role in strengthening economic ties, boosting bilateral trade, and fostering collaborative ventures.

With China being one of Pakistan's most significant trading partners, the direct flights have streamlined the exchange of goods, enabling faster and more secure air transportation. This has not only benefited established industries but has also provided a boost to emerging sectors, contributing to job creation and economic growth.

Moreover, the direct flights have played a crucial role in attracting investments from both sides. The ease of travel has encouraged business leaders and entrepreneurs to explore opportunities in each other's markets. The regular and reliable air connectivity reduces the barriers to entry, fostering a conducive environment for cross-border investments and joint ventures.

Tourism has also flourished with the help of these direct flights. Both countries boast diverse landscapes, historical landmarks, and cultural treasures that appeal to travelers. The seamless air connectivity has made it easier for tourists to explore the beauty and uniqueness of each destination, thereby contributing to the growth of the tourism industry on both fronts.

The sustained operation of direct flights for six decades underscores the diplomatic significance of the relationship between Pakistan and China. In an era where international relations are complex and dynamic, the enduring air link between the two nations symbolizes a commitment to collaboration and mutual understanding.

The flights have served as a diplomatic tool, fostering dialogue and cooperation between governments. Regular interactions facilitated by direct flights have contributed to the resolution of challenges and the forging of alliances on regional and global issues. The diplomatic dividends of this air connection extend beyond bilateral relations, creating a foundation for stability and collaboration in the broader context of international affairs.

As PIA and the people of Pakistan and China celebrate 60 years of direct flights, there is a sense of optimism about the future. The aviation industry continues to evolve, presenting new opportunities and challenges. Embracing technological advancements, sustainable practices, and innovative strategies will be crucial in ensuring the longevity and relevance of this historic air corridor.

Additionally, both nations can explore avenues to further enhance cooperation in emerging sectors, such as technology, healthcare, and renewable energy. The direct flights, serving as a conduit for people and ideas, can play a pivotal role in shaping the future trajectory of collaboration between Pakistan and China.

PIA's direct flights between Pakistan and China stand as a testament to the enduring power of connectivity in fostering cultural understanding, economic growth, and diplomatic collaboration. As the two nations celebrate 60 years of this historic link, it is a moment to reflect on the journey so far and envision a future where the skies continue to be the gateway to a strengthened, mutually beneficial relationship. In an ever-changing world, the unwavering connection between Pakistan and China through direct flights remains a symbol of resilience, friendship, and the shared pursuit of a brighter future.

On the occasion of 60 Years of Direct Flights Connecting Pakistan and China, a Commemorative Postage Stamp of Rs. 30/- denomination and Souvenir Sheet (Value of Rs. 90/-) are being issued by Pakistan Post on 20th February 2025.

TERMS OF SALE

This Commemorative Postage Stamp and Souvenir Sheet will be available for sale from 20th February, 2025 at all important Post offices in the country.

Overseas orders for Postage Stamp, First Day 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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