

OMAN CONDOLES INDIA ON DEMISE OF AIR CRASH VICTIMS

MUSCAT: The Foreign Ministry has expressed the condolences of the Sultanate of Oman to India, the Indian people and relatives of victims of today's helicopter crash that caused the death of India's Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat in Tamil Nadu. **-ONA**



HM SENDS GREETINGS

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq has sent a cable of congratulations to Olaf Scholz, on the occasion of taking oath of office as a new Chancellor of Germany. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of success to Chancellor Scholz. He also wished the German people further progress and prosperity, and the friendship relations between the two countries further growth and development. **-ONA**



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DATA

High mobile, internet penetration boost use of e-government services

MUSCAT: Ninety-four per cent of household members own a mobile phone, and 93 per cent of the surveyed individuals use the Internet, in the Sultanate, a survey has revealed.

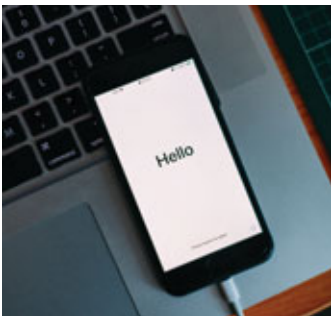
The information is part of a survey conducted by the National Centre for Statistics and Information's "Measuring Access and Usage of Information and Communication Technology Among Households and Individuals".

The results of the carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology during the period from 14 February to 4 March 2021.

The data showed an increase in the usage of laptops in the Sultanate of Oman, as it increased from 34 per cent in 2020 to 38 per cent in 2021, and the use of tablets also grew from 17 per cent to 20 per cent during the same period.

The results also indicated that sending messages via e-mail, WhatsApp or SMS came as the most prevalent arithmetic skill that accounted for 97 per cent, then using copy and pasting tools with 87 per cent, and using basic arithmetic formulas on the data page reached 65 per cent.

It also indicated that 94 per



cent of household members own a mobile phone, and 93 per cent of the surveyed individuals used the Internet.

The percentage of using the Internet for the purposes of interacting with e-government services increased from 34 per cent in 2020 to 55 per cent in 2021.

The use of online banking services also increased from 38 per cent in 2020 to 53 per cent in 2021, while the percentage of internet usage for educational purposes increased from 28 per cent in 2020 to 39 per cent in 2021.

The results show that clothes, shoes, sportswear, or accessories are the types of goods or services that were purchased online, accounting for 66 per cent, while the foodstuffs purchased online was 56.8 per cent. **-ONA**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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National Museum displays Bible

1 The National Museum displays the Bible, which was printed on 29 February 1960, by the Pauline publishers, in Harissa (Lebanese Republic). **>A3**

WORLD

Indian CDS killed in IAF chopper crash

2 General Bipin Rawat, India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) died after a military helicopter crashed in Coonoor in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday. **>A5**

MARKET

Treasury bills worth OMR99mn issued

3 The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR99 million through treasury bills for a maturity period of 28 days, from December 8 until January 5, 2022. **>B1**



RUB-EL-KHALI HIGHWAY TO OPEN UP NEW MARKETS FOR OMANI EXPORTS



The Highway will allow Omani exports to reach international markets through the Red Sea gateway, and Saudi exports to reach the rest of the world through the Sea of Oman and the Arabian Sea

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) officially opened the direct road connecting them, the Rub-el-Khali Highway, and inaugurated its checkpoints on both sides of the borders.

The 725-km desert road starts at (Oman's side) Ibri roundabout in the Governorate of A'Dhahirah and ends at the Rub-el-Khali checkpoint, covering a distance of 161 kilometres.

From the Saudi side, the road

We congratulate everyone on the opening of the Rub-el-Khali Road, through which all citizens and residents can cross, and with the procedures in place in the Sultanate of Oman.

Abdullah Saud Al Anzi

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Sultanate of Oman



begins at Al Bat'ha junction and ends at the border checkpoint—a stretch of 564 kilometres.

The Rub-el-Khali Highway assumes significance in economic terms. It contributes to the expansion of commercial exchange and tourism activity. It enables Omani exports to reach international markets through the Red Sea gateway. It also gives direct access for Saudi exports to reach the rest of the world through Sea of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

Abdullah Saud Al Anzi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Sultanate of Oman,

spoke exclusively with *The Times of Oman*, coinciding with the opening of the Rub-el-Khali Road: "We congratulate everyone on the opening of the Rub-el-Khali Road, through which all citizens and residents can cross, with the procedures in place in the Sultanate of Oman with the neighbouring countries."

Najeeb Ali Al Rowas, Governor of A'Dhahirah, said in a press statement that the Governorate counts on the Rub-el-Khali in enhancing economic and tourist activity, since A'Dhahirah is the nearest governorate to the KSA.

Al Rowas added that government and private sector organisations are joining hands to maximise benefits from the highway.

He called upon businessmen, entrepreneurs and owners of small and medium enterprises to take the opportunity.

A'Dhahirah Governorate is bracing for public subscription by January 2022 in A'Dhahirah International Company, which will spearhead economic activity and utilise investment opportunities associated with the Rub-el-Khali checkpoint's opening.

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FIFA ARAB CUP

Oman eye semis berth in clash against Tunisia

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Salim Said Al Wahaibi, Chairman of Oman Football Association (OFA), expressed his delight over the national team's entry into the quarters of the FIFA Arab Cup following their great performance in the match against Bahrain, which ended in a 3-0 victory for Oman.

He said that the team will face Tunisia for a place in the semi-finals. "We are aware of the technical skills of the players of the national team of Tunisia, but we are quite confident that our team will perform well as they did during the earlier part of the championship. We hope the team will continue with the same spirit in order to qualify for the semi-finals," he added.

Speaking on the Sultanate's participation in the present edition of the FIFA Arab Cup 2021, he said that Qatar is set to organise 2022 FIFA World Cup and this event is part of the preparations for the showpiece tournament.

"We have seen strong Arab teams during the competitions,"



he said, adding that qualification at each stage of the competition was not that easy. Oman national team qualified for the quarter-finals after winning their match against Bahrain 3-0 at Ahmed bin Ali Stadium last Tuesday.

Al Munther Al Alawi had scored

goal in the 40th minute, Arshad Al Alawi in the 49th minute while Khalid Al Hajri had scored in the 59th minute for Oman.

However, the Oman team got the benefit from the result of the match between Qatar and Iraq, which was won by the



Qatari team.

The Oman vs Tunisia match will be played on Friday at 7pm, Muscat time at the Education City Stadium in Doha. The two teams had played a friendly match in 2011, where Oman's national team had defeated the Tunisian team

2-1. Both the goals were scored by Ahmed Kano while Sami Al Alaqi had scored for his team.

The Tunisian team has topped the second group with six points and Oman national team secured the second place in the first group with four points.

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OHRC to mark human rights day on December 10

The Universal Human Rights Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate, represented by Oman Human Rights Commission (OHRC) celebrates along with the international community the World Human Rights Day, which falls on 10 December every year.

The Universal Human Rights Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948.

The Universal Human Rights Declaration is one of the key principles and schemes of the United Nations Organisation in the field of human rights.

The United Nations Organisation invites all UN member states, organisations concerned with human rights, the civil society institutions and individuals to celebrate the event. The UN institutions and organisations organise ceremonies and functions on the event, wherein the winners of the UN awards and prizes for human rights are announced.

The Universal Human Rights Declaration is an international document that consists of thirty articles representing the general human rights guaranteed for and applied to all the people,



worldwide.

The Universal Human Rights Declaration includes a wide range of political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights and is used in preparation of national and basic laws, treaties, and regional and international codes and bills.

The Universal Human Rights Declaration is translated into more than four hundred languages, worldwide, and is used by organisations and commissions internationally recognised, for familiarising people with their rights and duties.

Oman Human Rights Commission has printed and dispersed the Universal Human Rights Declaration to the various civil society institutions and individuals as part of its belief in the contents of the declaration and the significant principles therein.

Oman Human Rights Commission enjoys a UN rating accredited by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) affiliated to the United Nations and is an active member in the activities and meetings of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, which boosts exercising its prerogatives at the national, regional and international level.

Oman Human Rights Commis-

sion is also a member in the Asia Pacific Forum, the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRIs) and the Arab Permanent Committee on Human Rights of the Arab League.

