

Record Note of the Meeting Held Between Director TDAP Islamabad and Commercial Attaché Embassy of China, Islamabad on March 4, 2021

Mr. Yan Yaonan, Chinese attaché for Economic and Commercial section visited Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Islamabad office for a meeting with Director TDAP Islamabad on March 4, 2021. The aim of the meeting was to discuss trade issues being faced by traders on Khunjrab border and exploring new avenues of collaboration for increase of trade between the two sides. Director TDAP welcomed the Chinese attaché for visiting TDAP Islamabad.

The Director TDAP briefed him about the organization, mandate and working of TDAP. He also briefed him about the concerns of the traders community in Gilgit-Baltistan regarding closure of Khunjrab border. The traders in GB are facing various issues due to border closure and they have requested that the Chinese side may consider their request for opening the border throughout the year and Pakistani trucks may also be allowed to cross the border similar to the Chinese trucks that come to Sost dry port.

According to Mr. Yan Yaonan, the issue of border closure has been brought to the notice of the ambassador and being discussed at the highest level on Chinese side. However, he mentioned that currently, opening the border in winters will be difficult as the weather is so harsh there in December-February. So far other issues of the traders including crossing of trucks are concerned the same would be resolved keeping in view the ground conditions and Covid-19 situation accordingly.

Director TDAP suggested that officers from Commercial Section Chinese Embassy and TDAP Islamabad need to meet at least once in a month to discuss various matters related to trade promotion between the two sides. The Chinese side appreciated the idea and agreed to meet at least once every month.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from both sides

