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ABBREVIATIONS

UNECE Nations Economic Commission for Europe

UNESCAP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

TRACECA Transport Corridor Europe Caucasus Asia

ADB Asian Development Bank

CAR Central Asian Republic

CARECU Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Unit

CIS Commonwealth of Independent States

ECO Economic Cooperation Organization

ECE Economic Commission for Europe

EU European Union

FSU Former Soviet Union

GDP Gross Domestic Product

IMF International Monetary Fund

IRU International Road Transport Union

PRC People's Republic of China

SPECA Special Program for the Economies in Central Asia

TIR Transport International Router

UN United Nations

WTO World Trade Organization

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Abstract

Khawf in(Iran)-herat and mazaresharif and shirkhan Bandar in (Afghanistan)-Dushanbe in (Tajikistan)_(Kirgizstan)-kashghar in(china) project standard railway network is under construction that it is as a significant corridor for revitalizing silk road corridor in the region that directly connect industrial zones in east of china to Rotterdam in Nederland country in north of Europe. At the present there are three different gauges in the region central Asia with 1,520 mm gauge and turkey-Islamic republic of Iran with 1,435 mm standard gauge and Pakistan with 1,676 mm gauge therefore Iran with khawf- kashghar railway project can play role of leadership for connect Chinese standard gauge railway network (1,435) to turkey standard gauge railway network (1,435) by Afghanistan territory .competition between Russia and England in nineteen century lead to Afghanistan play role of buffer state in India region .and prevented development in Afghanistan and transport sectors particularly railway network established on the basis of Moscow in central Asia region . After collapse of Soviet Union and independence of central Asian republics and establish of people's government in Afghanistan region have a safe territory to cooperation in any issues particularly in transport sectors.

Go west policy of People's Republic of china and joint of this country to WTO world trade organization in 2001 lead to a significant economic prosperity in this country and lead to china be second largest economy after United States. These issues present a huge potential for region to revitalizing ancient Silk Road corridor in this region to play role of crossroads to connect People's Republic of china to European Union and play role of bridge between Europe and Asia.

Research objective:

Objective and Benefits of the Study

The purpose of this study is to assessment possibility of revitalizing Silk Road corridor in the region for connecting Asia and Europe. And investigate about role of this project on economic prosperity in this region.

Developing inland corridors along “silk road” will bring immense economic and social benefits, ultimately elevating the standards of living across the Central Asia and Regional Economic Cooperation in the region. These benefits include:

- _ reduced time and cost for trade between Europe and Asia,
- _ increased capacity and diversity of trade routes
- _ Substantial intra-CAREC and global trade growth
- _ increased global competitiveness of the region.

Ultimately, these improvements will strengthen the economies, and enhance prosperity in, CAREC member countries and ECO organization.

Research problem:

Regional cooperation in the region for revitalizing Silk Road corridor as a subject for study is new. Accordingly there is a scarcity of material in this regard. Hence one of the main obstacles will be non-availability of primary and secondary sources for the present study khawf in (Iran)-kashghar in (china) standard gauge railway project.

3) Main question:

How it's possible to revitalize Silk Road corridor by khawf in (Iran) – kashghar in (china) standard gauge railway project?

4) Hypothesis:

“khawf in(Iran) –kashghar in(china) standard gauge railway project is as a significant corridor for revitalizing Silk Road corridor in the region that can lead to a significant economic prosperity and promote peace and security in this region”

5) Literature Review:

Although there are a lot of research studies about role of transit and transport for economic development in the region, there can be found few studies about the role of revitalizing Silk Road corridor in economic prosperity in this region. and all of information in these issues present United States policy about reestablish of silk road corridor that it's so called MSR strategy or modern silk road strategy and its seems this country in short term try to bypass Iran in transport sectors in the region. I hope that present an efficient plan for revitalizing this significant corridor in the region.

In spite of the seriousness of the shortage of existing resources with respect to the role of railway network in economic development as a safe and cheap instrument. I try to present a road map for transit and transport sectors in this region .and role of this plan on consolidating in regional security will be done through the this examine .

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D- Description of Problem

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The researcher would like to open new field of study for investigate how it's be possible to revitalize this important corridor as a basic corridor for connecting east of china to Western Europe.

-Key Question(s):

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