As part of its commitment to its duties at the regional and international level, Oman Human Rights Commission participated, this year, in the various functions and meetings held via videoconferencing and was present during the activities of the Universal Periodic Review submitted by the Government of the Sultanate before the Human Rights Council in Geneva, at the beginning of 2021.

Oman Human Rights Commission has participated during the year in the regional and international meetings in the presence of representatives from the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRIs), the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, the Human Rights Department of the League of Arab States (Arab League), the United Nations Development Programme and European Union (EU).

The meetings are aimed to support senior executives concerned with human rights at the said institutions, to enhance their knowledge in the field, to review the strategic plans and to exchange expertise and best practices in enhancement and protection of human rights and management of national human rights institutions.

Within the partnership and co-operation with the regional and international institutions concerned with human rights, the employees of Oman Human Rights Commission participated this year in a number of training sessions on the Paris Principles and the prerogatives of national human rights commissions among other issues.

Sri Lankan conglomerate to set up gloves unit in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sri Lanka's largest gloves manufacturing company, Lalan Rubbers is setting up a disposable medical gloves re-exporting plant at the Sohar Port Free Zone in Oman.

With a view to facilitating and initiating the project, Ameer Ajwad, Sri Lanka's ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, recently visited the Sohar Free-zone together with the Lalan's Chief Executive Officer Manjula Mahadanaarachi and officially presented the project proposal to the Sohar Free-zone Executive Manager Hilal Al Adawi.

Lalan's Oman representative Damith De Alwis made a presentation on the details of the project to the Free-zone authorities.

Senior Commercial Officer of the Free-zone Sara Al Bahrani also participated in the meeting. Lalan's delegation led by the Ambassador also inspected the plot of land allocated for the Lalan's gloves re-exportation plant in the Sohar Port Free-zone.

Ambassador Ameer Ajwad stated that Lalan Group would set up its own re-exportation plant of medical disposable gloves which are imported from Sri Lanka, in the Sohar Port Free-zone in order



to capitalise on market opportunities in the Sultanate as well as in the region.

This is the first ever Sri Lankan owned packing plant together with ETO Facility and Laboratory Unit under one roof, in a free-zone of Oman. The plant would also produce value added surgical gloves as well as industrial gloves, Ambassador added.

Lalan Group which is an 80 year old Sri Lankan family owned conglomerate of 52 companies in 7 sectors employing over 7,500 persons, and conducting business in over 105 countries, is centered around vertically integrated core business of Rubber. They manufacture gloves, mattresses, pillows, rubber bands and so on.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Promotional video released

MUSCAT: The Oman American Business Center (OABC), in co-operation with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and the US Embassy in Muscat, launched a promotional video marking the 12th anniversary of signing the Free Trade Agreement between the Sultanate of Oman and the USA.

The promotional video aims at educating the public about the

agreement, besides encouraging more companies to get benefit from it.

The promotional video, entitled "Successes of the US-Oman Free Trade Agreement", highlights stories of some US and Omani companies whose success is attributed to the Free Trade Agreement. The video marks the opportunities provided by the agreement in Oman and the USA, including

statements for Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Leslie M. Tsou, US Ambassador to Oman and the Honorary President of the OABC.

The video will be screened at Oman Pavilion in EXPO 2020 Dubai as part of cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion to attract investors. -ONA

COMMENTARY

Not the doctor we deserve, but the doctor we needed

In late 2019 as the pandemic dawned upon us, it ignited an era of darkness, we were placed in a time where we were forced to worry for the wellbeing of our loved ones and our own. Lives and hopes were lost, spirits and hearts were broken, the world shut down. And as the rest of us were at homes next to our loved ones safe and sound our doctors and health care providers were the ones out there round the clock heading into the fire. I want to take this moment to shine a light on someone who I have witnessed firsthand sacrifice and endure the hardships and challenges of this pandemic, someone just kept her head down and did her job not seeking any recondition or appreciation but did it simply because it was the right thing to do. Her story is one that needs to be heard.

It's not easy seeing before your very eyes the death and destruction this virus causes and still willingly face it every day, serving all night shifts in these

horrific times is not something just anyone can endure but along with the fear and uncertainty of these times she also had to go through the long hours of mental and physical warfare during her shifts, working while dealing with, the stress of making critical decisions as she pushes through fatigue, facing technical challenges of a hospital running at maximum capacity, going on for weeks non stop completely exhausted, she sacrifices her wellbeing to save our lives and the lives of those we love.

But what no one knows is that for the past two years she's been putting her own life on the line while being on immunosuppressive therapy which renders her immunity vulnerable and at risk. Serving her shifts at the COVID-19 ward where she is exposed to patients with extreme cases of the virus, yet she selflessly puts her life on the line to save theirs.

The patience, the respect, and the professionalism she possesses are unmatched. During

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

an 8 hour shift, it's not uncommon for her to see well over 100 patients and sometimes way beyond. It's not every day you see a single GP have such demand but her high ethics and moral values have caused people to go out of their way and come from far places to seek her expertise.

But even with an overflow of patients, she takes her time with each patient extensively explaining in detail what the prescribed medicine is and how to administer it. Medical procedures can be intimidating at times but she makes sure to comfort you and walk you through all the steps of



a prescribed test and just makes the whole process so easy.

It takes honesty and sincerity to do the right thing when no one is watching, it's not a part of her job description to follow up on her patients yet she does it on a regular basis just to make sure those who came to her seeking help now have what they need. Her patients range from all walks of life, her sympathy transcends through them all. You'll never see her excessively prescribing tests or medicines, she's always mindful of an individual's situation always looking out for your personal well-being, making sure you get the best treatment that won't be a burden

on you financially.

Her compassion and care doesn't just stop with her patients. Nurses and the rest of the hospital staff who rarely get reconditioned for their sacrifices and their dedication in these tough times, she makes it a point to highlight all their efforts. She always looks out for them and their needs. In times of injustice, she's the first one to stand up and fight for their rights making sure they have a safe and comfortable environment to work in. Her compassion is truly beyond compare, her nurses, her staff, and her fellow doctors, she always looks out for them and treats them like family.

The tests and trials she's been through, the hectic shifts, putting her life at risk, all the sacrifices she's had to make this last year words honestly cannot describe.

Her days at the hospitals leave her mind and body in a state of restlessness causing her to suffer

from sleepless nights, but you'll still see her wake up the next day the first one through those doors without a single complain ready to go through it all again. Again, putting her life at risk to save yours. Again, leaving her loved ones behind because yours are in need, but still you won't see her scowl or frown, you won't hear her complain or raise her voice, with beautiful patience her nights and days yet again she will selflessly sacrifice. The first one through those doors and the last one to leave time and time again consistently. Fighting to save our lives while fighting for her own.

She was the light for us shining in the darkness even when her insides were burnt out and drained.

In time of darkness, not the hero we deserved but the hero we needed.

I thank you Dr. Sana Ali Khan on behalf of all of Oman.

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Floward signs pact with Muscat Media Group



The pact was signed on November 24 at MMG HQ, between Ahmed Essa Al Zedjali, the CEO of Muscat Media Group, and Floward CEO Mr. Abdulaziz B. Al Loughani.

The media and advertising agreement with Muscat Media Group is set to help Floward reach a brand new and expanded customer base across the Sultanate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Floward, the go-to on-line flowers and gifts delivery destination in the MENA region and UK, signed an agreement with leading media company in Oman, Muscat Media Group (MMG). The media and advertising agreement is set to help Floward reach a brand new and expanded customer base across

both TV and radio, as well as the company's long-standing print readership. Floward launched its services in Muscat, Oman on May 2, 2021, making it the first expansion into a new country for the company this year. In Oman, the company operates across Sohar, Salalah, and the capital, Muscat. Established in 2017, Floward is a full-fledged e-commerce solution that offers prime fresh-cut flowers sourced from the best growers and farmers around the world and arranged locally by a team of florists and designers. Floward also offers cakes, chocolate and perfumes curated by the region's most exciting designers bundled with its flower arrangements and manages the last-mile same-day delivery to ensure the best customer experience.

60TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY Delegated by HM, State Council Chairman heads to Tanzania

MUSCAT: Delegated by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council left here on Wednesday heading to the United Republic of Tanzania to take part in celebrations of the 60th Independence Anniversary of Tanzania. During the participation in the event, Sheikh Abdulmalik is accompanied by Salem Mohammed Al Riyami and Dr. Raya Salem Al Manthri, Members of the State Council.



