

HM GREETES PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent cable of congratulations to President Jose Lourenco of the Republic of Angola on being re-elected for a new presidential term. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of success to President Lourenco in leading his people towards further progress and prosperity. His Majesty also wished the relations between the two countries further development. -ONA



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HIS MAJESTY RECEIVES THANKS CABLE

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from President Dr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev of the Republic of Uzbekistan in reply to His Majesty's greetings cable on his country's Independence Anniversary. In the cable, President Mirziyoyev expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to His Majesty and the Omani people further progress and prosperity. President Mirziyoyev also affirmed the importance of boosting cooperation between the two countries. -ONA



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DELEGATED BY HM THE SULTAN

Financial help extended to camel racecourses



MUSCAT: As part of the attention accorded to camel sports by His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, has earmarked a financial sum for holding camel races in the designated racecourses in governorates of Oman.

Sheikh Said Saud Al Ghufaili, Chairman of Oman Camel Rac-

ing Association, said that the gesture seeks to preserve camel racing as an aspect of heritage that constitutes economic revenue to camel breeders and camel slimmers.

He added that the Association will announce the details of camel races over the next few days, since some high-density governorates will have two camel racecourses. -ONA



Royal Academy of Management
seeks applications for
leadership programme

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HM OFFERS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II



His Majesty the Sultan also expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes to the British Monarch on the occasion of his accession to the throne in the UK

LONDON: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik offered condolences to King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Northern Ireland and Head of the Commonwealth, Camilla, the Queen Consort, and members of the British Royal Family on the

demise of Queen Elizabeth II. The condolences were offered when His Majesty the Sultan was received at Buckingham Palace in London on Sunday evening.

His Majesty the Sultan expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathy to King Charles III on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. His Majesty reiterated Oman's solidarity with the United Kingdom in its immense grief.

His Majesty the Sultan also expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes to the British Monarch on the occasion of his accession to the throne in

the United Kingdom. His Majesty also wished King Charles III success in leading the friendly people of Britain.

In his turn, King Charles III expressed his sincere thanks and utmost appreciation for His Majesty the Sultan's noble feelings, wishing him continuous health and wellbeing. The British Monarch also wished further progress and growth for the Omani people.

During offering the condolences, His Majesty the Sultan was accompanied by Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court. -ONA

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COMMERCE MINISTRY

Import of plastic bags banned

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion has issued a ministerial decision that bans the import of plastic bags with effect from January 2023.

Eng. Sami Salim Al Sahib, Director General of Industry at the Ministry, said that the decision comes in line with the ministry's plans to regulate market activities pertaining to the import of products that damage the environment.

He added that the decision, issued in coordination with the Environment Authority, will support Omani factories by limiting unfair competition from imported products that do not meet environment standards.

Through its cooperation with the Environment Authority, the ministry seeks to shift to envi-



ronment-friendly industries, he explained, noting that the decision does not affect local plastic production factories.

Indeed, it will help augment their sales and their production capacity to meet local market demands.

The ministry is working in co-

operation with the departments concerned to develop specifications and instructions—related to industrialists and importers—to ensure proper shifting to alternatives to plastic bags and raise social awareness about the negative impacts of plastics to man and the environment. -ONA

NEW REFORMS

Show your resident card on arrival at Oman's entry points

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Your resident card will become the most important document in the Sultanate with the need for a passport becoming minimum as part of the new reforms taken by the Royal Oman Police to streamline the process.

From now on, residence visas won't be stamped on to your passports, as authorities ramp up services offered to residents in the country.

Officials said it is now sufficient to present the residence card upon arrival at the ports of the Sultanate instead of your visa page on your passport as was previously the case in the Sultanate of Oman.

Proof of residence

Your Oman resident cards will also be considered as proof of residence.

An official from the Royal Oman Police (ROP), spoke exclusively to *Times of Oman*, saying: "As we know, the governments of the world turn to the electronic system in their transactions and services in general, including the Sultanate of Oman, where the visa was previously stamped on the passports of residents, but



this system has now been cancelled, as the residency card is sufficient to clarify all the resident's data, and this comes within the framework of the government digital transformation."

According to a new amendment to the residence visa rule, the stamping of visas on expatriates' passports has not become mandatory. The residence card is sufficient for visa purposes, according to the ROP.

An official source from the ROP told *Times of Oman* that earlier visa stamping was done on the passports of expatriates but that provision has been done away with. Currently, that is not required to be stored in the system and the residence card is sufficient, the official said.



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THAI CUISINE

Enjoy the best of Thailand at ‘Thai Festival’ in Muscat

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Royal Thai Embassy is joining hands with the Water-Front Mall in realising the 2nd edition of the “Thai Festival”, starting from Wednesday, 28 Friday to 30 September 2022, from 5.00 – 10.00 pm., at the Water Front square, Shatti al Qurum.

The Festival aims at promoting the essence of Thainess, art and culture along with the business potentials.

By walking through the mesmerising Thai bazar, embellished with countless colourful lanterns and lights, the visitors can taste delicious Thai street foods from live cooking stations and enjoy various Thai products i.e. beauty items, cooking ingredients, Thai delicacies and local fruits, freshly imported from Thailand.

Cultural performances

Besides walking through the food street, the Festival brings you every evening the unique experience of Thailand, presented by specially arranged cultural performances and demonstrations of traditional art and craft from local artists such as umbrella painting and fruit and vegetable craving.

With full support from Thai



investment companies in Oman, PTTEP, Piyavet hospital, BPK rehabilitation and Physiotherapy centre, and Centara hotel group, the festival will also reflect how close and connected our Thai companies with the Omani so-

ciety; ranging from energy, health and wellness, tourism and hospitality.

Everyone is invited to come to the Thai Festival.

Opening ceremony: Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 7.00 pm.

DELEGATED BY HM

Health Minister leaves for US for Global NCDs meeting

MUSCAT: Delegated by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Dr. Hilal Ali Al Sabti, Minister of Health left here today to head Oman's delegation at the first meeting of the Global Group of Heads of State and Government for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Injuries (Global NCD Compact).

The several-day meeting will start from 21 September 2022 in New York, the United States of America (USA).

The meeting will discuss means of supporting global action and response on NCDs and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). -ONA



MEETING

RAO Commander meets US Central Command Chief of Staff



MUSCAT: Maj. Gen. Mattar Salim Al Balushi, Commander of the Royal Army of Oman (RAO) received in his office at Al Murtafa'a Garrison today Maj. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, Chief of

Staff of the United States (US) Central Command.

The two sides exchanged views and reviewed several military matters of common interest.

The meeting was attended by

Brigadier Salim Saif Al Hosni, Senior Staff Officer at the RAO Command and Brigadier Sultan Mohammed Al Ma'mari, Director General of Operations and Intelligence at RAO. -ONA

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COMMENTARY

Finding strength in illness



Saleh Al-Shaibany

MUSCAT: The old lady swayed a little as if a strong wind was threatening to sweep her away. But she was in the comfort of her own house and the smooth wall provided the support she needed. It was only momentarily before she recovered and started walking steadily to her armchair. She explained she was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS) but there was no hint of regret in her voice. Actually, she found it extremely pleasing that she managed to be in reasonable control of the disease for the last twenty years. MS reduces coordination between the body and the brain but she refuses to let the disease get her down. She takes to comfort that there are thousands like her worldwide. The feeling that she is not alone gives her strength. There is something else that encourages her to move on. It was her husband and two children. Over the years, she dispelled any doubt that she could have been a liability to her family. Instead, she fought all the way and remained the driving force to them as it had always been before her illness. “Where will they be now without me?” she jokes now. “I am still managing almost everything in their lives.” Two decades is a long time but she never looks back remorsefully. It provided her with enough experience to value little things that most of us take for granted. There is a slur in her speech, picking things from the floor or making a cup of tea take much longer than normal. But she does these chores, including operating her electric sewing machine, with great relish. The irony, she explains, is that she never was a domesticated woman before her illness. She thinks her physical limitation is actually a blessing in disguise. She has learned to make her own curtains, quilts and knit jumpers. She has also learned to be a good host, too. She always volunteers to entertain the friends of her husband and children at home. In not so many words, MS has changed her life for the better as opposed to ruining it as most people in her situation would have thought. Of course, in any ups there are downs as well. There are times when she feels low that now she cannot travel far. However, she soon bounces back. She simply cannot allow letting down her family. “At my age,” she explains, “I tend to think of my mortality and how long I have got. It is sad that I would have to leave my family behind one day.” As ever, it is not herself she thinks about. She is closed to seventy but then even the healthiest person tends to have these thoughts. She always assumed she would go first. I guess it is typical of a woman who cares so much about her family. Her doctors predicted progressive deterioration but that was twenty years ago. It was a blow then but she laughs about it now. Yes, she has become more unsteady and her grip is not what it was but it has not progressed to make her invalid. It is due, she thinks, to her determination to live as normal as her limitation would allow. Instead of letting herself slip into a tunnel of despair, she constantly lifted her spirit in many ways. She is now convinced that she is better off than some of the seventy-year old people she knows. As we were talking, her husband walked in and complained of his painful hip joints. She gave me a knowing look and I smiled back. When I left, it was she who saw me to the door. Her husband excused himself because of his bad hips.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

‘Letter of appreciation’ for Bangladesh Social Club

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Bangladesh Social Club Oman has received a ‘letter of thanks and appreciation’ from the Ministry of Social Development of the Sultanate of Oman for undertaking successfully all its commitments enumerated in its annual calendar. Established in 1995 with the approval of the Ministry of Social Development, the club, it may be mentioned, focuses on the preservation of the country’s culture and heritage, besides carrying on humanitarian activities, including social work and sports in Oman.

Pandemic The club’s activities during the COVID-19 pandemic has come in for special praise and appreciation when it organised blood donation programs in coordination with the Ministry of Health and held sporting activities, including football and T10 cricket tournament in Oman. It also organised national days and events of both Oman and Bangladesh and supported substantially the distressed people of the community, besides organising programmes and seminars for extending medical help



to members of the community. The recognition and appreciation of the Bangladesh Social Club from Oman’s Ministry of Social Development has come at a very crucial time. The director of the Ministry of Social Development said it was only after a close and lengthy perusal of the activities of the club that it was awarded with the letter of appreciation. The Club has successfully completed all the programmes it had taken upon itself, he said, adding that the ministry will extend all sorts of support and cooperation for the continued progress of the club. Following receipt of the letter, the club’s Chairman, Sirajul Haque, said it was not his success alone and that all executive committee members of the club and the entire Bangladeshi community in Oman worked has worked hard to earn this distinction for the club. “We work together to benefit the community and enhance the country’s image,” he said. The executive committee members of the club said the achievement has given us encouragement, motivation, inspiration and direction for the future. The club, it may be mentioned has recently expanded its area of operations by opening branches and wings, including the Salalah branch and Greater Noakhali wing. Proposal for opening some more branches and wings is under consideration, he said.

