

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)
PRESS WING**

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ISLAMABAD: MARCH 20, 2019: President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that the new government has an ambitious, people-centric agenda for the socio-economic development of Pakistan that will drive our foreign policy. He underlined that the broad based socio-economic reforms are aimed at creating sustained growth that will lead to greater employment opportunities for our youth.

The President said this while talking to a delegation from Harvard University, USA, who called on him in Islamabad on Wednesday.

The President highlighted that the region has historically been a connector of markets, and with CPEC projects, it offers unprecedented potential for regional trade that will be a key driver for economic growth. He underscored that the government is committed to adopting an open door policy and has recently introduced a more liberalized visa regime to welcome visitors and businessmen to Pakistan. He stated that the Government will continue implementing reforms to make Pakistan a business and tourism friendly country.

The President stated that Pakistan is a strong proponent of peace in the region which is essential for its socio-economic development and assured that the Government will continue its efforts for regional peace and stability.
