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**STZA MEETS KPK GOVERNMENT**

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The Chief Minister of KPK province, Mr. Mahmood Khan, was called on by Mr. Amer Hashmi, the Chairman of the Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) in Peshawar. During the meeting, the Minister for S&T, IT, and Food, Mr. Atif Khan was also present. The meeting took place as a follow-up to the Digital Youth Summit which was recently held in Peshawar. A comprehensive strategy for the development of four Special Technology Zones (STZs) in KPK province was discussed, namely in Peshawar, Mardan, Swat, and Haripur.

These STZs are envisioned to create opportunities for the technology industry, to create jobs for the youth, human capital development, and to create and support the technology and knowledge ecosystems in the province. To implement this strategic plan, the Government of KPK will form a Joint Working Group (JWG) with the Special Technology Zones Authority - STZA. Under the JWG, regular meetings will be conducted, for ongoing cooperation on the development of the STZs in KPK and to explore other areas of cooperation.

The Chief Minister of KPK greatly appreciated this initiative and pledged his government's resolute support for the development of the technology industry in the province through the STZs. Chairman Amer Hashmi also appreciated the Government of KPK for their visionary approach towards the establishment of technology clusters and STZs in the province, which he believes will boost socio-economic development in the KPK province.

The Chairman STZA thanked FPCCI for hosting the engagement and expressed his desire to work closely with the business community to bring STZs to Sindh province. The FPCCI and STZA delegations agreed to cooperate on facilitating the technology transformation in Pakistan.