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T/2453295/2022	Construction of Water Distribution Network & House Connections in Qurayat Wilayat of Muscat Governorate.	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned	R.O 500 (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	2/10/2022	31/10/2022
T/2452217/2022	Construction of Water Distribution Network & House Connections for Da'an Al Hamra and Al Ma'aqal Villages in Jabal Al Akhdar Wilayat	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned.	R.O 100 (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	2/10/2022	31/10/2022
T/2453292/2022	Construction of Water Network and House Connections in Muraik, Wadi Al-Ala 5 and Tawi Naisf at Wilayat Bahla and in Hay AL-Turath at Wilayat Nizwa in AL-Dakhiliyah Governorate	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned.	R.O 50 (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	2/10/2022	31/10/2022
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The tender documents can be purchased from Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company (OWWSC) e-tendering page (Supplier Login) from the date of publication of this announcement until 2/10/2022. The applicants shall pay the tender fee through electronic payment gateway through Supplier Login.

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WE LOVE OMAN

Oman's pink lakes are a treasure to behold



Oman has two sites where pink lakes are formed — one in Al Suwaih beach in South Sharqiyah, and the other in Al Jazir in the Al Wusta Governorate.

The Jalan coast in South Sharqiyah extends for a length of 180 km, and the pink lake is one of the most famous tourist spots there.

It is one of the rare lakes in the Sultanate. It is located on the coast of Al Suwaih village. According to a study the reason for the lake's pink colour is due to a type of algae called Dunaliella Salina, this type of algae is high concentrations of salt and also contains high concentrations of B carotene. There are different types of bacteria in this lake.

The pink lake in the Wilayat of Al Jazir is another tourist attraction. The lakes are affected by the tide and fill up during the ebb tide process. Many tourists have visited them in recent years, have camped on the soft sands and enjoyed the scenic beauty.





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Royal Academy of Management invites applications for leadership programme

The programme targets Section Heads and their equivalents in the government sector with a vision of preparing executive leaders of Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Royal Academy of Management has invited applications for its flagship programme, “Master of Leadership and Management” for the Government sector in collaboration with Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University on Sunday 18, September 2022.

The programme targets Section Heads and their equivalents in the government sector with a vision of preparing executive leaders of Oman, enabling them to contribute to building effective and innovative government sector entities in line with the New Economy era.

Dr. Ali Qasim Al Lawati, the President of the Royal Academy of Management, stated: “Launching this Master of Leadership and Management programme puts His Majesty Sultan Haitham’s royal directives regarding the development of all levels of government leadership into action.”



Dr. Al Lawati noted that the world is witnessing an accelerated change in the global economic order, which requires an equally accelerated pace in developing the human capital needed to thrive in this competitive economy. Therefore, this programme will equip middle management in the government sector with the necessary skills, knowledge and attributes allowing them to adapt to as well as keep pace with the evolution of the new economy with all its integrated forms, be it knowledge economy, digital economy, circular economy or innovation-based economy.

The aim of this programme, Al Lawati also added, is to keep abreast of the Sultanate’s great paradigm shift especially in the realm of developing government sector leaders, noting that the Royal Academy of Management’s contribution is aligned with the

diverse and ever-changing needs of the economic and management world orders.

Al Lawati stated, “The programme has been closely designed with the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University emphasizing real-life application in line with the Sultanate’s development plan, thus offering participants both modern knowledge (through the Academic programme) and the practical application of it (through the applied projects). The programme, His Excellency added, will offer participants exposure to global trends and best practices delivered through cutting-edge methods.

Moreover, Dr. Ali Al Lawati announced that this programme targets Section Heads in the government sector.

He explained that their role is highly critical as they are the link

between policy development and execution. The programme will thus enhance their capabilities and contribute positively towards them transforming conceptual strategies and plans into reality.

Dr. Sanjeev Khagram, director general and dean of Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University stated: “We are proud of our partnership and affiliation with a prestigious institution like the Royal Academy of Management and to join its aspiring and transformational efforts to develop the leaders of Oman, across the government and private sectors, to be future ready.”

It is worth noting that Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University offers the world’s No. 1 ranked Master’s in Management as well as renowned professional and executive education, under the umbrella of the No. 1 university for innovation in

America according to U.S. News & World Report. It offers unmatched access to innovation, learning and development expertise, and global experience with a singular focus on learner and partner success. Moreover, the University is among the list of universities approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation

Ms. Kawther Al Mahrouqi, the Master of Leadership and Management programme lead, stated that 25 Section Heads and their equivalents from the government sector would be selected to join the programme in January 2023. Admission to this programme will be open for all who meet the eligibility criteria and pass the rigorous assessment process in place.

Al Mahrouqi further stated that this programme will greatly enhance the participants’ leadership skills. The programme will last 12 months of blended learning, exploring the latest global trends in leadership, management, innovation, strategy, public policy analysis, and agile governance, among other areas.

Leadership development

She also added that the programme approaches leadership development in a comprehensive and dynamic way combining in-depth academic knowledge with the latest skills, while providing innovative solutions that are in line with the requirements of the new economic order.

Ms. Kawthar clarified that the programme will also focus on enhancing participants’ attitudes and leadership behaviours both personally and professionally. In

order to achieve this, it includes various components such as residency programmes, individual and group coaching sessions, simulation workshops as well as the opportunity to meet with local and international experts.

The applied individual and group projects in the field of digital transformation will be implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology

The programme is scheduled to commence in January 2023. Participants will be able to study whilst in full-time employment as the program is delivered virtually, except for some face-to-face courses and activities. For the latter, leave arrangements will be coordinated with participants’ respective entities.

Participants who complete all requirements will be awarded a Master of Leadership and Management degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University.

They will enjoy a lifetime membership with both the Royal Academy of Management and Thunderbird alumni networks. For more details on the eligibility criteria and application process, please visit the Royal Academy of Management official website via this link: www.ram.gov.om before the end of October 15, 2022.

The Royal Academy of Management, established in January 2022, is blessed by the Royal patronage of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik. It aims to develop Oman’s leadership across government and private sectors, fulfilling Oman’s vision for the future.

105 MW SOLAR PV

Oman’s Amin Solar PV Plant receives I-REC certification

MUSCAT: Amin Renewable Energy Company (AREC), the owner and operator of a 105 MW solar PV project located in Dhofar Governorate, has been awarded the I-REC’s global standards renewable energy certificate.

The I-REC certification provides validation that every megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity generated from a certified project comes from renewable sources until it reaches the end-user.

Following the certification, an output of 206,000 MWh of renewable energy from the plant’s solar PV complex, located in Nimr area of PDO’s Block “6” concession, was ready to be offered to users as I-REC registered. This output of certified renewable energy-based electricity can be used by an end-user against its own decarbonisation commitments or traded for carbon credit.

Registration of Amin’s certified output was made in coordination with the Directorate of Climate Affairs at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), with the support of Three Pillars Consulting, the local I-REC issuer that validates companies’ claims to carbon-free energy products designed to be circulated in the open market.

Commenting on this development, Dr. Firas Ali Abduwani, Board Chairman of Amin Renewable Energy Company, said that the certification constitutes the first step in ensuring Oman’s dedication to meet global aspirations for clean energy.

Sami Baqir Al Lawati, Technical Manager of PDO, hailed the accomplishment as “a wonderful



example of cooperation among representatives of local industries towards a low-carbon energy future in Oman in line with Oman Vision 2040.”

Najla Zuhair Al Jamali, CEO of Alternative Energy at OQ Group, described the achievement as “another successful project that lends support to Oman’s decar-

bonisation plans.”

Jared Braslawsky, Secretary General of the I-REC Standard Foundation, stated that the Amin registration was an important step towards the development of the energy market. “It provides strong, reliable follow-up of renewable energy and it can constitute a turning point in innovative procurement options and revolutionizes electricity production in Oman,” he added.

Amin Renewable Energy, with its 105 MW capacity solar PV plant, is considered the first commercial-scale renewable energy project of its kind in Oman.

The plant is owned by OQ in partnership with Japan’s Marubeni Corporation, Nebras Energy of Qatar and Bahwan Renewable Energy. -ONA

MINISTRY OF HERITAGE AND TOURISM



Plan to develop adventure tourism

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Heritage and Tourism is working on development and regulation of the adventure tourism as one of the fastest growing types of tourism, worldwide.

The adventure tourism attracts tourists interested in adventure and entertainment every year, thanks to the efforts accorded for encouragement of eco-tourism.

The statistics issued by the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) showed that the adventure tourism market amounted to \$282.1 million in 2021 and is expected to see an annual growth of 15.2 percent from 2022 to 2030.

Dawood bin Sulaiman Al Rashidi, Director of the Department of Tourism Product Development at the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism reaffirmed the Ministry’s care and attention for adventure tourism due to the increasing growth in exercising the adventure tourism activities in the Sultanate, in particular, and worldwide.

He said that the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism organises, along with its partners, adventure tourism activities.

He also said that the Ministry has developed the adventure tourism in accordance to the ministry’s plan and has set up the prospects related to management of risks and safety in exercising the various activities of adventure tourism as to ensure safety of all participants and personnel engaged with the adventure tourism.

The Ministry’s programme for development of adventure tourism has focused on development of several key elements including the organisation and legislative framework, implementing the security and safety concepts and creation of training programmes on activities of adventure tourism including rescue and awareness with the safety and security requirements while exercising the adventure tourism activities and encouragement of the projects associated with the activities of adventure tourism.

He also pointed to that the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism signed, last June, a cooperation agreement in the field of training in adventure activities. -ONA

Japan braces for super typhoon Nanmadol

Thousands of people were evacuated, and the Japan's Meteorological Agency (JMA) warned of unprecedented conditions



TOKYO: Southern Japan was bracing for "super typhoon" Nanmadol as strong winds and heavy rains battered the region on Sunday.

Thousands of people were evacuated, and the Japan's Meteorological Agency (JMA) warned of unprecedented conditions while the typhoon was passing by remote Yakushima island.

Nanmadol was moving north toward Japan's main southern island of Kyushu, where it was forecast to make landfall later on Sunday.

"Please stay away from dangerous places, and please evacuate if you feel even the slightest hint of danger," Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said after convening a government meeting on the typhoon.

