

INSTITUTE OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY, ISLAMABAD.

Chinese Language Club

Chinese language at IST

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Knowledge of Chinese language is becoming increasingly important in the global economy. Many businesses rely on contacts and connections with Chinese manufacturers and facilities. Hiring employees with Chinese-language skills is a benefit to employers. Seeing its growing importance, more and more schools and universities across the world have started to offer Chinese language as one of their options alongside Spanish and French.

It is in this background that IST has initiated Chinese language classes. On 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2011, inauguration ceremony of Chinese Language Club was held. The honorable chief guest Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor IST in his address to students/participants highlighted that because of fast growing Chinese economy and investment by our friends in various sectors there is a strong likelihood of establishment of Chinese run companies in Pakistan. These companies/groups will inevitably prefer local partners/employees who have working knowledge of Chinese language; as such it will be good idea to learn it now.

Chinese language classes at different levels, for engineering students have commenced under the supervision of a faculty, qualified from Beijing Language & Culture University, China.