Chairman of the State Council and his accompanying delegation were seen off by some members of the Council and the Secretary-General of the Council, as well as the Tanzanian Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

-ANI

BIBLE National Museum displays Bible presented to Late Sultan Qaboos

MUSCAT: The National Museum displays the second edition of the Bible, which was printed on 29 February 1960, by the Pauline publishers, in the town of Harissa (Lebanese Republic). It is made of mother-of-pearl, coloured foil paper, hardpaper, and is printed in black and red ink. This Bible was presented to

the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimur on 20 April 2006 by Gregorius III Lahamus, Emeritus Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, of Alexandria and Jerusalem, former spiritual leader of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church (at that time) on the occasion of his visit to the Sultanate of Oman.



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Photo story on opening of Oman-Saudi Arabia road A photo story on the opening of a road linking Oman and Saudi Arabia had 2,871 likes on Instagram



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CALL OF THE BIRDS

It was during COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, Asad Humanyoon, an Indian residing in Muscat, awoke to a wonderful morning which would trigger a new hobby that was set to dominate every other hobby he hitherto had. He found a unique looking bird perched on the top rail of his balcony in broad daylight. He hastily clicked a few pictures of it with his mobile phone for record and rushed inside to bring his DSLR camera so that he could take better shots. Though the bird was ultra-alert even in its sleep, a slight knock at the balcony door set the bird flying away.

For not being able to take better shots he felt disappointed till he knew that the bird he just clicked was a Eurasian Nightjar. Not a common bird, not so easily seen and certainly not during the daylight as it is a nocturnal creature, he thanked his stars for bringing such an exotic bird right to his doorstep for which birders sweat out their days and nights to spot one. That was the paving stone for his journey into the fascinating world of bird photography in Oman.

Since then bird photography has been his passion, his favourite leisure activity that he finds de-stressing and informative at the same time and a way to connect closely with nature.

If year 2020 has to be remembered for one positive thing it would be awakening of his love for birds.

With bird photography comes commitment, physical endurance, patience, observation and knowledge. You have to align your routine with that of birds', getting up early and reaching a place before sunrise where a specific bird is expected to be sighted, treading on uncharted paths be it mud, sand, gravels, bushes or simply lying in wait for hours are norms in a bird photographer's life.

Oman witnesses a variety of bird population both native and migratory. With the onset of migratory season birds start ar-



iving from thousands of miles away to evade freezing cold in their native regions to spend a comfortable season in Middle-east, Africa and Indian subcontinent.

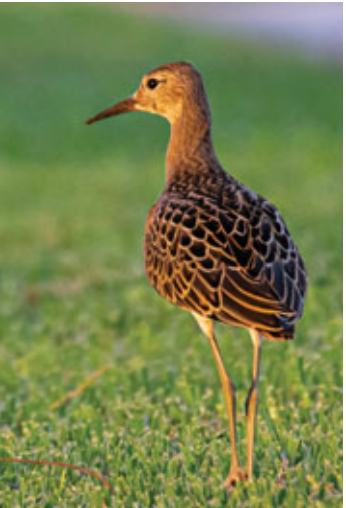
This is the time for bird photographers to get active to capture some of the beautiful moments from birds' lives.

Asad is also proud to be a founding member of a Twitter based bird lovers' community called IndiAves (twitter.com/IndiAves) which is founded with a sole intension of encouraging love for birds.

It runs various themes based on avian life and encourages people to post their bird pictures which are retweeted, discussed and knowledge is disseminated for the benefit of all. In about a year Asad has clicked over 100 species of birds in Oman and counting.



Name: Asad Humanyoon
Camera used: Nikon, Lens - Nikon 200-500 telephoto
Member of Indian Social Club Photography Group
Twitter: @HumayoonAsad



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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Commerce Ministry organises meet with diplomatic missions

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry, organised the fourth meeting with the ambassadors and heads of the diplomatic missions accredited to the Sultanate of Oman.

The meeting, organised at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Center, aims to introduce incentives and investment opportunities available in Oman in various targeted sectors, as well as alluring foreign capital during the next period.

Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs gave a speech in which he stressed the importance of this meeting, which comes within a series of meetings organised by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry.

He added that the meeting provides an opportunity to present the facilities and incentives provided by the Sultanate of Oman, besides reviewing views of foreign ambassadors in Oman which help in attracting the foreign capitals.

In her turn, Asilah Salem Al Samsami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Investment Promotion, pointed out to the vital role the diplomatic missions can play in attracting major investors to invest in Oman and promote the Omani products



in the international markets.

Omani tourism plan

During the meeting, a film was screened on the Omani tourism strategy presented by the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism. In addition, several presentations

were given by various government institutions.

The meeting included a panel discussion with the ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions on the investment environment in the Sultanate of Oman.

-ONA

1,464



SQU holds graduation function of 31st batch

MUSCAT: Assigned by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Dr. Rahma Ibrahim Al Mahrooqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Chairperson of Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) Council patronised today over the graduation ceremony of the second group of SQU

31st batch. The total number of graduates in this ceremony stood at 1,464 from the College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, the College of Nursing, the College of Science, the College of Education and the College of Law. -ONA

MEETING

Oman-Belarus ties

MUSCAT: The Parliamentary Friendship Group between the Council of Oman and the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus held a meeting yesterday.

The virtual meeting was led by Dr. Said Mubarak Al Muharrami and Senator Dr. Sergei Rachkov.

The meeting discussed means of enhancing aspects of coop-

eration between the Council of Oman and the National Assembly of Belarus.

It also addressed topics listed on the agenda, notably emphasizing the group's major role in promoting relations between the two countries to further future cooperation.

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Workshop on combating human trafficking

MUSCAT: Acting in cooperation with the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking, the General Federation of Oman Workers (GFWO) held a training workshop at the Diplomatic Club (Al Khuwair) on ways of empowering representatives of labour unions and enabling them to curb human trafficking at business organisations.

The workshop lays emphasis on practices of abusive nature that might be committed by some sectors of the private sector, said Nabhan Ahmed Al Battashi, GFWO Chairman. In a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA), Al Battashi stressed the importance of the workshop and affirmed that GFWO keeps a tap on business organisations and addresses malpractices listed among human trafficking offences.

The workshop reflects the attention accorded to the issue of human trafficking by the Omani government and recognizes the role and specialties of GFWO in sponsoring the wellbeing of workers and establishing a valid environment for business that achieves stability at the workplace.

The workshop covers four main themes, which are "basics of human trafficking", "reporting human trafficking", "indicators of human trafficking" and "applications of human trafficking". -ONA

OPENING

<FROM A1> Chance for Saudis to explore investment opportunities

In his turn, Nassir Hamoud Al Mabsali, Director-General of Ibri Industrial City (Madayn) said in a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA) and Oman Radio that Madayn's vicinity to KSA constitutes a major chance for Saudi investors to explore investment opportunities in the industrial hub.

Incentives to investors at Madayn is currently being prepared to attract Saudi investments include two-year rental exemptions and rent reduction over the subsequent three years, said Mabsali.

Meanwhile, Eng. Said Ali Al Yahya'ee, Director of Roads De-



partment in Al Dhahirah, told ONA and Oman Radio that the road has a single lane that is 3.65 metres wide and kerbs of 2.5 metres. He added that the project includes the

construction of a double lane in a 2.7-km section of the Saudi border checkpoint, a roundabout in Al Khuwair area and a roundabout directly before the checkpoint.

For his part, Eng. Yousef Abdulla Al Mujaini, Director of Projects at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, said in a statement to ONA and Oman Radio that the dualization of the highway is on the agenda of Ministry and that raising the capacity of the road depends on the volume of traffic.

Jumaa Khalfan Al Rowahi, CEO of Makhazen Logistics, told ONA and Oman Radio that the Rub-el-Khali desert highway will spruce up commercial exchange, enrich the economy and facilitate the import and export of commodities in general.



Indian military chief, twelve others die in helicopter crash

Gen Rawat had taken off from Sulur Airbase for Wellington and was accompanied by his wife Madhulika Rawat, his DA Brigadier LS Lidder and other military officials

NEW DELHI: General Bipin Rawat, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) died after a military helicopter crashed in Coonoor in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, the Indian Air Force said today.

"With deep regret, it has now been ascertained that Gen Bipin Rawat, Mrs Madhulika Rawat and 11 other persons on board have died in the unfortunate accident," tweeted IAF. Gen Rawat, India's first CDS was on a visit to the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington to address the faculty and student officers of the Staff Course when his chopper crashed near Coonor in the Nilgiris district.