"It will be dangerous to evacuate at night. Please move to safety while it's still light outside," he added.

Meanwhile, authorities issued a tsunami warning for Okinawa,

Japan's southernmost and westernmost prefecture, after a strong earthquake hit Taiwan.

How has Typhoon Nanmadol affected Kyushu?
 The JMA issued a rare "special warning" for Kyushu's Kagoshima and Miyazaki regions. Japanese authorities only issue such alert for forecast conditions only seen once in several decades.

"The southern part of the Kyushu region may see the sort of violent wind, high waves and high tides that have never been experienced before," the JMA said Sunday, urging residents to exercise "the highest caution possible."

More than 4,700 people in Miyazaki were evacuated, while in neighboring, hard-hit Kagoshima, more than 9,000 residents took shelter at evacuation centers on Sunday.

Some 93,000 homes across the southern island were without electricity due to damage to power lines and facilities, according to Kyushu Electric Power company.

The conditions have also paralyzed travel, with hundreds of domestic flights in and out of the region canceled. Flights are also planned to be grounded in western Japan through Tuesday as the typhoon heads northeast, Japan Airlines said.

Public transportation has also been suspended throughout Sunday in Kagoshima and Miyazaki.

What is the forecast for Typhoon Nanmadol?
 The JMA expects Kyushu to receive 50 centimetres (20 inches) of rain and wind gusts of up to 250 kilometres (155 miles) per hour on Sunday.

The central Tokai region could

have 30 centimeters of rain.

By Wednesday, Nanmadol is forecast to have moved out to sea after passing over Japan's main island of Honshu.

It has already brought heavy rains to Tokyo, causing the suspension of some subway lines.

Japan and extreme weather
 Nanmadol is the 14th typhoon of the season.

Japan routinely sees heavy rains that trigger landslides or flash-floods in typhoon seasons. But scientists warn that climate change heightens the intensity of such weather conditions.

In 2019, more than 100 people died as Typhoon Hagibis pounded Japan as it hosted the Rugby World Cup.

A year earlier, at least 200 people were killed in western Japan during the annual rainy season. **ow**

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VIGIL

Queen Elizabeth's grandchildren hold vigil around coffin

LONDON: Queen Elizabeth II's eight grandchildren held a vigil around her coffin on Saturday, two days before the late monarch's funeral.

US President Joe Biden also arrived in the United Kingdom on Saturday ahead of the memorial event.

Members of the public queued for up to 25 hours to pay their last respects in London's Westminster Hall.

Queen Elizabeth's grandchildren, aged from 44 to 14, stood by the coffin. This include King Charles' two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry.

Prince Harry stood guard at the vigil wearing the uniform of the Blues and Royals cavalry regiment. The prince served in the British army in Afghanistan. Harry was stripped of his higher-ranking honorary military titles when he stepped down as a working member of the Royal Family.

The vigil came hours after



King Charles and Prince William thanked those who had queued overnight.

"It means an awful lot that you're here," William tweeted.

Camilla hails queen
 Queen Consort Camilla hailed Queen Elizabeth II as a "solitary woman" that "carved her own role."

"She's been part of our lives forever. I'm 75 now and I can't remember anyone except The Queen being there," Camilla said. "It must have been so difficult for her being a solitary woman," she said. **ow**

POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE

Powerful earthquake of 6.8 magnitude shakes Taiwan



TAIPEI: A 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Taiwan Sunday, which followed a 6.4 magnitude earthquake on Saturday night, according to Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau.

No casualties have been reported so far from either earthquakes.

Sunday's quake happened around 2:44 pm (0644 GMT), with the epicentre in Taitung county, a town in eastern Taiwan.

Aftershocks were also briefly felt in capital Taipei, which is more than 180 miles from the epicenter, after the quake earlier in the day.

The US Geological Survey initially measured Sunday's quake at 7.2 magnitude but later downgraded it to a 6.9 magnitude quake — slightly higher than the reading provided by the Taiwanese authorities.

Japan's Meteorological Agency issued tsunami advisories shortly before the quake but later upgraded their bulletin to say that high waves were no longer a threat.

Buildings damaged, trains derailed

Taiwan's fire department said four people were rescued after the ground floor of a building, which

had a 7/11 convenience store, collapsed in Yuli town in eastern Taiwan.

Taiwan Railways Administration (TRA) said a train derailed in Dongli station in Hualien, which is one of Taiwan's biggest counties, after part of the platform canopy collapsed.

The railway agency said 20 passengers aboard the derailed train were evacuated and no injuries were reported.

Taiwan is regularly struck by earthquakes as the island sits on the "Ring of Fire" region of seismic activity around the Pacific Ocean. **ow**

ARMENIA VISIT

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visits Armenia amid cease-fire

WASHINGTON: A US congressional delegation headed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi arrived in Armenia on Saturday, where a cease-fire with Azerbaijan has held for three days following clashes. More than 200 troops died in the clashes.

The US Embassy said the visit will include a meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

What did Pelosi say about the visit?

On Friday during a visit to Berlin, Pelosi said that the trip "is all about human rights and respecting the dignity and worth of every person."

Pelosi said the visit "is a powerful symbol of the United States' firm commitment to a peaceful, prosperous and democratic Armenia, and a stable and secure Caucasus region."

She is the highest-ranking US official to travel to Armenia since the country's independence in 1991.

Pelosi is a member of the House of Representatives from California, which has one of the largest Armenian diaspora populations in the world.

Alongside France and Russia, Washington co-chairs the Minsk Group of mediators, which has long held peace talks



between Baku and Yerevan.

Cease-fire holding since Wednesday

Azerbaijan and Armenia agreed to a cease-fire on Wednesday following two days of fighting.

Pashinyan said at least 135 Armenian troops were killed during the clashes. Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry said on Friday that it had lost 77. Armenia and Azerbaijan traded blame for the outbreak of hostilities.

Yerevan and Baku have fought two wars over the Nagorno-Karabakh region, an Armenian-majority enclave within Azerbaijan's internationally recognized borders.

The war in 2020 ended with a cease-fire brokered by Moscow. 6,500 troops died in the war.

Under the 2020 deal, Armenia ceded territory it had captured during the first war in the 1990s, and Russia deployed 2,000 troops to oversee the cease-fire. **ow**

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ABU DHABI 2022 SUMMIT TO DISCUSS CREATIVE CULTURAL SOLUTIONS

This year’s theme ‘A Living Culture’ will examine contemporary issues driving change in the culture and creative industries

ABU DHABI: The Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has announced that its fifth edition of Culture Summit Abu Dhabi, a leading global forum, will return to Manarat Al Saadiyat under the theme ‘A Living Culture’.

Designed to explore the future of the culture sector and discuss creative cultural solutions to some of the most urgent issues affecting the world today, the in-person event will run from October 23-25 in the UAE capital.

This year’s theme ‘A Living Culture’ will examine contemporary issues driving change in the culture and creative industries (CCI) and the wider culture sector today.

The programme will explore what it means to embrace culture as a lived experience in a world that has been transformed by COVID-19, and better understand



the pervasive influence culture has had on our individual and collective lives. Culture Summit Abu Dhabi will harness the expertise of attending cultural leaders, artists, practitioners, scholars, educators and creative professionals to discuss these urgent contemporary issues, according to Emirates News Agency (WAM).

The program is curated so that each day examines a sub-theme in more detail. On the first day, Living Cultural Ecosystems will take a sectoral perspective, looking at the emergence of more dynamic or living cultural and creative ecosystems that are more adaptable, resilient and responsive to change.

This theme looks at culture sector issues and challenges in producing and disseminating culture in the wake of the pandemic, particularly when it comes to new, more dynamic or living cultural or creative ecosystems.

The Summit will notably wel-

come three former Heads of States, Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania (2009-2019); Ivo Josipović, President of Croatia (2010-2015) and Joyce Banda, President of Malawi (2012-2014) moderated by Zaki Nusseibeh, Cultural Adviser to the UAE President, to explore the role of culture in making resilient and shared societies.

All creative fields will be reviewed through this lens with an exceptional keynote conversation between Chairman of DCT Abu Dhabi Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak and world-renowned comedian and television host Trevor Noah.

Performances by key figures from the performing arts scene, discussions on diversity in Hollywood creative industries, on the role of the collector and the power of culture districts, creative presentations by artists, film screenings, workshops and policy sessions all occurring in a

multi-track program.

On the second day, Living in Culture will consider how culture impacts people and communities through the lens of changing patterns of cultural participation.

This theme looks at how the pandemic forced the sector to innovate in order to survive. Particularly during times of lockdown, access to these digital cultural products and services became a social and psychological lifeline and part of people’s daily routine and experience.

During this second day, that will start with a key note by Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of Culture and Youth, participants to the Summit will be notably invited to explore the role of AI on the future of culture through panel discussions, case studies by cutting-edge tech companies such as TeamLab as well as an exceptional creative conversation between Tim Marlow, Director of the Design Museum and Aida, the world’s first ultra-realistic artist robot.

Panos A. Panay, President of the Recording Academy will also explore in conversation with Jimmy Jam the relationship between “Technology, Creativity, and the Changing Face of Pop Culture” followed by a keynote from celebrated architect and Director of Forensic Architecture Eyal Weizman. A deep dive into the vibrant cultural scene in Afghanistan will be explored in a panel followed by a performance from whirling dervish female dancer Fahima Mirzaie. **-WAM**

MEETING



Oman, Saudi Arbaia hold discussion on 2030 and 2040 visions, expertise

RIYADH: Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources Bandar Ibrahim Alkhorayef received in his office at the Ministry’s headquarters, the Omani Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Qais bin Mohammed Al-Yousef, and his accompanying delegation, where the two sides discussed the Kingdom’s vision 2030 and Oman 2040, strengthening aspects of industrial cooperation, and exploiting ambitious opportunities between the two sides, in addition to exchanging experiences in legislation, regulations, and services.

The meeting discussed benefiting from the Kingdom’s experience in managing and operating industrial cities and enhancing the competitiveness of the national indus-

try and Saudi exports, in addition to the Kingdom’s experience in the “Made in Saudi” program meant the financing aspects provided through the Saudi Industrial Development Fund and the Saudi Export-Import Bank (Saudi EXIM).

Saudi non-oil exports to Oman until the end of June 2022 amounted to more than SR2 billion, represented in several economic activities, including food products, petrochemicals, building materials, heavy machinery, and electronics.

