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1 Textile group exports during the first four months of the current financial year increased by 4.10 percent. During the period from July-October, 2019-20, textile products worth over the US \$ 4.586 billion exported as against the exports of US \$ 4.406 billion of the same period last year.

2 Muhammad Pervez Lala, Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) has said that a huge amount of sales tax refunds of the textile industry have been stuck due to a complicated refund system.

3 As the textile industry is facing power supply disconnections due to differences with respective power distribution companies (DISCOs) across the province, the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) leadership has called for re-connections of electricity supply to the textile mills at the committed tariff of 7.5 cents per kWh to the export-oriented industry. The leadership addressed a press conference at the APTMA Punjab office recently.

4 Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan has said that

with the implementation of Phase-II of China Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) Pakistani traders would get a chance to export 313 new products to Chinese markets.

5 Poland Ambassador to Pakistan, Piotr A. Opalinski has said that his country wanted to further enhance bilateral trade with Pakistan as both countries have good potential to conduct trade in many items with each other. He was addressing the business community during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

6 The value-added textile sector has opposed the merger of commerce

and textile divisions citing that it will affect the overall performance of the sector. A statement jointly issued by Council of All Pakistan Textile Mills Associations Chairman Muhammad Zubair Motiwala and other textile industry stakeholders urged Prime Minister Imran Khan to withdraw the decision of merging commerce and textile divisions as it would damage the sector.

7 In the first quarter of the current fiscal year, textile exports fetched US\$ 3.3 billion. In the best-case scenario, the country can end the year in June 2020 with \$13.8 billion in textile earnings, up from US\$ 13.3 billion in FY19. ♦

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1 According to the latest Chinese Customs Statistics from January to August 2019, among the top 10 garment exporters in China, American brands such as Nike and Gap have maintained sustainable growth.

2 Chinese textile manufacturing giant, Wuxi No. 1 Cotton Textile PLC, has inaugurated its Ethiopia branch, with an ambition to export much of its products to the international market.

3 Italian Trade Agency and ACIMIT, the Association of Italian textile machinery manufacturers, will organize Punto Italia, a service center at the next IranTex, the main Iranian textiles and textile machinery trade show, to be held in Tehran, from 9-12 December 2019.

4 The government is facilitating a plan to establish Malaysia's first textile manufacturing hub as part of an effort to revitalize the industry. International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Darell Leiking said the proposal for the hub is currently being drafted by a team from the Ministry, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) and the recently launched Federation of Malaysian Fashion, Textiles, and Apparels (FMFTA).

5 The Indian textile industry can become a US\$ 300 billion industry by 2030 and create an additional 35 million jobs, said CII Tamil Nadu State Council Vice-Chairman Hari Thiagarajan.

6 The final rulings earlier by the United States Department of Commerce that China and India have been dumping certain textiles on the U.S. market were welcomed by most Taiwanese textile exporters as a chance to compete in a fair market.

7 South Africa's biggest clothing retailers have promised to purchase an additional 85 million units in locally manufactured clothes, shoes, and leather goods over the next few years in an attempt to boost the local textile industry.

8 Vietnam's textile and garment industry was likely to reach its target of US\$40 billion in export turnover this year despite facing difficulties in some markets. The statement was

made by Cao Hữu Hiếu, Managing Director of the Vietnam National Garment and Textile Group (Vinatex) after the industry reported export earnings of US\$ 29.3 billion in the first nine months of the year.

9 Already one of the most prominent textile and clothing producers, Turkey is now raising its sight for a higher rise in exports, setting their eye on the U.S. market. Speaking to state-run Anadolu Agency, Hadi Karasu, the head of the Turkish Clothing Manufacturers' Association (TGSD), said that clients from the United States have again started to show interest in Turkey's clothing industry. ♦