"Gen Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was on a visit to Defence Services Staff College, Wellington (Nilgiri Hills) to address the faculty and student officers



HELICOPTER CRASH: Describing CDS Rawat as "an outstanding soldier" and "a true patriot," the Prime Minister said he greatly contributed to modernising the armed forces and security apparatus.

ers of the Staff Course today," the IAF added.

Gen Rawat had taken off from Sulur Airbase for Wellington and was accompanied by his wife Madhulika Rawat, his DA Brigadier LS Lidder, SO Lieutenant Colonel Harjinder Singh, among other defence officials.

"Around noon today, an IAF Mi 17 V5 helicopter with a crew of 4 members carrying the CDS and 9 other passengers met with a tragic accident near Coonoor, TN," the Indian Air Force said in a tweet.

Group Captain Varun Singh, SC,

Directing Staff at DSSC, the sole survivor of the crash, is undergoing treatment for his injuries at Military Hospital in Wellington.

General Rawat was India's first Chief of Defence Staff. With his appointment in the topmost position in December 2019, he was the one-point advisor to the government matters related to the military including the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed his deep anguish on the death of Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat in

a helicopter crash and said his insights and perspectives on strategic matters were exceptional.

Describing CDS Rawat as "an outstanding soldier" and "a true patriot," the Prime Minister said he greatly contributed to modernising the armed forces and security apparatus. The Prime Minister also expressed his anguish at the death of others on board the helicopter including Gen Rawat's wife and defence officials.

"I am deeply anguished by the helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu in which we have lost Gen Bipin Ra-



wat, his wife and other personnel of the Armed Forces. They served India with utmost diligence. My thoughts are with the bereaved families," the Prime Minister said in a tweet.

"Gen Bipin Rawat was an outstanding soldier. A true patriot, he greatly contributed to modernising our armed forces and security apparatus. His insights and perspectives on strategic matters were exceptional. His passing away has saddened me deeply. Om Shanti," he added.

PM Modi said that as India's first CDS, Gen Rawat worked on diverse aspects relating to the country's armed forces including defence reforms.

"He brought with him a rich experience of serving in the Army. India will never forget his exceptional service," the Prime Minister said.

Condoling the demise of General Bipin Rawat, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday termed the former "one of the nation's bravest sons" and said that General Rawat's four decades of selfless service to the armed forces was

marked by "exceptional gallantry and heroism."

Bipin Rawat died after a military helicopter crashed in Coonor in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday. "I am shocked and anguished over the untimely demise of Gen. Bipin Rawat and his wife, Madhulika Ji. The nation has lost one of its bravest sons. His four decades of selfless service to the motherland was marked by exceptional gallantry and heroism. My condolences to his family," tweeted Kovind.

President Kovind further added, "It's deeply painful for me to learn of the loss of lives in the chopper crash. I join my fellow citizens in paying tributes to each of those who died while performing their duty. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families."

"Deeply anguished by the sudden demise of Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 other Armed Forces personnel in an extremely unfortunate helicopter accident today in Tamil Nadu. His untimely death is an irreparable loss to our Armed Forces and the country," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted.

"General Rawat had served the country with exceptional courage and diligence. As the first Chief of Defence Staff he had prepared plans for jointness of our Armed Forces," Singh added.

A veteran of counterinsurgency warfare, CDS Rawat served in the most difficult terrains including northern and eastern commands.

CDS Rawat was commissioned into the Indian Army in December 1978. He previously served as Chief of the Army Staff from January 2017 to December 2019. **ANI**



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SUICIDE ATTACK

3 killed in suicide attack in Kenya

NAIROBI: Three people including a suicide bomber were killed in a blast in Kisumu County in Western Kenya, the police confirmed on Wednesday. Kisumu County police commander said the victims, a man and his wife, died during the blast on Tuesday evening in the Nyakach area while the attacker also died. **ANI**



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OMICRON CONCERNS

Philippines to ban travel from France

MANILA The Philippines will ban travel from France starting December 13 to stem the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant, a government official said Wednesday. Cabinet Secretary

Karlo Nograles said the ban will take effect until December 15 like the 14 other countries earlier flagged by the government. “The entry in any port of the Philippines shall not be allowed for pas-

sengers coming from or who have been to France within the last 14 days prior to arrival in the Philippines, regardless of vaccination status,” he said. **ANI**



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SELF-ISOLATION

UN chief in self-isolation after contact with COVID positive person

NEW YORK : UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has been in self-isolation after coming in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, said Farhan Haq, his deputy spokesman. “He has shown no symptoms and has initially tested negative. Out of an abundance of caution, he has canceled all his engagements and he will work from home until he is tested on Thursday, Dec. 9,” Haq wrote in a note to the UN press corps on Tuesday. The secretary-general was originally scheduled to participate in a high-level event for the UN Central Emergency Response Fund on Wednesday and was expected to speak at Thursday's open debate of the Security Council on security in the context of terrorism and climate change. **ANI**



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JORDAN JOIN PARTY AS EGYPT EDGE PAST THE TIGHTEST RACE

DOHA Jordan became the eighth and final team through to the FIFA Arab Cup 2021™ quarter-finals after a concluding round of group matches in which Morocco reaffirmed their title credentials and two heavyweights slugged it out for top spot.

Egypt ultimately earned the right to take on the Jordanians after ending level with Algeria on every metric except Fair Play points, with a couple of stoppage time yellow and red cards tipping the balance ever so slightly in the Pharaohs' favour.

Les Fenneecs, for their part, will face a Moroccan side that will be rested and full of confidence after achieving a third straight win and clean sheet with, essentially, their reserves. Lebanon, meanwhile, signed off on a high with victory over Sudan, while the hopes of both Saudi Arabia and Palestine were officially ended.

Record-breaker fills Jordanian void

As they posed for their pre-kick-off team photograph, Jordan's players came together to hold up the No9 shirt. It was a trib-



ute to forward and captain Baha Faisal, who was forced off early in their defeat to Morocco - and has since been diagnosed with cruciate ligament damage. If Faisal's heart was warmed by that show of solidarity, it would have been sent soaring by the performance that followed. In the skipper's absence, inspiration was provided by another of the team's talismans. When Hamza Al Daradreh slotted in from Yaseen Bakheet's cross to make the score 2-0, he not only settled Jordanian nerves but established himself as his coun-

try's all-time leading scorer with 32 goals. Al Daradreh first rose to prominence in the 2015 AFC Asian Cup, which he ended as Al Nashama's top marksman on four goals - all of which came in one match against, as coincidence would have it, Palestine.

Morocco's talent in reserve

Hussein Ammouta made no fewer than nine changes to his Morocco team for today's meeting with Saudi Arabia and his second string still strolled to a thoroughly deserved victory. It was yet another impressive

show of strength from an Atlas Lions squad that has ended the group stage with nine points, nine goals and three clean sheets. These statistics reflect the reality of a section in which Ammouta's impressive side have simply proved a class apart, and leave them as the only side left in the tournament still to concede. Tougher challenges lie ahead but, on current form, the Moroccans look to be the team to beat.

Late cards cost Les Verts

For 40 minutes of this match, it looked like Algeria were heading for victory over their fierce foes and going through as group winners. Then for another 40, it seemed like we might be facing the unthinkable outcome of lot-drawing to determine who finished on top. But with the game well into stoppage time and these North African giants level on points, goal difference, goals scored and fair play points, El Arabi Soudani picked up a costly yellow card that tipped that final metric in the Pharaohs' favour.

-FIFA

Liverpool defeat AC Milan, RB Leipzig shock Man City

MILAN: Goals from Mohamed Salah and Divock Origi helped Liverpool defeat AC Milan in Group B of the UEFA Champions League at San Siro.

Liverpool defeated AC Milan 2-1 to move to the first place in Group B of the Champions League.

The only goal for AC Milan came through Fikayo Tomori. Manchester City suffered a 1-2 defeat against RB Leipzig, however, the

Premier League club is still in the top position in Group A.

In other matches, Borussia Dortmund thrashed Besiktas 5-0 while Real Madrid defeated Inter Milan 2-0.

Ajax defeated Sporting FC 4-2 while Atletico Madrid outclassed Porto 3-1. Paris Saint-Germain defeated Club Brugge 4-1. Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi scored two goals each for PSG. **ANI**

Skipper Pat Cummins takes five as England bowled out for 147



BRISBANE: Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc got among the wickets as Australia dominated the second session on Day 1 of the ongoing first Ashes Test here at the Gabba, Brisbane on Wednesday.

