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Preparations have begun across the Sultanate for Oman's 50th National Day, which is celebrated on 18th of November every year. —Shabin E



HIGHER EDUCATION

Ministry approves OMR1.2mn funding for research projects

MUSCAT: Close to 250 research projects in 28 government and private institutions have received funding approval from the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation within the Block Funding Programme for the 2020-2021 academic year after completing the signing of the research support and funding agreements.

Compliance check

The application period for the programme ended last June, and all the submitted proposals were reviewed and checked for their compliance with the announced research funding conditions.

The number of research projects approved for support this year has reached 248 from the

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total 738 research proposals that were submitted. As for the number of academic and non-academic governmental and private institutions benefiting from the support for this year, it has reached 28 institutions, including various scientific research sectors, namely the communica-

tions and information systems sector, the environment and natural resources sector, the health and community service sector, the energy and industry sector, and the education and human resources sector.

Financial aid

The financial aid provided to support and finance the approved research projects has amounted to OMR1.2 million, distributed at various academic levels, such as research projects for doctoral holders, research projects for master's and doctoral students, and research projects for students of academic institutions as well as students studying at their own expense outside the Sultanate. **>A2**

A MOMENT OF HONOUR AND JOY



Aisha Al Shehhi



Maryam Al Hooti



Rahma Al Tamtami



Raya Al Alawi



Zainab Al Maskari

Recognised on Omani Women's Day, these women feel that it is everyone's duty to contribute to the development of the country

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sharing the joy of being honoured by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Omani women, who were conferred awards by the Honourable Lady, the Spouse of His Majesty the Sultan, told the *Times of Oman* that this will motivate them for years to come.

These women, who were honoured on the occasion of Omani Women's Day, said it is the duty of

every citizen to contribute towards the development of the country.

Rahma Salim Al Tamtami, the president of the Omani Women's Association, said her happiness knew no bounds after receiving her award. Felicitated for her volunteer work, which she began in 2007, Al Tamtami has taken part in organising community participation to spread awareness of the COVID-19 pandemic among the population in Muttrah, and has

conducted campaigns in multiple languages for maximum reach and understanding.

Indescribable

"I cannot describe how I felt after being named one of the Omani women to be honoured," said Al Tamtami, who was also the head of the Al Rouh volunteer group from 2009 to 2019. "This is proof that every hardworking person will reap the reward of his or her efforts. I thank God for this kind honour from our wise government, and appreciate the efforts of everyone who supported my efforts that have resulted in me meeting the Honourable Lady."

Honours on that day were also conferred on Raya bint Rashid Al Alawi, a member of the Board of Directors of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, its representative in the Buraimi

branch, and the Chair of the Businesswomen's Committee in Al Buraimi. "Meeting the Honourable Lady, the Spouse of His Majesty, for the first time, made me very pleased," she said. "I found her to be a very humble woman, and was filled with a sense of prestige while in front of her. This was truly a proud moment for me, and I am very pleased with the words she shared with me, and her praise of the efforts of Omani women."

"The Honourable Lady spoke of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour, his keenness in the contributions of Omani women, and making them a key partner in the Blessed Renaissance," added Al Alawi, who established the Baraim Private Nursery in her governorate in 2004, and is the local director of child welfare for the Omani Women's Association. "To allocate a day celebrating

Omani women and their achievements is to honour us."

Having come all the way from Musandam to receive her award, Aisha Al Shehhi's work as a senior consultant in family medicine and the head of Dibba Hospital has been instrumental in limiting the spread of COVID-19 in the country's northern region.

Dream come true

"My impression is a feeling of pride and the value of the Omani woman and her position in society, which is shared by His Majesty the Sultan, and his Spouse, the Honourable Lady," she said. "We have dreamt of meeting her, and she decided to honour us with her presence. Our conversations with her showed us that she looked upon us with pride, and we are confident that Omani women will progress even further in future." **>A2**

GLOBAL BRAND

Oman's first IKEA store in 2022

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's first Ikea store, which will bring the famed Swedish furniture brand to the country, is expected to open in the first quarter of 2022.

The global brand will open its store at Oman Avenues Mall, following a partnership signed between Al Taher Group and Al Futtaim Group.

Work on

Construction of the two-floor store is already underway, as part of the new expansion of the mall, and is expected to be one of the largest Ikea outlets in the region. It will not only serve the city of Muscat and the vicinity, but also attract shoppers from across Oman.