The volume of Saudi imports from Oman in 2022 amounted to about SR7.2 billion, which include minerals, building materials, and food products, in addition to vehicles, spare parts, and petrochemical products. **-SPA**

MEWA



Saudi launches programme to monitor climate change

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia announced the launch of the scientific programme for Earth foresight that will contribute to facing environmental, water, and agricultural challenges caused by climate change.

It will pave the way for Saudi Arabia’s Environment, Water and Agriculture Ministry (MEWA) and the Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA) to lead climate efforts using artificial intelligence.

The programme was launched by MEWA, SDAIA, the Google Cloud Platform launched the program for Cloud Computing, and the Climate Engine Foundation

for climate research.

The launch was during the Global AI Summit, organized by SDAIA on September 13 - 15, SPA reported.

The programme relies on ground data processing techniques and artificial intelligence to provide sustainable solutions to address the risks of climate change and enhance environmental protection at the level of Saudi Arabia and the region.

It focuses on five aspects to secure a more sustainable environment, including environmental preservation, pollution control, sustainable agriculture, climate and nature protection, and water and food security. **-BNA**



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HRH CROWN PRINCE CONGRATULATES PRINCE WILLIAM ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRINCE OF WALES



JEDDAH: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister has sent a cable of congratulations to His Royal Highness Prince William on the occasion of his appointment as the Prince of Wales. HRH the Crown Prince expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes of success to Prince William, wishing him constant good health and happiness and to the friendly United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland further progress and prosperity. **-SPA**

HYDROPONIC FARM

UAE Vice-President stresses importance of food security

DUBAI: UAE, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, toured Emirates Crop One (ECO 1), the world’s largest vertical hydroponic farm that recently opened in Dubai.

Speaking during the tour, H.H. Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid said the unique initiative reflects the country’s commitment to food security by fostering sustainable food production systems and resilient agricultural practices. The UAE has maintained the highest levels of food security with one of the world’s most comprehensive plans to address this vital issue.

“The UAE will continue to make the right investments in technologies and people to make food production and supply more agile and sustainable,” His Highness added.

Developed in a joint venture between Emirates Flight Catering (EKFC), one of the world’s largest catering operations serving more than 100 airlines, and Crop One, an industry leader in technology-driven indoor vertical farming, the US\$40 million facility is spread over an area of 330,000 sq. ft.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed noted that the Emirates Group has made significant contributions to achieving the UAE’s vision of being a leader in shaping the future of humanity. The world’s largest vertical farm in Dubai is an embodiment of the UAE’s goal of generating solu-



tions for the world’s greatest challenges and advancing innovation for creating a sustainable and prosperous tomorrow, he said.

Located near Al Maktoum International Airport at Dubai World Central, the newly opened hydroponic facility in Dubai is geared to produce more than 1,000,000 kilograms of high-quality leafy greens annually, while requiring 95% less water than conventional agriculture. At any point in time, the facility grows in excess of 1 million plants, which provides an output of 3,000 kg per day.

The leafy greens grown in the facility, which include lettuce, arugula, mixed salad greens and spinach, will be used for catering for passengers on Emirates and other airlines. People in the UAE will be able to buy the produce at stores under the Bustanica brand. **-WFO**

SAUDI LEADERSHIP

SR28 billion fund to counter fluctuations triggered by COVID-19

RIYADH: The COVID-19 pandemic had introduced many unprecedented economic consequences for the international and local economies.

It disrupted work, trade, and economic systems. It escalated the state of uncertainty and decreased confidence in the global economy. Thus, many governments around the globe saw the necessity to intervene to secure their economies and protect their social systems. To that end, the Saudi leadership swiftly activated government efforts to support society and the local economy. Since March 2020, the National Development Fund (NDF) became at the core of these efforts, exercising one of its primary roles: to support the country in

times of economic fluctuations by acting counter-cyclically and being an engine of continued growth. NDF and its supervised development funds and banks sought to aid the health care and education sectors, support citizens, and stimulate the local economy with financing that exceeded more than SR28 billion.

NDF closely monitored the consequences of the pandemic and directed its support to all economic sectors while focusing on the most affected segments. Initiatives from the Social Development Bank and Kafalah Program were introduced to finance small and emerging enterprises specialised in health care and education.

In addition to financing medi-

cal and pharmaceutical projects and restructuring loans for small, medium, and large medical projects through the initiatives of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund. NDF also targeted to support employment in the private sector, train employees, finance individuals, and enable self-employment through the initiatives of the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) and the Social Development Bank.

NDF provided its support to the agricultural sector by stimulating small and medium enterprises and facilitating the import of agricultural products through the initiatives of the Agricultural Development Fund.

Moreover, NDF adopted initia-



tives of Kafala Program to support the Hajj and Umrah sector, sports sector, and supply chains. The support was also extended to the aviation sector to overcome the exacerbating negative effects the industry was under.

The support beneficiaries have exceeded (350,000) individuals and (36,000) large, medium, small, and micro-enterprises. NDF continues its role in enhancing confidence in the economy by easing pressure on the state’s budget

through development financing and acting as an effective tool to confront and mitigate the effect of fluctuation in economic cycles and engine for continued growth in the Kingdom’s economy to achieve the goals of Saudi Vision 2030.

On the other hand, the role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was not limited to supporting the local economy, as it was one of the first countries that took the initiative to maintain global balance and support unprivileged countries.

The Saudi Fund for Development launched an initiative to postpone debts and restructure the soft loans for (33) developing countries to ease their burden and enable them to focus on their response to the COVID-19. **-SPA**

Barcelona climb to top of Spanish LaLiga Santander

Robert Lewandowski, Polish striker in the Barcelona squad was the star man again with two goals



BARCELONA: Barcelona bounced back from their mid-week disappointment in Munich by comfortably swatting Elche aside, winning 3-0 after the visitors went down to 10 men in the opening moments of the game. Robert Lewandowski, Polish striker in the Barcelona squad was the star man again with two more goals, while he was also involved in the key moment of the match as he was brought down as the last man by Gonzalo Verdu in the 13th minute, earning the Elche man

an early dismissal, the Spanish MARCA newspaper reported. Elche were furious, especially because they felt Franck Kessie should have been shown a second yellow later in the first half. It was also frustrating for the visitors that both of Barcelona's first two goals were only very narrowly outside, the MARCA added. With the first, Lewandowski slid in to turn in a good low cross

from Alejandro Balde, before the young left-back then played it in to Memphis Depay, with the Dutchman turning his marker and firing a ferocious shot past Edgar Badia. Barcelona picked up where they'd left off after the break, with Lewandowski scoring just a few minutes into the second half, finishing well after the ball came to him following some ricochets in the penalty area. From there, Bar-

celona could take their feet off the gas, with Xavi even making a triple substitution on the hour mark. One of those substitutes was Raphinha and he came close, before Ronald Araujo almost turned in a spectacular volley at a late corner. In the end, it finished 3-0, meaning the Catalan club sit top of the Spanish LaLiga Santander for the time being, ahead of the Madrid derby tonight. **ONA**

Inaugural edition of Women's Indoor Bash cricket held at Oman Cricket Academy

Times News Service

MUSCAT: It was a day of cricket where camaraderie and competitive spirit was in full display at the Oman Cricket Academy indoor arena as the inaugural edition of the TMDone Women's Indoor Bash came to successful conclusion. Organised by Oman Cricket (OC), the nine-a-side T10 tournament attracted a total of seven teams with Pitch Smashers cornering the title glory in style. In the final, Pitch Smashers defeated Phoenix by six wickets with Smashers' Nayan Anil picking the player of the final trophy. Besides the finalists, the other teams that battled out at the indoor arena of the Oman Cricket Academy were Pakistan School Muscat (PSM) Women, Globetrotters, Indian School Wadi Kabir (ISWK) Women, Bangladesh Cricket Club Women and The DrOmans. OC's endeavour to make the game popular and reach a larger section of women met with encouraging response as the seven



teams were allowed to name 11 players each. A round-robin format ensured that each team played two matches each in the league stage and the best four - Pitch Smashers, Phoenix, PSM Women and Globetrotters - advanced to the playoff stage. The playoff stage had a Qualifier 1 for the top two teams in the league stage and Pitch Smashers defeated Phoenix to qualify directly to the final. Phoenix got another chance in Qualifier 2 as it met PSM Women, who had defeated Globetrotters in Eliminator. Phoenix got the better of PSM Women to set up a repeat match against Pitch Smashers.

COURSE ON E-SPORTS

OOA to organise e-sports, future sports course

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Olympic Olympic Academy in cooperation with Oman E-Sports Committee will organise e-sports, future sports course on Tuesday and it will last for three days. The course aims to spread cultural awareness about e-sports due to the growing interest during the past few years. Recognised as one of the official sports in many countries of the world, it aims to introduce the par-

ticipants to the e-games industry and the awareness of the psychological factors associated with it and the risks and how to deal with it. 27 candidates from OOC, federations, sports committees, club employees, and those interested in e-sports and their practitioners will attend the course. It will be led by Asma Al Yahya, a member of Oman e-Sports Committee, member of the Women's Committee of the Arab Federation for e-Sports.

WADI KABIR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ORGANISED

The first edition of the Wadi Kabir Champions League organised by Indian School Wadi Kabir Sports Academy concluded on 15 September in the presence of Oman national cricket team player Jatinder Singh. The winners of U12 category was ISWK TIGERS and runner-up was ISWK LIONS while the winner of U15 category was ISWK CHEETAHS and runner-up was ISWK TIGERS. The winner of U19 category was ISWK LIONS and runner up was ISWK TIGERS while the winner of women's category was ISWK PANTHERS and runner-up was ISWK CHEETAHS. 14 teams participated in the tournament. — Times News Service



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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4,465.59 points, down by 0.29 per cent from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.98 per cent at 472.4 points. Oman Chlorine, up 9.69 per cent, was the top gainer while Dhofar Cattle Feed, down 9.09 per cent, was the top loser.

Oman signs gas exploration and production sharing pact for Block 11

This EPSA establishes Shell as the operator of Block 11, holding a 67.5 per cent working interest, with OQ and TotalEnergies holding 10 per cent and 22.5 per cent respectively

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Energy and Minerals (on behalf of the government of the Sultanate of Oman) signed an Exploration and Production Sharing Agreement (EPSA) with Shell Integrated Gas Oman BV, a subsidiary of Shell plc, along with its partners, OQ and TotalEnergies to explore, appraise and develop natural gas resources and condensate in Block 11.

This EPSA establishes Shell as the operator of Block 11, holding

a 67.5 per cent working interest, with OQ and TotalEnergies holding 10 per cent and 22.5 per cent respectively. The EPSA exploration activities will see the seismic acquisition of 1,400km² in late 2022, with few planned exploration wells to follow.

Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals in Oman, said, "There is a continuous focus in MEM on enhancing the natural gas reserves of the Sultanate of Oman through exploration and appraisal activities undertaken by several companies in the country. This agreement strengthens the strategic relations with partners in the sector such as Shell, TotalEnergies, OQ and others to ensure Oman's energy security and attract more foreign investment, adding the highest value to the local supply chain."

Walid Hadi, Shell's Senior Vice President, and Country Chair in Oman said, "Block 11 is located on the western side of the Sultanate of Oman, in and around the Um-mas Samim Sabkha.

"Shell's entry into this block signifies a further commitment to Oman while enhancing and diversifying its gas supply. For Shell, this partnership will strengthen our integrated gas business and generate value for Oman and our shareholders."



STRATEGIC FACT: Shell's entry into this block signifies a further commitment to Oman while enhancing and diversifying its gas supply. - Supplied picture

NCSI DATA

Oman sees rise in electricity and water generation by end of June

MUSCAT: Oman's electricity and water production grew by 1.6 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively at the end of the first half of this year compared to last year.

"The total electricity generation in the Sultanate of Oman until the end of June 2022 increased by 1.6 per cent to 20,100 gigawatts per hour," according to the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The governorate of Dhofar recorded an increase of 9.2 per cent in total generation to reach 2,100 gigawatts per hour, and the governorates of North and South Al Batinah and Al Dhahirah recorded an increase in the total electricity generation by 6.5 per cent to 12,925 gigawatts per hour.

For Oman's net electricity generation until the end of June 2022, which includes the purchases of the Oman Energy and Water Pro-



curement Company and the purchases by the Rural Areas Electricity Company by regions amounted to 19,478 gigawatts per hour, an increase of 1.7 per cent.

The largest amount of net electricity generation came in the Governorate of Dhofar, with an increase of 9.5 per cent to reach 1,999

gigawatts per hour.

The governorates of North and South Al Batinah and Al Dhahirah also recorded an increase in net electricity production by 6.8 per cent to reach 12,512 gigawatts per hour.

On the other hand, the total amount of water produced in

Oman witnessed an increase of 6 per cent to reach 251.70 cubic metres until the end of June 2022, as the governorates of Dhofar and Muscat recorded an increase in water production by 8.9 per cent and 8.5 per cent, respectively, compared to the same period last year in 2021. - ONA

TRAINING PROGRAMME



Al Buraimi Industrial City honours outstanding students

MUSCAT: Al Buraimi Industrial City, which falls under the umbrella of the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn), organised a ceremony to honour students for their outstanding academic performance in Al Buraimi governorate under the auspices of Sheikh Dr Hilal bin Ali Al Habsi, Wali of Al Buraimi.

The event comes in line with Al Buraimi Industrial City's annual plan to promote and enhance the concept of social responsibility in cooperation with the companies and factories based in the industrial city.

The ceremony also marked the

end of a five-day training programme on investor service excellence to equip the participants with key investor and customer service skills, and introduce them to effective communication skills, quality standards of investor service, and customer types.

The programme highlighted several related topics including skills of understanding and addressing investor and client needs, negotiation skills, teamwork motivation, time and pressure management, innovative and quality customer service delivery, and work performance, among other topics.

UNIQUE INITIATIVE

Golf diplomacy highlights Oman's tourism and investment potential

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman is leveraging golf as an elegant ambassador to highlight the natural beauty of the Sultanate for travellers and to promote its numerous investment opportunities.

In a conversation over a game of golf, Francesco Palau Greig, Honorary Consul of Oman in Milan, Italy, and Ali Daud, CEO of Daud Group discussed how golf can be the vehicle to bring Oman to Italy and Italy to Oman, and today, one year later, this fantastic joint initiative is being launched with the blessing of the Ministry of Culture, Sports & Youth and enjoys national support.

The Oman Golf Trophy invites Italians/Europeans to discover Oman's exclusive tourism experiences and rich business opportunities. It is stewarded by the Oman Golf Association (www.golfoman.com) under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture, Sports & Youth with technical as well as financial support from the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Heritage & Tourism, and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion, coupled with sponsorship by some of the most prominent groups in the country



including Oman Air, OHI, The Zubair Corporation, Al Mouj Golf and Kempinski Hotel Muscat and of course Daud Group.

The initiative which was formally launched at a ceremony held at Kempinski Hotel Muscat under the patronage of Basil bin Ahmed Al-Rawas, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth for Sports and Youth, underlines the collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors in Oman to forge a robust partnership in promoting Oman as a unique tourism and investment destination in line with Oman Vision 2040. Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousuf,

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion said, "Building new relationships through the game of golf is a concept as timeless as the game itself... This initiative takes things a step further, by inviting our honoured guests to discover Oman as an investment destination. In the last ten years, there have been substantial private investments in the development of new services for golf enthusiasts and professionals. We are proud of the newest developments to Oman's fast-growing sports tourism industry - an award-winning international airport, brand new 5-star luxury

resorts, some of the top golf courses in the world, and a breathtaking coastline will make the Grand Final an event to remember. The Oman Golf Trophy represents an excellent opportunity to attract tourists and foreign investors to our country."

Coordinating this unique promotional initiative on behalf of the Sultanate of Oman, Chairman of Oman Golf Association, Munder Al Barwani said, "We are delighted to be assigned by His Highness Sultan Haitham bin Tarik Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports & Youth to coordinate and organise the inaugural Oman Golf Trophy.

Over the last 10 years, golf has become an important vehicle in the growth of Oman as a tourist destination, with 3 exceptional 18-hole championship golf courses in the capital Muscat, the links between golf and industry and investment are undeniable, highlighted within the Sultanate through events such as the Oman Open on the European Tour calendar which has welcomed international calibre professionals.

"We are excited about introducing Oman as a destination for tourism and investment to the Italian market and also welcoming the winners of the Oman Golf Trophy qualifying series to Oman in March 2023. Those who win their invite to the grand final can expect to enjoy a luxury all expenses paid experience of renowned Omani hospitality, gain insight into the business opportunities in this Jewel of the Arabian peninsula and play at the Al Mouj Greg Norman designed course - an elite oceanfront golfing venue beyond compare."

Ali Daud, CEO of Daud Group, the main architect of this unique initiative said, "On behalf of my fellow sponsors from the private sector of Oman we are delighted to partner with the respective government bodies in launching the

first Oman Golf Trophy tournament overseas. Italy was chosen as the first destination for such an event because it shares many similar characteristics with Oman in terms of natural beauty, hospitable people, and a strong industry base.

"The tournament aims to raise awareness about Oman's diverse natural and investment offerings; sprawling beaches, deserts, mountains, historic towns, unparalleled local hospitality for the Italian holidaymakers, and lucrative business opportunities for Italian businesses and investors in a perfect location. Oman is also one of the few countries in the world that enjoys a Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America, which makes it a perfect investment hub for businesses exporting to the US allowing their products duty-free access to the US markets."

The Oman Golf Trophy tournament will be played on seven of the most prestigious courses in Italy between September to November 2022, with the Grand Final taking place in Muscat, Oman, in March 2023. The Oman leg will be played at Al Mouj Golf and Ghala Golf Club, with players from Oman having the opportunity to engage in a fun challenge with the Italian leg winners.

MARKET



MSX index ends lower

Oman Chlorine, up 9.69 per cent, was the top gainer while Dhofar Cattle Feed, down 9.09 per cent, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,465.59 points, down by 0.29 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.98 per cent at 472.4 points. Oman Chlorine, up 9.69 per cent, was the top gainer while Dhofar Cattle Feed, down 9.09 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 233 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR3.19 million, with more than 8.05 million shares changing hands. Out of 43 traded securities, 9 advanced, 17 declined, and 17 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR67K while domestic investors were net sellers for OMR58,000, followed by foreign investors for OMR9,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,114.43 points, down 0.36 per cent. Prices of DIDIC and Oman Arab Bank were up by 8.28 per cent and 2.42 per cent respectively. Prices of Ahli Bank, Sohar

International Bank, National Bank Oman and Oman Qatar Insurance were down by 1.54 per cent, 0.97 per cent, 0.8 per cent and 0.53 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,285.4 points, down 0.16 per cent. Prices of Oman Chlorine, Muscat Thread Mill, Jazeera Steel Products and Oman Fisheries were up by 9.69 per cent, 7.81 per cent, 2.65 per cent and 0.94 per cent respectively. Prices of Dhofar Cattle Feed, Gulf International Chemicals, Gulf Mushroom Products, Raysut Cement and A'Saffa Foods were down by 9.09 per cent, 3.06 per cent, 2 per cent, 1.87 per cent and 1.81 per cent respectively.

Services Index was down by 0.06 per cent before closing at 1,614.41 points. Prices of Phoenix Power, SMN Power Holding and Al Maha Marketing were up by 6.98 per cent, 5.56 per cent and 1.01 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Jazeera Services, Dhofar Generating, Sembcorp Salalah, Oman Telecom and Renaissance Services were down by 7.41 per cent, 1.82 per cent, 1.56 per cent, 0.44 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively. — United Securities

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INDICES							
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%	
MSX 30 INDEX	4,484.49	4,465.07	4,465.59	4,478.67	-13.08	-0.29	
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,156.86	7,112.26	7,114.43	7,140.15	-25.73	-0.36	
Industry Index	6,310.46	6,285.39	6,285.39	6,295.18	-9.79	-0.16	
Services Index	1,621.04	1,609.56	1,614.41	1,615.43	-1.02	-0.06	
MSX Shariah Index	476.99	472.27	472.40	477.08	-4.68	-0.98	
MSX TR INDEX	5,655.98	5,631.50	5,632.15	5,648.65	-16.50	-0.29	
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,488.85	7,442.18	7,444.45	7,471.37	-26.92	-0.36	
SERVICES TR IDX	1,683.30	1,671.38	1,676.41	1,677.47	-1.06	-0.06	
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,549.20	6,523.18	6,523.18	6,533.34	-10.16	-0.16	
Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
8,057,967	3,191,476	233	23,210,867,026	9	17	17	43