England was bowled out for 147 with skipper Cummins taking five wickets. Resuming the second session at 59/4, England was given a body blow straight away as Australia skipper Pat Cummins got the better of opening batter Haseeb Hameed (25) and this brought Jos Buttler to the middle. The right-handed Buttler played a counter-attacking

knock, however, his 39-run knock finally came to an end in the 41st over after being dismissed by Mitchell Starc. Soon after, the set batter Ollie Pope (35) also departed after top-edging a ball bowled by Cameron Green and England was reduced to 118/7 in the 44th over of the day. The Three Lions' innings went further into a slump after Ollie Robinson (0) was sent back to the pavilion by Pat Cummins. Mark Wood (8) was sent back to the pavilion by Cummins and England was nine wickets down with less than 150 runs on the board. In the end, the visitors were bowled out for 147. **ANI**



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BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,011.94 points, up 0.78 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.52 per cent at 531.95 points. Al Shargia Investment, was the top gainer, up by 4.65 per cent while, Construction Materials down 5.41 per cent, was the top loser.

Treasury bills worth OMR99mn issued

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, from December 8 until January 5, 2022

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR99 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Wednesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, from December 8 until January 5, 2022.

The average accepted price reached 99.950 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.950 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.65179 per cent and 0.65211 per cent, respectively.

Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds.

The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager



ISSUE MANAGER: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo). - File photo

and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

The interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per

cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 0.75 per cent.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve

for short-term interest rates.

Additionally, the government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. -ONA

TLS TELEMETRY REPORT

Thousands of potentially malicious servers hiding in world's most popular websites: Report

Times News Service

MUSCAT: New research has found that attackers are increasingly learning how to use Transportation Layer Security (TLS) to their advantage in phishing campaigns, according to F5 Labs' 2021 TLS Telemetry Report, which frequently scans one million of the world's top websites.

Hampering progress

Although web encryption practices are improving, the flexible nature of HTTPS and cipher suite negotiation — combined with stagnation or regression in many areas — is hampering progress and putting websites at risk.

A report says that new fingerprinting techniques are raising questions about the prevalence of malware servers hiding in the top one million websites.

"More than ever, nation-states and cybercriminals alike are attempting to work around the problems caused by strong encryption. With these risks ever-present, it has never been more important to focus on strong and up-to-date HTTPS configurations,

particularly when digital certificates are shared across different services," said David Warburton, Senior Threat Research Evangelist at F5 and the author of the report.

TLS 1.3 protocol

F5 Labs found that the faster, more secure TLS 1.3 protocol is gaining ground. For the first time, TLS 1.3 was the encryption protocol of choice for most web servers on the Tranco 1M list. Nearly 63 per cent of servers now prefer TLS 1.3, as do over 95 per cent of all browsers in active use.

Support can vary drastically, however. In some countries, such as the United States and Canada, as many as 80 per cent of web servers choose it, while in others, such as China and Israel, only 15 per cent of servers support it.

Meanwhile, DNS Certification Authority Authorisation (CAA) records, which can help prevent the fraudulent issuance of certificates, grew in prevalence from 2019 (1.8 per cent of sites) to 2021 (3.5 per cent). F5 Labs believes this shows a positive and steady increase but also demonstrates how few sites still use them.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Agreement inked to create opportunities in tourism sector

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Taking a collaborative approach towards boosting In-Country Value (ICV), the SMEs Development Authority recently signed an MoU with Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran Group). The strategic collaboration aims at enhancing the joint efforts to provide further opportunities to SMEs working in the tourism sector, through various programmes and initiatives.

The agreement was signed by Halima bint Rashid Al Zari, Chairperson, SMEs Development Authority and Eng. Mohammed bin Salim Al Busaidi, Chairman of Omran Group. The signing ceremony took place in the SMEs Authority headquarters and witnessed the presence of several officials from both parties.

The agreement seeks to strengthen ways of cooperation between the two sides in various areas that include the enhancement of In-Country Value, empowering SMEs to leverage business opportunities in Omran Group's portfolio and developing the craft sector. The agreement also aims to provide impetus to the role of tourism incubators and



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMES: The agreement was signed by Halima bint Rashid Al Zari, Chairperson, SMEs Development Authority and Eng. Mohammed bin Salim Al Busaidi, Chairman of Omran Group. - Supplied picture

areas related to operating facilities, as well as creating products and services, that are viable for the SME ecosystem in this sector. Additionally, the Authority will provide Omran Group with a database of the companies operating in the sector to maximise their business opportunities. Omran Group

will also raise awareness about the digital platform of the National Travel Operator 'VisitOman.om' and encourage SMEs to capitalise on the benefits it offers.

As part of the agreement, both entities will jointly cooperate on setting a framework and a common vision to develop innovative

incubators that support the development and establishment of SMEs specialised in the tourism sector. Additionally, the Group's senior officials will visit handicrafts centres in Bahla, Samail and Al-Jabal Al-Akhdar to analyse their capabilities. Omran Group will further explore means of sup-

port to enhance the facilities and tourism activities in the sites owned by the Authority.

"The authority and Omran Group will collaborate in delivering training and capacity building programmes for entrepreneurs in the tourism sector. This will equip them with the necessary skills to work in the tourism sector, provide opportunities for handicraft projects and overcome the challenges faced by SMEs. The tourism sector will open prospects for SMEs due to the Sultanate's great tourism potentials," said Halima bint Rashid Al Zari.

Commenting on this fruitful collaboration, Hashil bin Obaid Al Mahrouqi, CEO of Omran Group said: "We are delighted to join hands with the Authority. Through this agreement, we aspire to boost our partnership with this vital segment to maximize the potential of the country's value chain and generate sustainable community benefits. This will be done by providing promising opportunities for the development and establishment of specialised companies in the tourism sector that support the national economic diversification efforts, grow the sector's contribution to the GDP, and ultimately

strengthen the economy."

"This agreement resonates with the objectives of Omran Group's ICV strategy that aims to enable the national products, create potential opportunities for Omani SMEs in the tourism industry, and create direct and indirect job opportunities.

The group's mandate is in line with Oman Vision 2040 and the National Tourism Strategy and the priorities of the Oman Investment Authority in promoting integration with the private sector and the small and medium-sized enterprises sector to further stimulate the tourism sector as one of the main economic pillars for the Sultanate's bright future," he further stated.

The authority, in cooperation with the group, seeks to streamline the efforts to find effective initiatives aligned with the latest practices in the field of ICV and social investment, within the geographical scope of Omran's various tourism projects and assets. This helps increase local spending, support domestic supply chains, enhance partnerships and investment opportunities with the local community and create direct and indirect job opportunities for Omanis.

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

CBO suspends operations of Oman United Exchange

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) has suspended the operations of Oman United Exchange. "The Central Bank of Oman hereby notifies the public of its decision to impose a suspension on operations of Oman United Exchange LLC as of Tuesday, December 7, 2021, until further notice," CBO statement said.

The said entity was found to be non-compliant with the regulation regarding regulating the two professions: money changing and money changing and the issue of drafts and the directions issued by the CBO.

The supervisory action has been taken in the exercise of powers vested with CBO under the Banking Law 114/2000.

The CBO has directed Oman United Exchange to swiftly settle the outstanding remittances and all other dues.

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A total number of 341 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.17 million, with more than 5.7 million shares changing hands.

Out of 36 traded securities, 18 advanced, 7 declined and 11 remained unchanged.