Commenting on the announcement, Mohammed bin Saud Al



Khalili, board member of Al Taher Group, said, "We are pleased to collaborate with Al Futtaim Group, to bring the globally renowned Ikea brand to Oman Avenues Mall. At Al Taher, we are well equipped to confidently approach new market opportunities on a global scale,

while continuing to build winning relationships.

"This move is in line with the vision to provide the necessary impetus to promote the Sultanate as a premiere investment destination across the region and beyond," he added.

"We believe that Ikea Oman will not only strengthen the position of Oman Avenues Mall as a premier shopping destination, but also position the mall firmly as the shopping mall for the whole of Oman"

Strategic partnership

The strategic partnership between the two conglomerates promises to boost the diverse retail offering of Oman Avenues Mall, as it re-energises the country's thriving trade landscape.

Talking about the brand's strong expansion roadmap, Vinod Jayan, Managing Director of Ikea - Al Futtaim Group, said, "We are very excited to announce the entry of Ikea into Oman, which wouldn't have been possible without an expert partner like Al Taher Group and a shopping mall platform like Oman Avenues Mall." **>A2**



Oman, the land of frankincense

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PRAYER TIMINGS

Dhuhr.....	11:57pm
Asr.....	3:15pm
Maghrib.....	5:42pm
Isha.....	6:53pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	4:51am

#50GoldenYears

Sultanate celebrates 50 years of progress

New stamp released to mark 40th anniversary of Oman-China ties

The unique stamp depicts one of China's most famous historical landmarks, the Great Wall of China, as well as an Omani fort and the historical Sindbad voyage from Sohar to Guangzhou



Times News Service

MUSCAT: In recognition of the Sultanate's special relationship with China, Oman Post, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, has launched a new stamp. The launch ceremony was conducted with participation of Mohammed bin Nasser Al Wahaibi, Undersecretary for Administration and Financial Affairs in the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ali bin Khalfan Al Jabri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information for Information; Li Lingbing, Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China to Oman; and Abdulmalik

Al Balushi, CEO of Oman Post of Oman Post.

Commemorating 40 years of official diplomatic relations between the two countries, the unique stamp depicts one of Chi-

na's most famous historical landmarks, the Great Wall of China, as well as an Omani fort and the historical Sindbad voyage from Sohar to Guangzhou. Culture and history buffs can purchase the special issue, which also includes 500 First Day Covers and 3,000 Souvenir Sheets.

Unique friendship

Abdulmalik Al Balushi, CEO of Oman Post of Oman Post, said, "We're proud to celebrate the unique friendship Oman and China share. At Oman Post we always seek to create stamps that represent topics of historical, political and cultural significance and immortalise them for all to enjoy. Our latest issue is a great reminder of the positive connections Oman has made throughout history, as it continues to build strong ties around the world."

Oman and China have enjoyed a friendly relationship since official diplomatic ties were established in 1978, although traditional ties date back 1,200 years.

Due to its strategic location on

the trade route between the East and the West, Oman's port of Sohar was once known as the 'Gateway to China.'

Reaffirming its cultural ties, in 1980 a replica of a ninth-century Arab dhow named 'The Sohar', was sailed from Oman to China, tracing the journey that was said to have been undertaken by the legendary Omani voyager, Sindbad. In 2018 the two countries signed a 'Belt and Road' cooperation document, which has established a new platform for economic cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

In addition to Oman Post's aspirations for global expansion of operations in postal and logistics services, as well as eCommerce, the company is committed to delivering stamps that reflect on key domestic and international topics.

Philatelic enthusiasts and stamp collectors can reserve the new stamp to add to their collection by subscribing to the Philatelic Department at Oman Post through the e-mail: philatelic@omanpost.om.

IKEA STORE IN MUSCAT

<FROM A1> Leading global brands present

"Choosing the right partner, right location, and developing the right infrastructure for an Ikea store is critical to the brand's expansion in a new market," he added. "These decisions were indeed instrumental in our choice of being associated with a strong mall partner like Oman Avenues Mall that will now enable the new destination Ikea to be placed in the heart of Muscat.

Jayan said: "The presence of leading global brands with a flavour of local shopping at Oman Avenues Mall is in perfect synergies with Ikea's local-global philosophy. We look forward to a mutually rewarding association."

Along with enhancing the road and flyover infrastructure around the mall to handle the increased volume of traffic with the expansion, Al Taher Group is also developing additional parking facilities which would connect horizontal and vertical parking to the store as well as a new link to the second floor of the existing mall which also houses the food court, cinemas and the entertainment centre.