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST RD	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000000216	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	500	136	1	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.264	0.007	2.652	0.271	0.265	0.271	0.100	33,847,347
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	800	640	2	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.792	0.008	0.1010	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.100	55,200,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	41,220	5,153	3	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.123	0.130	0.100	28,625,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	133,187	30,790	5	0.299	0.299	0.298	0.298	0.298	0.000	0.000	0.298	0.298	0.298	0.100	98,600,068
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	2,280	889	2	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.000	0.000	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.100	85,800,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	40,402	3,222	8	0.076	0.086	0.076	0.081	0.081	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.080	0.083	0.100	7,290,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	4,325,869	2,548,841	19	0.580	0.580	0.578	0.580	0.582	0.000	0.000	0.582	0.580	0.582	0.100	21,361,545
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H	40,021	2,401	4	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.055	0.060	0.100	12,000,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	7,188	4,270	1	0.594	0.594	0.594	0.594	0.596	-0.002	-0.336	0.594	0.600	0.594	0.100	33,555,000
OM0000003234	RENAISSANCE SER	350,507	174,552	1	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.500	-0.002	-0.400	0.498	0.468	0.494	0.100	117,732,180
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	24,110	21,603	6	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.900	-0.004	-0.444	0.896	0.864	0.896	0.100	672,000,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	440,296	109,632	2	0.249	0.249	0.248	0.248	0.250	-0.002	-0.800	0.248	0.000	0.248	0.100	403,234,696
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	51,000	5,252	2	0.103	0.103	0.102	0.102	0.103	-0.001	-0.971	0.102	0.102	0.103	0.100	468,186,354
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	7,500	3,195	2	0.426	0.426	0.426	0.426	0.432	-0.006	-1.389	0.426	0.420	0.432	0.100	23,430,000
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	50,100	6,413	3	0.127	0.128	0.127	0.128	0.130	-0.002	-1.538	0.128	0.128	0.132	0.100	249,556,156
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	29,389	1,533	2	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.055	-0.001	-1.818	0.054	0.050	0.054	0.100	12,000,960
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	3,100	847	2	0.250	0.274	0.250	0.250	0.270	-0.020	-7.407	0.274	0.260	0.274	0.100	15,301,068
Total	17	5,546,462	2,928,367	65												
Parallel Market																
OM0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	331	187	1	0.566	0.566	0.566	0.566	0.516	0.050	9.690	0.566	0.000	0.566	0.100	38,546,671
OM0000001509	DHOFAH INT	61,607	8,936	3	0.145	0.159	0.145	0.157	0.145	0.012	8.276	0.157	0.131	0.157	0.100	64,251,672
OM0000002036	Muscat Thread MTL	100	7	1	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.064	0.005	7.813	0.069	0.058	0.069	0.100	1,109,013
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	86,632	3,837	14	0.044	0.046	0.044	0.046	0.043	0.003	6.977	0.046	0.045	0.046	0.100	67,279,667
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	100	4	1	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.036	0.002	5.266	0.038	0.033	0.034	0.100	7,386,153
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	334,499	42,465	16	0.299	0.299	0.298	0.298	0.294	0.003	0.419	0.297	0.121	0.297	0.100	212,015,070
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	224,576	24,172	23	0.108	0.108	0.107	0.107	0.106	0.001	0.943	0.107	0.107	0.108	0.100	19,482,389
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	389,589	59,607	1	0.153	0.153	0.153	0.153	0.153	0.000	0.000	0.153	0.150	0.159	0.100	306,047,857
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	52,600	3,424	5	0.066	0.066	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.063	0.065	0.100	19,964,511
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	820,300	66,064	35	0.080	0.082	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.078	0.080	0.100	16,000,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	49,377	8,173	7	0.165	0.166	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.165	0.163	0.165	0.100	33,492,764
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	154,334	14,908	9	0.096	0.098	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	214,747,491
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	72,725	3,127	5	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.100	10,750,000
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	1,000	111	1	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.000	0.000	0.111	0.112	0.111	0.100	17,266,064
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	17,805	1,229	1	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.063	0.069	0.100	33,511,861
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	3,000	432	1	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.142	0.142	0.000	0.000	0.144	0.142	0.144	0.100	10,724,124
OM0000006979	OMAN QATAR INSUR	1,400	262	10	0.182	0.190	0.182	0.189	0.190	-0.001	-0.526	0.189	0.182	0.189	0.100	18,900,000
OM0000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	20,000	1,260	1	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.064	-0.001	-1.563	0.063	0.060	0.064	0.100	60,138,033
OM0000002804	ASAPFA FOODS	7,240	1,962	2	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.276	-0.005	-1.812	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.100	32,530,000
OM0000004118	RAYSUT CEMENT	39,440	8,295	14	0.214	0.214	0.210	0.210	0.214	-0.004	-1.869	0.210	0.203	0.210	0.100	42,000,000
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM P	200	48	2	0.235	0.245	0.235	0.245	0.250	-0.005	-2.000	0.245	0.250	0.250	0.100	10,193,291
OM0000007084	GULF INT'CHEMI	18,700	1,777	6	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.098	-0.003	-3.061	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.100	1,995,000
OM0000007910	AMIAN REAL ESTATE	3,000	273	1	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.098	-0.007	-7.143	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.100	18,200,000
OM0000001301	DHOFAH CATTLE	5,000	460	1	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.088	-0.008	-9.091	0.089	0.080	0.085	0.100	6,468,000
Total	24	2,263,565	250,990	161												

CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY

Seminar to focus on supervision of climate risk insurance protection gap

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Capital Market Authority (CMA) of Oman and the Supervisory Authority of Insurance and Social Welfare of Morocco prepare will be organising the Middle East and North Africa Regional seminar on the Supervision of Climate Risk Insurance Protection Gap on September 27-28 in Muscat.

The event will be held within the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the two regulators of the insurance sectors in the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Morocco signed in the first quarter of this year.

The seminar will be conducted in collaboration with the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS), Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) and Sustainable Insurance Forum (SIF).

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Target audience

The seminar targets insurance supervisors in the Mena region and insurance industry specialists and professionals and will discuss issues related to the management of natural calamities to explore a road map prepared by the IAIS on climate risk and the opinions of the regulators on the challenges facing insurance markets in the region as well as the issues facing the insurance regulators in the region in addition to the activities of A2ii and SIF on closing the climate risk insurance protection gap.

The seminar will contribute to increasing awareness of the importance of setting up hedging programs and policies and enhancing the insurance industry's ability to face the challenges caused by climate change.

INTERVIEW

China's economic growth vital to global development, economic stability

CAIRO: China's economic growth plays a key role in promoting global development and maintaining global economic stability, an Egyptian expert has said.

"China defends the causes of developing countries on the international stage, and also plays an active role in important international organisations such as the Group of 20 and the BRICS," said Mohamed Fayez Farahat, director of Egypt's state-run Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Farahat said that China-proposed initiatives, including the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), reflect China's contribution to global development

and support for developing countries and emerging economies.

The BRI is important given the wide participation of countries and its positive impact on the global economy, the expert said, highlighting that the BRI "enriches the concept of development, which is a basic issue that concerns developing countries."

"This gives the BRI a philosophy different to other international initiatives that only focus on trade and neglected development, or political dimensions," Farahat said.

"I believe China provides an important model for the concept of a development-based country, which is an attractive model for emerging economies in the world," Farahat said. -xinhua

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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

RBI will take responsible steps to keep inflation in reasonable range

NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will take responsible steps to keep inflation in a reasonable range, said Sanjeev Sanyal, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

In an interview with ANI, Sanyal said, "Our retail inflation is at 7 per cent. This is something that we do watch with some concern. However, I do want to make the point and look in the context where inflation in virtually every other country is higher than ours, even in developed countries, like the US, UK, and so on."

Sanyal pointed out that in several countries inflation is much higher, in some cases, it is feared to go into double digits. UK inflation, for example, may go into the range of 1



Shift workers account for up to 20 per cent of the workforce in industrial societies and are directly responsible for many hospital services, factory work, and other essential services

DAYTIME EATING MAY BENEFIT MENTAL HEALTH

Investigators have designed a study that simulated night work and then tested the effects of daytime and nighttime eating versus daytime eating only. The team found that, among participants in the daytime and nighttime eating group, depression-like mood levels increased by 26 per cent and anxiety-like mood levels by 16 per cent. Participants in the daytime-only eating group did not experience this increase, suggesting that meal timing may influence mood vulnerability.

“Our findings provide evidence for the timing of food intake as a novel strategy to potentially minimise mood vulnerability in individuals experiencing circadian misalignment, such as people engaged in shift work, experiencing jet lag, or suffering from circadian rhythm disorders,” said co-

responding author Frank A. J. L. Scheer, PhD, Director of the Medical Chronobiology Program in the Brigham’s Division of Sleep and Circadian Disorders. “Future studies in shift workers and clinical populations are required to firmly establish if changes in meal timing can prevent their increased mood vulnerability. Until then, our study brings a new ‘player’ to the table: the timing of food intake matters for our mood.”

Shift workers account for up to 20 per cent of the workforce in industrial societies and are directly responsible for many hospital services, factory work, and other essential services. Shift workers often experience a misalignment between their central circadian clock in the brain and daily behaviours, such as sleep/wake and fasting/eating cycles. Importantly, they also have a 25 to 40 per cent higher risk of

depression and anxiety.

“Shift workers — as well as individuals experiencing circadian disruption, including jet lag — may benefit from our meal timing intervention,” said co-corresponding author Sarah L. Chellappa, MD, PhD, who completed work on this project while at the Brigham. Chellappa is now in the Department of Nuclear Medicine, University of Cologne, Germany. “Our findings open the door for a novel sleep/circadian behavioural strategy that might also benefit individuals experiencing mental health disorders. Our study adds to a growing body of evidence finding that strategies that optimize sleep and circadian rhythms may help promote mental health.”

To conduct the study, Scheer, Chellappa, and colleagues enrolled 19 participants (12 men and 7 women)

for a randomized controlled study. Participants underwent a Forced Desynchrony protocol in dim light for four 28-hour “days,” such that by the fourth “day” their behavioural cycles were inverted by 12 hours, simulating night work and causing circadian misalignment. Participants were randomly assigned to one of two meal timing groups: the Daytime and Nighttime Meal Control Group, which had meals according to a 28-hour cycle (resulting in eating both during the night and day, which is typical among night workers), and the Daytime-Only Meal Intervention Group, which had meals on a 24-hour cycle (resulting in eating only during the day). The team assessed depression- and anxiety-like mood levels every hour.

The team found that meal timing significantly affected the participants’ mood levels.

During the simulated night shift (day 4), those in the Daytime and Nighttime Meal Control Group had increased depression-like mood levels and anxiety-like mood levels, compared to baseline (day 1). In contrast, there were no changes in mood in the Daytime Meal Intervention Group during the simulated night shift. Participants with a greater degree of circadian misalignment experienced more depression and anxiety-like moods.