At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR158,000 while domestic investors were net sellers for OMR88,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR70,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,425.77 points, up 0.70 per cent. Al Sharqia Investment, Bank Nizwa, Al Anwar Investment, Sohar International Bank and Global Investment Holding were up 4.65 per cent, 2.13 per cent, 2.08 per cent, 1.87 per cent and 1.67 per cent respectively. Muscat Finance and Madina Takaful were down 1.75 per cent and 1.04 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,064.43 points, up 0.43 per cent. Services Index was up by 0.06 per cent before closing at 1,591.10 points. — **United Securities**

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%							
MSX 30 INDEX	4,015.61	3,983.31	4,011.94	3,980.98	30.97	0.78							
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,426.60	6,395.21	6,425.77	6,381.39	44.38	0.70							
Industry Index	6,071.15	6,051.34	6,064.43	6,038.73	25.71	0.43							
Services Index	1,601.32	1,586.63	1,591.10	1,590.16	0.95	0.06							
MSX Shariah Index	533.01	530.43	531.95	529.22	2.74	0.52							
MSX TR INDEX	4,832.21	4,793.34	4,827.80	4,790.53	37.26	0.78							

Trading Summary													
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	5,200	468	2	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.086	0.004	4.651	0.090	0.087	0.090	0.100	8,100,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	425,440	41,548	33	0.097	0.100	0.096	0.098	0.096	0.002	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	19,600,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	56,000	22,252	9	0.400	0.400	0.390	0.398	0.390	0.008	0.051	0.390	0.380	0.400	87,560,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	30,840	15,620	13	0.500	0.520	0.500	0.510	0.500	0.010	0.000	0.500	0.500	0.510	28,650,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	59,221	19,038	26	0.320	0.342	0.320	0.326	0.320	0.006	1.875	0.328	0.322	0.328	19,952,503
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	1,240,000	135,200	12	0.109	0.112	0.109	0.109	0.107	0.002	1.869	0.109	0.107	0.109	325,916,790
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST& FIN.	926,334	128,722	24	0.139	0.142	0.139	0.140	0.138	0.002	1.449	0.140	0.139	0.143	33,180,000
OM0000003234	RENAISSANCE SER.	43,000	19,180	13	0.450	0.450	0.440	0.446	0.440	0.006	1.364	0.450	0.430	0.446	105,438,860
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	917,902	457,669	33	0.488	0.500	0.488	0.488	0.492	0.006	1.220	0.498	0.496	0.498	1,000,178,088,446
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	98,500	33,441	12	0.338	0.340	0.334	0.340	0.336	0.004	1.190	0.340	0.340	0.346	1,000,221,321,038
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	15,000	5,226	3	0.344	0.350	0.344	0.348	0.344	0.004	1.163	0.350	0.330	0.360	1,000,24,800,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	52,000	12,376	5	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.236	0.002	0.847	0.238	0.236	0.238	1,000,78,747,700
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	20,220	7,265	7	0.358	0.360	0.358	0.360	0.358	0.002	0.559	0.358	0.354	0.356	1,000,44,963,266
OM0000002600	AHLI BANK	22,000	2,464	2	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.112	0.112	0.113	1,000,219,361,636
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	151,469	106,028	26	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.000	0.000	0.700	0.700	0.704	1,000,525,000,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	17,157	961	2	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.057	-0.001	-1.754	0.056	0.056	0.057	1,000,17,200,194
Total	16	4,079,083	1,008,458	222											

Parallel Market

OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	463,900	44,481	19	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.094	0.002	2.128	0.095	0.095	0.098	0.100,214,747,491
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	6,000	300	2	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.001	2.041	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.100,35,720,317
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	20,000	1,220	3	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.060	0.001	1.667	0.061	0.060	0.062	0.100,12,200,000
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	66,500	6,443	9	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.096	0.001	1.942	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100,15,088,389
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	150,392	28,574	7	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.189	0.001	0.529	0.190	0.190	0.190	1,000,308,929,808
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	46,833	4,327	6	0.092	0.093	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.091	0.093	0.100,11,960,000
OM0000001139	ALUMINIUM PROD.	10,000	1,400	1	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.136	0.140	1,000,4,700,003
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	1,000	65	1	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.062	0.003	0.000	0.065	0.063	0.066	0.100,7,750,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	60,000	4,070	9	0.068	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.066	0.069	0.100,5,287,500
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MK.	43	39	1	0.912	0.912	0.912	0.920	0.920	0.008	0.000	0.912	0.912	0.912	0.100,87,400,000
OM0000002339	SALALAH PORT SR.	250	150	1	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.100,107,902,440
OM0000003281	TAAGEER FINANCE	66,355	4,778	4	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.072	0.076	0.100,18,258,480
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	8,482	950	2	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.112	0.102	0.120	0.100,9,117,108
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	508,996	48,521	28	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.095	0.096	-0.001	-1.042	0.095	0.095	0.096	0.100,16,625,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	65,065	4,815	3	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.075	-0.001	-1.333	0.074	0.074	0.075	0.100,15,020,997
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	32,480	6,523	7	0.205	0.205	0.200	0.201	0.205	-0.004	-1.961	0.200	0.185	0.200	0.100,24,120,000
OM0000001593	PHOENIX POWER	8,959	478	3	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.049	-0.001	-2.041	0.048	0.048	0.049	0.100,70,204,870
OM0000004735	SEMBOCORP SALALAH	29,157	2,161	6	0.078	0.078	0.073	0.074	0.078	-0.004	-5.128	0.077	0.076	0.077	0.100,70,638,324
Total	18	1,545,422	159,294	112											

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STOCK MARKET

Wall Street rallies for second day in row as Omicron fears fade

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Wall Street rallied sharply for a second straight day on Tuesday, with high-flying technology stocks rising as much as 3 per cent, as investors' fears over the impact of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus subsided.

"Time will tell whether investors are getting ahead of themselves but a couple of days without a negative Omicron headline has the dip buyers flooding back in," Craig Erlam, analyst at online trading platform OANDA, said.

The Nasdaq Composite index that groups Big Tech names such as Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix and Google settled up 462 points, or 3 per cent, at 15,687, for its biggest one-day gain since March. Nasdaq rose almost 1 per cent in the previous session. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which contains mostly industrial stocks, finished up 492 points, or 1.4 per cent, at 35,719. The Dow gained 1.9 per cent on Monday.

The S&P 500, an index of the top 500 stocks, settled up 95 points, or 2.1 per cent, at 4,687. The index climbed 2.1 per cent in the previous session.

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Contact: 79056363, 99501396
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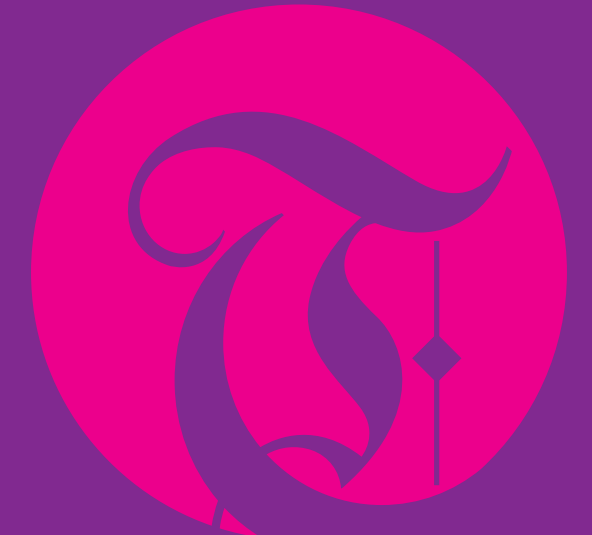
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LIFESTYLE

SEVEN QUESTIONS MAY FIND HOW WISE YOU ARE

According to a new study by the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, an abbreviated, seven-item scale can help determine with high validity a person's level of wisdom.

The research has been published in the 'International Psychogeriatrics Journal'. The study's researchers had previously developed the 28-item San Diego Wisdom Scale (SD-WISE-28), which had been used in large national and international studies, biological research and clinical trials to evaluate wisdom.

But in a study, researchers found that a shortened seven-item version (SD-WISE-7 or Jeste-Thomas Wisdom Index), was comparable and reliable.

"Wisdom measures are increasingly being used to study factors that impact mental health and optimal ageing. We wanted to test if a list of only seven items could provide valuable information to test wisdom," said senior author Dilip V. Jeste, MD, senior associate dean for the Center of Healthy Aging and Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Neurosciences at UC San Diego School of Medicine.

Past studies have shown that wisdom is comprised of seven components: self-reflection, pro-social behaviours (such as empathy, compassion and altruism), emotional regulation, acceptance of diverse perspectives, decisiveness, social advising (such as giving rational and helpful advice to others) and spirituality.

The latest study surveyed 2,093 participants, ages 20 to 82, through the online crowdsourcing platform Amazon Mechanical Turk.

The seven statements, selected from SD-WISE-28, are related to the seven components of wisdom and are rated on a 1 to 5 scale, from strongly disagree to strongly agree. Examples of the statements included "I remain calm under pressure" and "I avoid situations where I know my help will be needed." "Shorter doesn't mean less valid," said Jeste.

