



## **CAPES signs an MoU with the Area Study Centre, Far East and Southeast Asia (FESEA), University of Sindh**

The Area Study Centre, Far East and Southeast Asia (FESEA), University of Sindh, Jamshoro, and the Consortium for Asia Pacific and Eurasian Studies (CAPES) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance academic collaboration, research development, and regional cooperation on February 12, 2026, at FESEA, University of Sindh, Jamshoro. The agreement was signed by Dr. Naureen Nazar Soomro, Director and Associate Professor, FESEA, and Dr. Khuram Iqbal, President of CAPES, highlighting the commitment of both institutions to advance ties between Pakistan and the Asia Pacific.



Under this agreement, FESEA and CAPES will collaborate in joint initiatives aimed at knowledge production and cultural diplomacy. Both parties will also work together to host joint lectures, workshops, sessions, and short courses. To better facilitate cooperation and exchange of ideas, Director FESEA, Dr. Naureen Nazar Soomro, will become a member of the Advisory Board of CAPES. Similarly, Dr. Khuram Iqbal, President of CAPES, will join the Editorial Advisory Board of FESEA's flagship journal "Asia Pacific". CAPES will also provide internship opportunities for FESEA students and scholars. Furthermore, both institutions will work to enhance public



diplomacy initiatives by facilitating connections with Asia-Pacific universities, scholars, research centers, and think tanks.



Preceding the signing of the MoU, Dr. Khuram Iqbal also participated in FESEA's International Conference "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Achievements, Challenges & Way Forward". He chaired the session on CPEC: Regional and Global Perspectives, while Sardar Bakhsh Dharejo, Chief Organizer CAPES, presented his paper on "CPEC and Trans-Regional Integration: Unlocking Pakistan's Connectivity Potential".