“Meal timing is emerging as an important aspect of nutrition that may influence physical health,” said Chellappa. “But the causal role of the timing of food intake on mental health remains to be tested. Future studies are required to establish if changes in meal timing can help individuals experiencing depressive and anxiety/anxiety-related disorders.” -ANI

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Camel race kicks off in Jahra Governorate, Kuwait
Camels participate in the camel race in Jahra Governorate, Kuwait. The camel race is one of the activities of the local sports season kicked off on Saturday morning in Jahra Governorate. **xinhua**



Sivrihisar Airshow 2022 kicks off in Eskisehir, Türkiye
A wingwalker performs during the Sivrihisar Airshow 2022 in Sivrihisar district of Eskisehir in Türkiye. The annual airshow kicked off on Saturday. **xinhua**

UN launches first-ever International Finance Facility for Education
UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (centre) and UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown (left) are seen at a press conference for the launch of the International Finance Facility for Education at the UN Headquarters in New York. **xinhua**



Crab fishing season in Gaza City
Just-caught crabs are seen at Al-Shati refugee camp in Gaza City. The crab fishing season here lasts for three months, from September to November. **xinhua**

Colour Run Night fun race in Bucharest, Romania
Runners start during the Colour Run Night fun race in Bucharest, capital of Romania. **xinhua**



Jitiya festival celebrated in Kathmandu, Nepal
Women in traditional attire offer prayers during the Jitiya festival in Kathmandu, Nepal. The festival is mostly celebrated by married women from the Tharu community for the well-being of their husbands and sons by observing a fast without water. **xinhua**



Philippine International Motor Show held in Pasay City
People visit the Philippine International Motor Show in Pasay City, the Philippines. **xinhua**



Fire Dragon Festival held in Vancouver, Canada
Dragon dancers perform during the Fire Dragon Festival at Chinatown in Vancouver, Canada. **xinhua**



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ROUND-UP



Book a test drive to explore INFINITI QX55

Possessing a luxury status, INFINITI QX55 hits the right notes, combining comfort, innovative technology, and trend-setting style in equal measure

MUSCAT: The remarkable premium crossover INFINITI QX55 is available for a test drive, INFINITI Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles has announced.

Prospective customers interested in exploring the INFINITI QX55 can book a test drive from the comfort of their homes on the website (www.infiniti-oman.com/services/test-drive.html). Interested customers can also schedule a test drive of the vehicle by visiting the showroom.

Possessing a luxury status, INFINITI QX55 hits the right notes, combining comfort, innovative technology, and trendsetting style in equal measure.

From a provocative design perspective, the INFINITI QX55 is the spiritual successor to the brand's iconic FX series. The vehicle's striking roofline and unapologetic shape are in tune with equally courageous buyers.

A senior spokesperson at INFINITI Oman said, "Interested buyers can get a hands-on experience on its drive quality, features, comfort and much more by booking a test drive through our official website (or at the INFINITI Oman showroom)."

Customers can schedule a test drive for an INFINITI QX55 through the company's official website by filling in their details such as name, phone number and email address. Once the booking of the appointment is completed, the car will be dropped off at a preferred date and time.

The soul of the iconic INFINITI FX lives on in the QX55, bringing an eye-catching crossover coupe silhouette together with performance-inspired details to create something truly, unapologetically individual. The INFINITI QX55 has an entirely new shape with more stylish details and a modernised interior.

The QX55 inserts INFINITI back into a category it helped to create with a refined design language, and sporty styling. The signature double-arch grille is



complemented by a stunning, origami-inspired mesh pattern that delivers visual depth and showcases modern Japanese-inspired artistry. Flanked by standard LED headlights that mimic the human eye, the QX55 announces its arrival in style.

The elegant and flowing lines of the model reach from the hood, over the front fenders, across the doors, and over the rear wheels. Twenty-inch wheels are standard on all QX55 models, which fill the wheel arches and assert the SUV's dynamic presence.

The rear of the QX55 accentuates the subtlety of the automaker's design and interpretation of Japanese minimalism by coupling an uncluttered liftgate with handsome, understated technology to deliver a lasting impression. Digital "piano key" taillights combine 45 separate LEDs in a single housing to create an elegant light signature. The INFINITI logo on the tailgate is similarly advanced and houses the power liftgate release, which further frees the rear end

from clutter.

Inside, the QX55 features INFINITI's dual-screen, InTouch infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, and multiple USB inputs for charging. The upper 8-inch and lower 7-inch high-resolution screens inform the driver and entertain passengers with an available Bose® series audio system providing a concert-like acoustic experience.

Leatherette, leather, or semi-aniline leather appointments for the seats adorn the QX55's spacious interior, and its sliding second-row seats provide flexible cargo capacity or increased legroom, depending on need.

Under the hood of the QX55 is INFINITI's award-winning and innovative Variable Compression Turbo four-cylinder engine that outputs 268 horsepower and delivers enhanced efficiency or on-demand power, based on the driver's needs. That power is shifted through a confident Continuously Variable Transmission with manual shift mode and delivered to INFINITI's Intelli-

gent All-Wheel Drive system, which is standard on all QX55 models. A Drive Mode Selector empowers the driver with programmable settings (Standard, Eco, Sport and Personal) to tailor each drive.

QX55 is packed with a suite of intelligent safety technology, including Predictive Forward Collision Warning, Lane Departure Warning and Prevention System, Forward Emergency Braking with Pedestrian Detection to Blind Spot Warning and Intervention and Backup Collision Intervention.

INFINITI's QX55 is available in three well-appointed categories: Luxe, Essential and Sensory.

SBA is largely committed to supporting INFINITI Oman's growth in the Sultanate through a major emphasis on customer satisfaction and by providing world-class after-sales services in Oman. With a national network of more than 40 showrooms, service centres and parts outlets, SBA has further built upon its legacy of trust, excellent customer service and providing value for money to each of its customers.

POWER-PACKED PERFORMANCE



Nissan Kicks refined interior and enhanced connectivity attracts enthusiastic buyers

MUSCAT: Offering a remarkable range of class-leading features and power-packed performance, Nissan Kicks continues to serve as the SUV of choice young amongst customers in Oman, officials at Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA) validate.

The car's refreshing style and innovative technology meets the aspiration of urban customers in the country.

Placing a large focus on enhancing connectivity, innovation and personalization, the new Nissan Kicks allows drivers to further express their personal style as they cut through the city with precise handling and available advanced driver assist features.

A senior official from SBA said: "The Nissan Kicks always has had a finger on the pulse of the young urban commuter, combining style and technology with a value for money that has made it a fast favorite in Oman. The car dials up both connectivity and customisation while infusing it with the latest Nissan Intelligent Mobility technology – making this an even more formidable model within the SUV-B segment."

He added, "The attractiveness of Kicks is reflective of the increasing customer demand for crossover SUVs, as they seek space and versatility akin to SUVs, with the size and practicality of a sedan. These expectations, coupled with growing desire amongst younger drivers to always stay connected, have helped us create a refreshed Nissan Kicks – and we are excited to see our customers across the region take this nimble model out on the streets."

Maintaining that momentum, the Nissan Kicks has been refreshed with updates to provide

even more features, technology, customized style and value that buyers seek in a compact crossover. The exterior sees an aesthetic upgrade with the integration of Nissan's Double V-motion grille, new front and rear bumpers and an array of bold new colors, including new two-tone combinations. The updated interior features a new center console, new seating and trim materials, Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™ compatibility and BOSE headrest speakers.

Nissan Kicks also includes a number of Nissan Intelligent Mobility (NIM) technology upgrades such as Intelligent Around View® Monitor, as well as Forward Collision Warning, Automatic Emergency Braking, Blind Spot Warning and Rear Cross Traffic Alert. All of these class-leading features are complemented by upgraded chassis control to provide superior ride comfort and control.

While maintaining Kicks' compact urban crossover dimensions – with its large interior space and nimble, city-sized exterior for easy maneuverability – the extensive exterior changes immediately set Kicks apart from the competition. The redesigned Nissan Kicks is available in three well-equipped trims – Kicks S, Kicks SV and Kicks SL.

Starting with a bold front end, the new Kicks features a more aggressive bumper that blends with the new "Double V-motion" grille, giving the SUV a more powerful SUV look. New LED headlights offer a high-tech, modern and premium effect, which is even further enhanced on the SL grade's super-thin LED multi-reflector design. Meanwhile, both SV and SL grades include standard LED fog lights.

FULLY SPONSORED



100 national pilgrims depart for Umrah from Muscat facilitated by Saud Bahwan Charitable Foundation

MUSCAT: 100 national pilgrims from Al Noor Association recently departed from Oman for Umrah. The specially designed package was fully sponsored by Saud Bahwan Charitable Foundation and included return airfares, food, accommodation and on-ground Umrah related activities.

Saud Bahwan Charitable Foundation was founded in 2004. It is the first Charity Organisation in Oman and continually assists in the welfare of individuals

and families who are economically hard-pressed.

The foundation regularly facilitates various charitable activities by providing financial and non-financial assistance.

The foundation's activities are apparent in various spheres across the nation. While most of the projects are directly handled by Saud Bahwan Charitable Foundation, it also undertakes projects jointly with ministries and institutions.

WORLD CLEANUP DAY

Sustainable City-Yiti and ESO partner to clear over 1.5 tonnes of marine debris from Muscat's beaches

MUSCAT: To mark World Cleanup Day, The Sustainable City- Yiti, alongside Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran Group), Diamond Developers, and the Environment Society of Oman (ESO), organised a community cleanup campaign along Al Hail beach, resulting in more than 1.5 tonnes of marine litter being removed from the beaches.

The cleanup saw an astonishing attendance from the Omani community, with more than 125 volunteers rallying to clear trash from one of Oman's most popular beaches. As a result, millions of plastic and micro-plastic particles have been held from entering the marine ecosystem, helping to preserve the environment and wildlife bio network.

Eng Ammar Al Kharusi, Development Director, Yiti Tourism Development Company, said, "Protecting the environment and preserving its natural resources and biodiversity are among the strategic priorities of the Sustainable City - Yiti. The 1 million square meters project is designed to preserve natural resources and provide residents with a sustainable lifestyle."

Al Kharusi praised the efforts of the Environment Society of Oman, saying: "We hope that such cam-



paigns can contribute to raising awareness about the importance of maintaining a clean environment, and properly reducing waste production and disposal, as well as instilling a culture of volunteerism among youth."