"We selected the right type of questions to get important information that not only contributes to the advancement of science but also supports our previous data that wisdom correlates with health and longevity," Jeste added.

Additionally, the SD-WISE-7 was found to strongly and positively correlate with resilience, happiness and mental well-being and strongly and negatively correlate with loneliness, depression and anxiety.

"There are evidence-based interventions to increase levels of specific components of wisdom, which would help reduce loneliness and promote overall well-being," said Jeste.

"Like the COVID-19 vaccine protects us from the novel coronavirus, wisdom can aid in protecting us from loneliness. Thus, we can potentially help end a behavioural pandemic of loneliness, suicides and opioid abuse that has been going on for the last 20 years," Jeste added.

The next steps include genetic, biological, psychosocial and cultural studies of large numbers of diverse populations to assess wisdom, as well as various factors related to mental, physical and cognitive health in people across the lifespan.

"We need wisdom for surviving and thriving in life. Now, we have a list of questions that take less than a couple of minutes to answer that can be put into clinical practice to try to help individuals," said Jeste.

Co-authors included Michael Thomas with Colorado State University; and Barton Palmer, Ellen Lee, Jinyuan Liu, Rebecca Daly and Xin Tu, all with UC San Diego. - **ANI**



SPORTS

Para sailing team announced, to represent Oman in competitions

MUSCAT: In partnership with BP Oman, Oman Sail and Oman Paralympic Committee have officially announced the national para sailing team to represent Oman in para sailing competitions locally and internationally in a formal celebration marking the International Day of Persons with Disability, held under the patronage of H.E. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Social Development. The celebration was also attended by Dr. Khamis Salim Al Jabri, CEO of Oman Sail, Eng. Mohammed Al Najwani, Vice President of Wells at bp Oman, Dr. Mansoor Sultan Al Tauqi, President of the Oman Paralympic Committee and various attendees from sport related associations. The celebration highlighted the national team's journey towards success, and their future directions.

The national team will represent Oman in international competitions such as the Parasailing World Championship 2022 and Paralympic games. This outcome was as a result of the Sail Free programme which was first launched in December 2019 introducing persons with disabilities (specially with physical impairment) to the sport of sailing. Since the start of the programme approximately 150 men and women with disabilities aged 16 to 30 years old benefited from the programme.

The team members were selected based on their performance in various stages of the programme at both Oman Sail's Sailing Schools

in Al Mouj Muscat and Mussanah. The members were trained under the highest standards of security and safety with supervision by a group of highly qualified Omani trainers, using the multi-functional RS Venture Connect dinghy which can be quickly configured to suit the needs of each person with their own unique disability.

Shamsa Al-Rawahi, bp Oman social investment manager, commented "We believe that Paralympic sport promotes inclusivity, diversity and empowerment. This is in line with our aims at bp to provide equal opportunities to Omanis that help develop their skills and capabilities. We look forward to the outcomes of team as they sail across local, regional and international waters."

Dr. Khamis Al Jabri, CEO of Oman Sail, said, "The success we have seen so far with the Sail Free programme shows the potential for Oman to support people with different strengths and abilities. This programme provided the training, experience and an environment for them to succeed. I am excited to see the launch of the national para sailing team pave the way for athletes across the country to strive towards their goals."

Dr. Mansoor Al Tauqi, President of the Oman Paralympic Committee, said, "The Sail Free programme has shown its potential to instil self-confidence and many other valuable lifelong skills in persons with disability. We are excited to see the team inspire others as they sail and compete internationally."



ROUND-UP

Bank Nizwa wins 2 prestigious awards

The awards are a testament to the successful contribution of the entire Bank Nizwa team

MUSCAT: Positioning itself as a strong, progressive and customer-centric Islamic banking institution, Bank Nizwa has earned a commendable reputation as the leading Sharia-compliant bank in the Sultanate which has resulted in winning the ‘Best Performing Company (Large Cap)’ award.

While playing a pivotal role in steering the bank to greater heights, its CEO, Khalid Al Kayed, has also received the much-coveted title of ‘CEO of the Year – Islamic Banking’ at the Alam Al Iktisaad Awards 2021.

The award ceremony witnessed as its chief guest Maitha Al Mahrouqi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism. Also in attendance were other distinguished guests and prominent figures from Oman’s corporate world.

Bank Nizwa’s 5-year strategic roadmap, which was rolled out in 2020, focuses on the five pillars of



development which include financial performance, technological advancement, market share, team & culture, and being a progressive organisation. Being on this journey, the bank has been success-

fully able to expand its operations and record a stellar growth in overall performance. As the largest and faster-growing full-fledged Islamic Bank in Oman, Bank Nizwa has been leading the way for change

with innovative Islamic financing products, focusing on customer service and supporting the growth of local businesses.

“These awards are a testament to the successful contribution of the entire Bank Nizwa team. While I am truly honoured to have received these awards, I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the entire team at Bank Nizwa who has been rel-

less in ensuring that we continue to deliver excellence in all operations,” said Al Kayed on receiving the award. “At Bank Nizwa, our focus has been on sustainable development while providing long-term benefits to our customers. With a strong market position, attested by our financial performance, Bank Nizwa is ahead of the curve in offering Sharia-compliant banking solutions and products for customers and shareholders. This has also added several awards to our credit. As a pioneer in the Islamic banking sector, we will continue to advocate the benefits of Sharia-compliant financing in the region.”

Oman’s most trusted Islamic bank, Bank Nizwa has been honoured with a series of coveted awards, conferred upon it ever since its inception. In 2020, Bank Nizwa was named the ‘Most Innovative Islamic Bank’ at the International Finance Magazine Awards for its focus on digitalization and the introduction of innovative Sharia-compliant products and services.

Recognising its outstanding performance in the Islamic banking industry, the bank was ranked as ‘One of the World’s Best Islamic Financial Institutions’ at the Global Finance 2020 Islamic Finance Awards; and awarded the coveted title of ‘Best Performing Company (Large Cap)’ at the Alam Al Iktisaad Awards 2020. The Bank was also awarded the most trusted Islamic bank in Oman at Oman’s popular Signature Luxury 100 awards.

‘IMTIDAD’

SOCIAL PROJECT

National Finance, Injaz Oman join hands to develop national talent



MUSCAT: In line with its social responsibility and its efforts towards supporting local talent, National Finance has collaborated with the Injaz Oman organisation under the company’s independent wing for sustainable initiatives - ‘Imtidad’.

National Finance will contribute to empowering 1,000 participants through the programme of Injaz that aims to equip students with entrepreneurship skills and prepare them to enter the job market.

The agreement was signed by Tariq Al Farsi, Chief Executive Officer of National Finance and Khaula Al Harthi, Chief Executive Officer of Injaz Oman.

The ceremony took place in Hormuz Grand Hotel Muscat and witnessed the presence of senior officials from the two sides as well as media personnel.

The six-month-long programme targets students of higher education institutions which seeks to enable university and private college students to establish real projects after gaining the necessary

skills from the training.

Speaking on this collaboration, Tariq Al Farsi said, “We are pleased to sign this agreement with Injaz Oman. Through Imtidad, we constantly seek to partner with such organisations and support their impactful initiatives as we believe that this will add great value to the community as well as the country.”

“This programme aspires to support the youth and develop their capabilities to excel in entrepreneurship and start their projects. Such ventures are in line with Oman Vision 2040 as they create jobs opportunities and stimulate economic diversification, ultimately boosting the national economy,” he further stated.

Khaula Al Harthi, Chief Executive Officer of Injaz Oman stated, “At INJAZ, we inspire the youth of Oman to be future entrepreneurs by training, encouragement and sharing entrepreneurship knowledge. We express our gratitude to National Finance Imtidad for

lending support to one of our key programmes that drive this objective. As an organisation that aims to fulfil national priorities with regards to learning, development and employment, Injaz believes in the strength of such strategic collaborations that help drive national goals of Vision 2040.”

It is worth noting that National Finance remains committed to its corporate social responsibility by delivering various such initiatives. Therefore, the company launched ‘Imtidad’, an expression of the company’s commitment to positively impact various vital segments that include education, community, health and environment.

National Finance, established in 1987, has built a reputation as the market leader trusted by thousands of customers across the Sultanate. National Finance offers a wide range of products targeting both individual customers and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) through its 20 branches across the Sultanate.



