

# Prime Minister performed groundbreaking of New Gwadar International Airport

**GWADAR:** Prime Minister Imran Khan performed the groundbreaking of New Gwadar International Airport (NGIAP) on 29th March 2019 along with Ambassador of People's Republic of China Mr Yao Jing in a prestigious and simple ceremony held here at Business Center, Gwadar Port area organized by Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority.

Speaking on the occasion Prime Minister announced various other development schemes for the city, what he believed would become an engine of growth for Pakistan.

“What a pleasure it is to be in Gwadar. Insha Allah, in coming months, years, Gwadar would be, I see, as engine of growth for Pakistan,” he said.

The event was attended by Federal Ministers Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Shaikh Rasheed Ahmed, Mohammadmian Soomro, Zubaida Jalal, Syed Ali Haider Zaidi, Khusro Bakhtiar, Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan, Parliamentarians, Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Yao Jing and Secretary Aviation/Director General Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority Shahrukh Nusrat besides huge number of Chinese workers and government officials.

Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Syed Ali Haider Zaidi, Ambassador of People's Republic of China Yao Jing and Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan also spoke on the occasion.

NGIAP Project was inducted as an Early Harvest High Priority Project of CPEC Program in January, 2014. Government of People's Republic of China has agreed to assist Pakistan for implementation of New Gwadar International Airport Project under Chinese Grant Assistance.

The NGIAP project is part of overall infrastructure development of Balochistan. The airport will be developed as a green-field airport with all modern facilities for safe operation, passengers comfort and convenience.

Land acquired by Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority for the NGIAP project is located at 26 km east of Gwadar in the Gurandani area, just off the Makran Coastal Highway. The airport site is spread over an area of 4,300 acres.

Its main runway is 3,658 meter x 75 meter including paved shoulders (with provision for Future Second Runway at a distance of 760 meter to the north of Main Runway) while its link Taxiway is 23 meter wide with 10.5 meter paved shoulders on both sides. The airport's runway will be capable to accommodate large aircrafts such as A380.

A modern terminal building with 14000 square meters will be built under this project.

Its cargo terminal has initial handling capacity of 30,000 tons per year.

In addition to Air Traffic Control (ATC), Fire, Crash and Rescue (FCR), Fuel Farm, it has other associated buildings & infrastructure necessary for Airport operations.

