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Qingdao, China JUNE 10, 2018 President Mamnoon Hussain and President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan express commitment to enhance bilateral relations in all areas of mutual interest.

President of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain met President of Uzbekistan Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev today at Qingdao China.

President Mamnoon thanked his Uzbek counterpart for extending support for Pakistan's membership and assimilation in Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). He praised the lead role of Uzbekistan in SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) and reiterated Pakistan's commitment to complement RATS efforts for regional peace and security.

President Mamnoon surveyed historical bilateral cultural relations spanned over centuries and emphasized the need to enhance people to people's contacts. He offered Uzbekistan to fully utilize Pakistan's connectivity potential. President also added that the resumption of Uzbek Airways direct flights between Lahore and Tashkent would contribute towards enhanced two-way tourism and people-to-people contact. He further reiterated Pakistan's commitment to an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process and establishment of enduring peace in that war-torn country.

The two leaders agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation across all areas of mutual interest particularly in the fields of energy, agriculture, education, infrastructure and transportation. They also examined the prospects of cooperation in areas of trade and economy, investment, culture, education and science & technology.
