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1 Webinar" in collaboration with China Council for International Investment Promotion (CCIIP) and China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC). Both the countries have launched a critical partnership for the promotion of business alliances and sectoral match-making between the private enterprises of their textile sectors.

2 Minister Shaukat Tarin asked the textile houses to consolidate their business and promote value-added exports on a competitive basis internationally. During his meeting with foreign investors and textile industrialists he expressed a commitment to targeted incentives to drive export-led inclusive growth.

3 Mr. Gohar Ejaz from APTMA requested the government for continuation of Regionally Competitive Tariffs of \$ 6.5 / Metric Million British Thermal Unit (MMBtu) of Gas/RLNG and 7.5 cents / kWh of Electricity. On this request the government reposed its confidence in the Textile Industry, providing the government's complete support.

4 Exports of the textile sector as per the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) were seen climbing by over 30 percent year-on-year in March-21, while there has also been a recovery on a month-on-month basis where textile exports increased by 9.8 percent.

5 PRGMEA Chairman Sohail A Sheikh, asked the Federal Minister Ali Zaidi to control the shipping companies as they have increased their freight charges by 700 percent after the reopening of global trade amidst Covid-19. Asking the international shipping lines to rationalize the cost of containerized cargo, as it has offset the positive impact of incentives provided by the government.

6 Expressing his views while talking to the Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association, DG Agriculture has informed that due to dry weather this year, a better cotton crop would be expected and the agriculture department will also ensure seed monitoring.

7 According to a report of the Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association for the cotton season 2020-21 released recently, seed cotton (Phutti) equivalent to over 5.645 million or exactly 5,645,967 bales has reached ginning factories across the country.

8 Pakistan spent \$1.838 billion on cotton imports during nine months of the current fiscal year (9MFY21) which is a 46% increase from \$1.258bn recorded last year. Pakistan's cotton import bill in FY19 was \$1.65bn and the 9MFY21 lint imports have crossed the FY20 total cotton import bill of \$1.704bn of last year. ♦

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1 Cotton Australia and farm insurer Achmea Australia have announced a new strategic alliance that recognizes cotton growers' contribution to a sustainable future for the Australian cotton industry. It will also support cotton growers through an insurance reward.

2 It's been a year since the COVID-19 shattered Bangladesh's export-oriented ready-made garment (RMG) industry, which employs around four million people and operates 4,500 factories. The government might think the worst of the pandemic's impact has passed, but Bangladesh's ready-made garment industry needs continued support

before it can achieve a new normal.

3 China's online retail sales of clothing products registered a year-on-year growth of 39.6 percent between January and March. Garment exports totaled \$33.3 billion during the period, up by 47.7 percent year-on-year.

4 Indian Textile Minister said that wastewater management is critical for the survival of the textile industry in India and not a subject of charity. He also suggested 'condition assessment of clusters' to generate a baseline about the need for water and wastewater management in textile.

5 A government estimate has shown that emissions from clothing sold in Japan total over 95 million tons of carbon dioxide a year, with most of that total resulting from the manufacturing process overseas. The remaining total of about 5 million tons is attributed mostly to the burning of unsold clothes and energy used for laundry.

6 The Tanzanian government will mobilize the development of the textile and garment industries as it works towards improving the ease of doing business in the country. The ministry of industry and trade is in the process of consulting stakeholders to review the laws and implement regula-

tory reforms for improving the business environment.

7 Online spending in the UK increased by 0.6 percent MoM in March 2021, with strong growth in textile, clothing, and footwear stores of 10.9 percent. This was the largest monthly growth in the sector since June 2020.

8 The US Cotton Trust Protocol has collaborated with the TextileGenesis platform as the world's first sustainable cotton fiber to offer full transparency across the supply chain on the platform. It also delivering unparalleled supply chain transparency through its Protocol Credit Management System (PCMS). ♦