Expressing gratitude to Al Taher and Al Futtaim Group, Mr. Ananth AV, Director, Lulu Group International, which operates Oman Avenues Mall, said, "We are pleased and proud to be hosting Ikea at

the Oman Avenues Mall. It is our constant endeavour to provide unmatched shopping experience to our customers all under one roof, one that is hassle-free, and safe.

"The opening of one of the largest Ikea stores in the Middle East at Oman Avenues Mall, is a testament to this and is in line with our commitment to sustained growth, in light of the changing retail environment," he went on to say. "We are committed to building Oman Avenues Mall as the most trusted and dominant mall brand in Oman that would stand the test of time for the future of retail trade in Oman."

EDUCATION

<FROM A1> Capacity building

Dr Omar Al Abri from the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation said: "This research support aims to build local research capacity, provide a stimulating research environment for scientific research and build capabilities at various academic levels. The Block Funding Programme is considered as one of the important research support and funding programmes, as it has been developed to keep pace with the requirements of the research and provides institutions with a wider scope to present competitive research after evaluating and presenting it as a package. This programme is considered as a continuation of the Open Research Grant Programme that was previously established by the (formerly known as) The Research Council in 2009".

Dr Omar added: "The number of research projects among PhD holders funded for this year has reached 72 research with an amount of up to OMR20,000 for each research project as a maximum for a period of two years, while 62 research projects for master's holders were funded at an amount of up to OMR3,000 per project as a maximum." - ONA

OMANI WOMEN'S DAY

<FROM A1> 'Appreciation made the day exceptional'

"We are grateful for her warm welcome, good manners and generosity showed to us," added Al Shehhi, who has twice served as the head of the Omani Women's Association in Dibba. "Although we spent a short time with her, we have come to know the ambitions of our Sultan and his Spouse for the country. We see that the men and women in Oman are going to achieve the peak of their success under their guidance, as was also the aim of the late His Majesty."

Al Shehhi said it was the duty of every Omani to contribute to the development of the country in a manner that made them proud of their homeland, and to ensure the Sultanate was properly represented in the fields of culture, medicine, scientific research and society at global forums.

As the head of the Emergency and Crisis Response Committee at the Directorate General of Health Services in South Sharqiyah, Zainab Al Maskari took over the running of the coronavirus pandemic operations room in the governorate to make sure public institutions were working with society to minimise the spread of the disease. "There is of course a feeling of pride when the

Honourable Lady appreciates our efforts on this exceptional day," she said. "This appreciation on Omani Women's Day has come in recognition of the pioneering and leading women who have moved the wheel of progress and made advancements in the progress of our country."

Adding to this, Maryam Al Hooti of the clinical psychology department at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, said, "All of us are proud to receive this honour from the Honourable Lady, the Spouse of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. Omani Women's Day is a catalyst for all women to help build our country, after the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour dedicated October 17 to us, to demonstrate that women are essential to development."

"His Majesty's continued approach is focused on keenness and interest in Omani women's contributions. It is our responsibility to answer our country's call and do the best for our citizens," added Al Hooti, who is also part of quality control at SQU, and is among the first Omanis to conduct brain and nerve mapping functions of the human body.

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Municipal nod needed for all extra services

Muscat Municipality issues reminder amid inspections to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements notified to stop the spread of COVID-19

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Businesses in Muscat are not permitted to offer any additional services to their customers, without first seeking approval from Muscat Municipality.

The announcement came as municipal officials continue to inspect businesses in the capital to make sure they comply with the health and safety requirements issued to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“No facilities may be added to the shop until prior approval is obtained from the municipality,” said a statement from the public body.

Shops must ensure the safety measures listed by the municipality are provided to their employees, both on the premises, as well as in any accommodation allotted to them by the company.

Muscat Municipality recently put out a list of 92 legal articles distributed over 19 chapters, which concern the health and



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safety parameters businesses need to follow, as well as the penalties incurred by those found violating them.

Attention has been paid in particular to the requirements barbershops and beauty salons need to adhere to, owing to the nature of their work.

“Men’s personal care centres, which provide various services other than shaving, have special health needs for the basic services that can be provided,” said Muscat Municipality. “This must take into importance the need for these measures in service areas, and the precautions that employees must take to protect their health while providing these services.”

“Women’s hairdressing and beauty parlours are also included in the same regulation,” they added. “Chapter Six of the regulations contains the health specifications

related to the practice of a mobile women’s salon, which utilises a vehicle, and includes specifying the nature of this activity and the services involved. The permit granted for such activities differs from that provided for services in women’s hairdressing and beauty salons.”

