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**Farzana Raja meets Chinese vice Foreign Minister in Beijing; Discusses ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in social sector**

Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja met Chinese vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin here in Beijing and discussed avenues of bilateral cooperation in social sector. Pakistan Ambassador's to China Mr. Masood Khan was also present at the occasion.



Beijing: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja discussing avenues of bilateral cooperation with Chinese vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin (Dated: Aug 26, 2011)

Chinese vice Minister appreciated the efforts of BISP regarding poverty alleviation in Pakistan. BISP has achieved tremendous success in a short span of time, said Chinese Foreign Minister. He added that China would continue supporting Pakistan's socio-economic development as Pak-China friendship is everlasting. He was of the opinion that existence and success of BISP is an indicative of the seriousness of the present government of Pakistan towards socio-economic development of its people. He said that Chinese government would encourage business and corporate sector to invest in Pakistan. He further said that he has discussed the poverty issue of Pakistan with the World Food Programme.

Chinese vice Foreign Minister lauded the efforts and sacrifices of Pakistan in war against terrorism. He said that Pakistan is a front line state in the international war on terror and has suffered a lot because of this. He further said that China is ready to offer assistance to Pakistan and would also call the world to pay attention to Pakistan's vital role in international war against terrorism.

Madame Farzana Raja thanked Chinese Government and people for supporting Pakistan during floods, says China has been an all-weather friend of Pakistan. He briefed Chinese Minister about the various initiatives of BISP which are bringing in positive socio economic changes in the lives of millions of poor families. President Zardari's forthcoming visit to China was also discussed between Madame Farzana Raja and Chinese vice foreign Minister.