Suaad Al Harthi, ESO Director, said "It has been a pleasure to collaborate with The Sustainable City - Yiti to bring this campaign to life. The response from the community was inspiring and serves as a reminder to us all of our shared responsibility for the conservation of our environment. On the occasion of World Cleanup Day, howev-

er, we also remind the community that where there is no waste, there is no need for cleanups! There are many steps we can take to reduce the amount of waste we produce and to dispose of the waste we do create responsibly. Oman is blessed with one of the most stunning coastlines in the region and we hope that this beach cleanup inspires the community to continue maintaining its natural resources."

The campaign was organised in recognition of World Cleanup Day, an annual global social action program aimed at combating the global waste problem, whilst also

raising awareness about the dangers of waste to both human and environmental health.

Additionally, protecting the environment and conserving Oman's rich biodiversity are among the key objectives of The Sustainable City - Yiti, which aligns with Oman's Vision 2040. The project, which is a partnership between Omran Group and Diamond Developers, will be the largest and most sustainable operational sustainable community in the region. It is designed to deliver measurable outcomes across all three pillars of sustainability: social, environmental, and economic, bringing forward the UN emission reduction targets for 2050. Waste management will also be a key priority within the community, with sufficient in-built recycling and disposable systems designed to keep waste out of the landfill and the environment.

As part of their mission to help conserve Oman's natural heritage, ESO undertakes numerous beach and underwater clean-ups each year. To date in 2022, ESO, with the support of over two hundred volunteers, has cleared more than 72 tonnes of marine debris from our beaches and coral reefs. These events are not possible without the help of the community.



ROUND-UP



Al Namaa Account opens investment avenues for Ahli Islamic depositors

Through the Mudaraba-based Savings Account, depositors can enjoy high profits calculated and paid monthly

MUSCAT: With an expected return rate of up to 3.54% per annum, Ahli Islamic is opening investment avenues for depositors with its exclusive Al Namaa Savings Account, which is designed and structured to inspire a culture of saving among its patrons and potential customers.

Through the Mudaraba-based Savings Account, depositors can enjoy high profits calculated and paid monthly. As per the set protocol, the depositor (Rab-ul-Mal), investing in Al Namaa Savings Account, authorises the bank (Mudarib) to invest his/her funds into



Sharia-compliant high-net worth business avenues. The bank has added ease and convenience to the account and made it feasible for customers with varying financial capabilities by incorporating mul-

multiple deposit tiers that cater to the different customer segments.

At the same time, the account assures just weightages that are in sync with the balance maintained in the account.

Highlighting the features of the account and the benefits accruing from the deposits, Noora Sabah Sultan – AGM, Head of Retail, Ahli Islamic, commented, “The main premise behind Al Namaa

is to earn highest possible profits on every Rial invested with the bank. We want our customers to understand the potential of their deposits to earn them profits that are commensurate with their investments. Our investment tiers are weightage-based and the same is distributed on a monthly basis, with payment assured on the average balance maintained.”

According to Yousuf Al Rawahi, DGM and Head of Ahli Islamic, “This account is, literally, a call for investors to gain extra mileage with their deposits. We have, through our various products and services, encouraged our customers to save and prosper, both personally and professionally.

“With Al Namaa Savings Account, we are taking that initiative a step further by offering a high profit-generating deposit product. While our loyal patrons are buoyed by the prospect of enhancing their investments by simply depositing their incomes, we would also like to urge all new customers to recognise the potential of this account to grow their savings without any hassles.”

Among a host of other services and facilities, Al Namaa Savings Account holders are assured of flexible ATM withdrawals, free

internet banking, mobile banking, and SMS alert, in addition to debit cards and chequebooks.

Customers will also have immediate access to funds with no minimum/maximum investment period, and high-profit weightages based on deposit tiers; they will have a day-to-day checking account, which offers the flexibility of unlimited transactions through ATM/Debit Card and chequebooks.

“It is a Sharia-compliant capital investment, with profit calculated on a monthly average balance and distributed monthly. Besides, it will ensure cash management 24 hours a day with simple E-Banking, Mobile Banking, ahliconnect, Ahli Islamic branches, or via Visa Debit card.”

Recently, Al Namaa Savings Account was part of Ahli Islamic’s referral campaign that offered account holders exciting financial incentives for their role in referring friends, family members, or acquaintances to the bank’s growing customer base. While the campaign’s success demonstrated the changing local banking horizon, it primarily reflected Ahli Islamic’s intent to open newer channels for investment and saving among its customers.

EXCITING LIVE DRAW

Bank Muscat holds prize draws to choose winners of 51 hospitality packages for Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, conducted an exciting live draw at its head office recently to choose the winners of the hospitality packages for Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, courtesy of Visa.

Attended by members of the bank’s management team, bank customers and media personnel, the special draw saw 51 hospitality packages of two persons each being given away to the lucky winners. The packages will enable 102 people in total to visit and enjoy select matches at the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, courtesy of Visa. To add further excitement, the ceremony was broadcast live to the public through Bank Muscat’s social networking sites.

This announcement of winners is part of the biggest campaign ever in the Sultanate of Oman to allow customers to participate in the Fifa World Cup to be hosted in Qatar in November.

Sharing the enthusiasm of many of the customers at the event, Abdulnasir Al Raisi, General Manager – Personal Banking, Bank Muscat, said: “We are pleased to organise this campaign in partnership with Visa to celebrate along with our customers one of the biggest global sporting spectacles in the world. This campaign witnessed great interest from customers and was a success at all levels. We would like to congratulate all the winners and we do hope that they will enjoy the prize which comes courtesy of a Visa, and have the experience of a lifetime in Qatar. At the same time, we also thank all our customers for their positive contributions in making this campaign a success and also for their trust and confidence in the bank.”

Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Tamman Al Mashani, General Manager – Products, Bank Muscat, thanked Visa for their continuous cooperation and partnership with Bank Muscat, which helped to organise this exciting promotion for the benefit of the



bank’s customers and helped them attend the largest sports event in the world. He added, “Digital transformation has given financial institutions wider space to develop their services. Bank Muscat has always been keen to leverage this transformation successfully in its services and products. The success of this transformation was helped by the high demand from customers for the bank’s digital payment services. We always encourage our valued customers to transact digitally whether shopping locally or internationally.”

After launching the promotion in May 2022, all Bank Muscat Visa Credit and Prepaid Cardholders were automatically entered into raffle draws to select the winners when they used their Bank Muscat Visa Credit or Prepaid Card to make a minimum cumulative spend of OMR50 or more during

the promotional period till 31 August 2022. Customers also got additional chances in the draw for every additional OMR50 spent through their cards.

Each of the 51 winners will receive a hospitality package for two to the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, courtesy of Visa.

The packages include airline tickets, hotel accommodation and tickets for several matches during the month-long football carnival and as many as 10 packages (1 Opening Match, 1 Final and 8 Quarter Final matches) were reserved for Bank Muscat Private Banking Visa Infinite and Asalah Priority Banking Visa Signature credit cardholders. Nine packages featuring quarter-final matches were reserved for Al Jawhar Visa Platinum credit cardholders and the winners also included 8 Visa Prepaid card-

holders who won packages to visit Group Stage matches.

As many as 24 winners were chosen from holders of Bank Muscat-co-branded Visa Platinum credit cards, Visa Gold credit cards and Visa Classic credit cards.

Earlier this year, the bank also launched a special limited-edition Visa Prepaid Card to celebrate the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, courtesy of Visa. Customers can easily apply for this Visa Prepaid card, which has been designed as a collector’s item via their Bank Muscat Mobile Banking app or Internet Banking only. Bank Muscat’s contactless cards can be used by customers to make secure payments online and at millions of PoS terminals in Oman and around the world as well as for ATM withdrawals. They feature the latest security standards and state-of-the-art technology.







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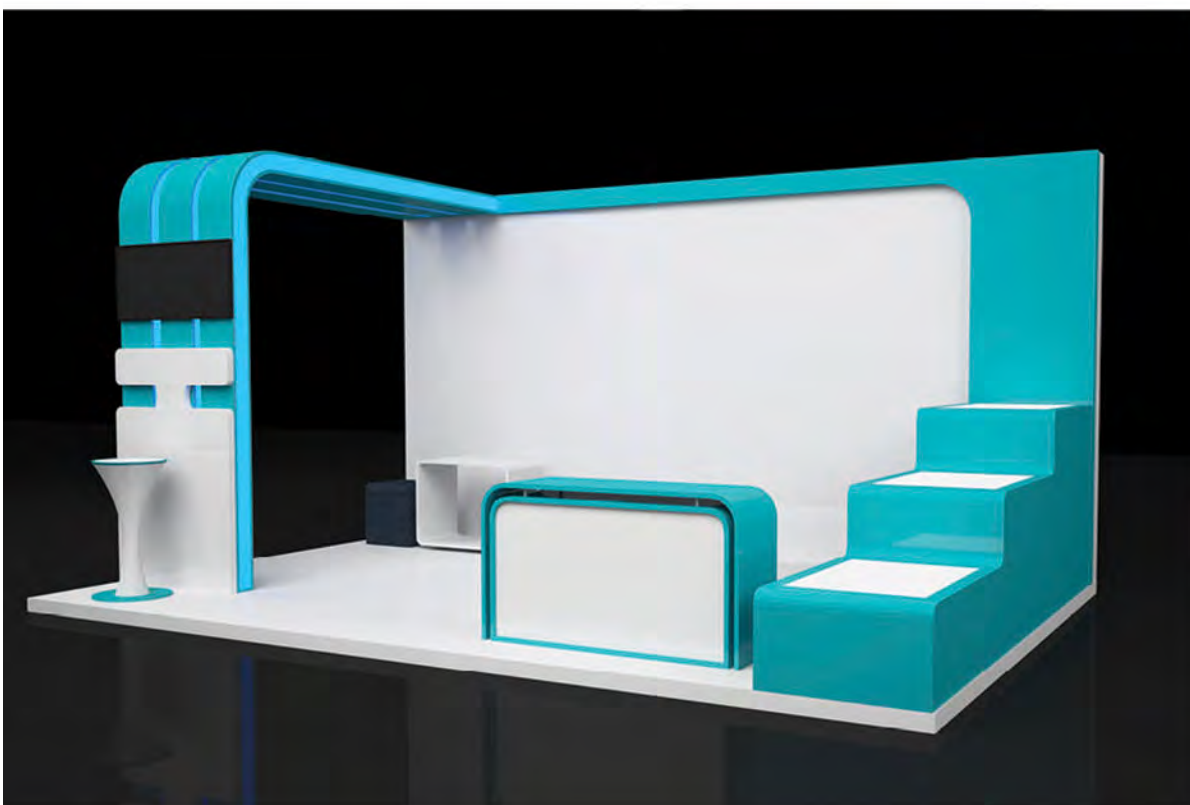
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