Jusoor Foundation supports 17 public majlises in North Al Batinah

MUSCAT: Jusoor Foundation continues its efforts to provide support to the community and contribute to achieving sustainable development through the implementation of development projects and support for various social projects.

In this regard, Jusoor Foundation has completed the provision of partial support to a number of public majlises in the second phase for the year 2021, and by 8 public majlises, with a total social investment of OMR40,000. The total number of Majlises that received support reached 17 majlises within the framework of the Jusoor programme to support Majlises for the year 2021, with a total social investment of OMR85,000.

Funded by OQ, Sohar Aluminium, and Vale Oman, and implemented by Jusoor, the project aims at providing partial support to the majlises benefiting from the program based on the requests submitted by the communities and after evaluating by

The total number of majlises that received support reached 17 for the year 2021, with a total social investment of OMR85,000

the team during the sites visits to those majlises to determine their fulfilment of the support programme conditions.

The Omani public majlises are one of the most prominent features and components of Omani society, and they have played a significant role in the past and present, as they have been used to serve the community by hosting various social events and discussion sessions to discuss the affairs of society’s life and exchange views among members of the

community in various segments.

It contributes to the formation of a cohesive society based on shared values and conventions, as well as the preservation of a society’s history passed down through the generations. In recognition of the majlises’ important role, partial support has been provided to several Majlises spread across North Al Batinah Governorate, including the public majlises of Al Bidaya in the Wilayat of Suwaiq, Liwa Al-Jadidah, Al Awan, and Masila in the Wilayat of Khabourah, and the Public Majlises of Al Ghashaba, Falaj Al Qabail and Al Sangar in the Wilayat of Sohar.

It is worth noting that Jusoor Foundation is the 1st non-profit social responsibility organisation established in Oman in 2012, that aims at the development of the community through implementing sustainable social projects, and understanding the real needs of the Omani society, especially in North Al Batinah Governorate, as the social arm of Sohar Aluminium, Vale Oman and OQ.

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ROUND-UP

Festive season at Sheraton Oman

The hotel has carefully designed a 29-day festive event inviting guests to be truly present with their loved ones to celebrate the last few days of the year with vigour and cheer

MUSCAT: Sheraton Oman Hotel, the iconic landmark of the Sultanate, is inviting all guests to spend quality time with their loved ones and experience a joyous festive season with an array of family-friendly activities and delicious culinary delights.

Samir Messaoudi, General Manager said, “We are delighted to share this festive season with our guests and excited to hereby unveil a very special holiday programme, carefully crafted by our entire team, to provide you and your loved ones with many moments to cherish.”

The hotel has carefully designed a 29-day festive event inviting guests to be truly present with their loved ones to celebrate the last few days of the year with vigour and cheer.



Celebrations began on December 3 with a magical tree lighting ceremony and carol singing at the festive lobby. The spirit of the season will carry on with an exciting programme throughout the holidays: Christmas Degustation

Dinner, Breakfast with Santa and Gingerbread activities, Roasting & Toasting Gaucho and Jubilee Night on Christmas Eve, Festive Fiesta Brunch and New Year's Eve Gala dinner to end 2021 in style.

If you're planning to have a deli-

cious festive meal at home, what better way to impress your loved ones than with a 5-star oven-roasted turkey with all the traditional trimmings. Prepared by our award-winning chefs, Christmas is ready to 'take home' for a splen-

did, festive feast. Exclusive staycation packages are available with impeccable service paired with flexible facilities to suit unique requests. Please be sure to make the most of your stay and ensure that you don't miss out on many

of the fabulous experiences and activities available.

This festive celebration story at Sheraton Oman Hotel is all about good times, meaningful experiences and spending quality time together with family and friends.

AL MAZYONA DRAW

Bank Muscat offers OMR1.5 million in special year-end draw

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, will soon hold a special end of year Al Mazyona draw with over OMR1.5 million in high-value prizes to be given away to 92 lucky winners, in line with the bank's commitment to promoting a strong savings culture in the Sultanate.

Keeping in mind the keen interest of the bank's customers and the general public in following the largest prize draws in the country, the draw will be live-streamed across the bank's social media channels and will reward Asalah and Al Jawhar customers as well as lucky customers from across different governorates.

All customers maintaining a minimum balance of OMR 30,000 in their Al Mazyona accounts will be automatically entered into the draws to select the winners of the two OMR 250,000 mega prizes. High savings Asalah Priority Banking customers maintaining a minimum balance of OMR 30,000 will be entered into the special draws for 10 prizes of OMR 50,000 each with a total of OMR 500,000 reserved in prizes for them.

Al Jawhar customers maintaining a minimum balance of OMR 10,000 will be eligible to win one of the 10 prizes of OMR 20,000 each, adding to a total of OMR 200,000. Also, 70 winners will be chosen from across all governorates in the Sultanate, from among customers having a minimum balance of OMR 1,000.

Each winner will get OMR 5,000 in the prize draw, which will give away a total of OMR 350,000 in prizes to customers from different governorates. In total, more than OMR 1.5 million has been reserved for the bank's customers from over 140 personal banking branches spread across the Sultanate.

Abdullah Tamman Al Mashani, Deputy General Manager – Institutional Sales and Product Development, Bank Muscat, expressed his happiness with the great success of the Al Mazyona programme



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The Al Mazyona prize draw scheme has been going from strength to strength, and the financial prizes are a reward to our customers for their confidence and trust in the bank

Abdullah Tamman Al Mashani

Deputy General Manager – Institutional Sales and Product Development, Bank Muscat

and said, “The Al Mazyona prize draw scheme has been going from strength to strength, and the financial prizes are a reward to our customers for their confidence and trust in the bank. Bank Muscat continues to meet the aspirations of our valued customers, while also promoting a good savings habit in the country with these special prizes. We would like to remind all our customers that the more they save, the more the chances to win valuable prizes. Going ahead, we would

like to wish all success and happiness to our esteemed customers.”

With OMR 11 million to be given away in 2021 and over OMR 1.5 million to be given away during the End of Year draw alone, the country's biggest savings scheme is all set to create further excitement in the coming weeks as the year draws to a close. This year's programme is giving away a record 7,470 prizes compared to 6,677 last year, a 12 per cent increase in the number of winners.

SULTAN QABOOS UNIVERSITY



Al Mouj Muscat launches SQU initiative to nurture Omani talent

MUSCAT: Al Mouj Muscat has begun a new programme of collaboration with Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) by hosting architect and engineering students at its Community Hub. This initiative is set to inspire leaders of the future as they learn from a real-life success story of Oman's leading lifestyle destination.

Final year architecture students spent two days at the integrated tourism complex, taking part in tours of key buildings as well as workshops on urban planning, design and sustainability.

Working with the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering, the initiative was kick-started by a visit that, as part of Al Mouj Muscat's corporate social responsibility strategy, seeks to support the talents of the Sultanate's youth.

Al Mouj Muscat provides its facilities and expert staff to support students with post-graduate theses and data collection, as well as assessing design and graduation projects. Other opportunities

that sit within the ethos of giving something back to the community, will be to allow individuals to complete their training whilst gaining practical experience working within Oman's leading lifestyle and leisure destination.

Commenting on Al Mouj Muscat's sustainable new initiative, Nasser Al Sheibani, CEO of Al Mouj said, “It was a great pleasure to welcome these students and to continue providing opportunities for the youth of our country who have an opportunity to learn and see first-hand, what it takes to create a world-class urban destination.

“At Al Mouj, we excel at place-making and understand what it takes to put in place everything that's needed for how people want to live, work and play. Our community is built to grow not just in terms of scale and the number of amenities but in how people interact with one another and feel a real sense of belonging.

“We are looking forward to furthering our relationships with the

university and by helping to educate and support the careers of talented individuals, we know we will be playing our part in inspiring the future architects, urban planners and leaders of our nation who will work to realise Oman Vision 2040 and in turn help our wonderful country to grow.”

Al Mouj is a joint venture between the UAE-based Majid Al Futtaim Properties, Omran and Tanmia, and since 2006 it has succeeded in creating a thriving oceanfront community for over 7,000 residents from 85 nationalities. Living in luxury accommodation within distinct neighbourhoods each with its own identity and offers, residents have the benefit of a vibrant dining and retail district with 85 outlets, two luxury hotels, a championship golf course and a 400-berth luxury marina all on their doorstep. As well, there are landscaped community parks, 1.5km of cycle trails, 6km of beach, and new for 2021, Masjid Al Mouj and the Community Hub.

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