Measures have also been announced for health clubs and fitness centres in the capital. Measures to protect the health of employees must also be followed in the facilities attached to such establishments, including changing rooms, locker rooms, reception areas, first aid areas, and the gym itself.

“Employees must comply with these rules while providing the related services,” added Muscat Municipality, which said it was “making sure all standards and requirements are met under any condition.”

THIRD PARTY TESTING LAB

Shadha Material Testing Services achieves 17025:2017 accreditation from Gulf Accreditation Centre



Eng. Shadha Saif Al Hinai, a young enterprising graduate in chemical engineering is the owner & CEO of SMTS

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Shadha Material Testing Services (SMTS), a third-party independent testing laboratory, located at south Ma-beila in Muscat, has achieved the 17025:2017 accreditation from Gulf Accreditation Centre (GAC). SMTS is unique in its identity as the only SME registered third party testing lab focusing mainly on the Chemical & Microbiological testing of drinking water, sea water, ground water, borewell water, waste water, food, rocks, cement, aggregates & soil.

SMTS is headed by Eng. Shadha Saif Al Hinai, a young enterprising graduate in chemical engineering who is also the owner & CEO.

The mission & vision of the CEO is to support the needs & expectations of various clients in the related industries of the nation by providing cost effective testing services without any compromise on the quality with minimum turnaround time. The CEO is supported in the operations by a team headed by personnel having more than 40 years of experience in the field to ensure that the accuracy of the test results are maintained continually.

IOWAVE20

Oman takes part in regional drill

MUSCAT: The Sultanate, represented by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), yesterday took part in the regional exercise known as Indian Ocean Wave Exercise (IOWAVE20).

The exercise was organized by the international governmental ocean sciences committee affiliated to the UNESCO and entrusted

with the Indian Ocean tsunami’s early warning system.

The exercise was conducted this time via video-conferencing. It was a simulation of an assumed Makran rift quake measuring 9 degrees at Richter Magnitude Scale and causing tsunami that reaches the Sultanate’s coast in 15 minutes, slamming it with 13-metre

high waves at 10 am.

The exercise was conducted with the participation of the National Multi Hazard Early Warning Centre, the Ministry of Information, the National Committee for Management of Emergency Cases and the Public Authority for Civil Defence and Ambulance (PACDA). -ONA

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BILATERAL TIES



Oman and Pakistan sign military cooperation pact

MUSCAT: The Sultanate and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan signed on Tuesday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Ministry of Defence headquarters in Al Murtafa'a Camp in the field of military cooperation between the two friendly countries.

The MoU was signed by Mohammed bin Nasser Al Rasbi, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense, and K. K. Ahsan Wagan, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Sultanate.

The Memorandum of Understanding aims to frame aspects of military cooperation between the Sultanate and Pakistan in a way that enhances the existing cooperation relations and serves the common interest of the two friendly countries.

The signing ceremony was attended by the Military Attaché at the Pakistani Embassy in Muscat.

— ONA

TOURISM FACILITY

With His Majesty's blessings, Al Fayha Resthouse opened in Sumail

SUMAIL: With the blessings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Al Fayha Resthouse was opened in the Wilayat of Sumail, Governorate of A'Dakhiliya on Tuesday.

The tourism facility was set up at the behest of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Bin Taimour with the aim of encouraging domestic tourism. With its neat accommodations, the resort serves as a relaxation stopover along the highway for tourists and visitors exploring Oman's interior.

Officially opened by Nassr bin Hamoud Al Kindi, Secretary General of the Royal Court Affairs, Al Fayha Resthouse consists of a luxury hotel, a multipurpose lounge, a restaurant, and balconies overlooking a swimming pool and external garden.

The multipurpose hall, in particular, is an ideal place for holding different events and activities throughout the year. It will cater



to the needs of residents of the Wilayat and adjoining wilayats and establishments.

The resort will enhance efforts to promote domestic tourism and it will contribute to the State's economic revenues. It will also raise the standards of the tourism sector in a manner that realises tourism goals of Oman Vision 2040. **ONA**



OMAN, THE LAND OF FRANKINCENSE

FRANKINCENSE is an integral part of Oman's culture and heritage. This aromatic resin is mostly used in incense and perfume and obtained from the tree bark of genus *Boswellia*.

Frankincense is also known for its healing and restorative properties.

Locally known as luban, Oman is known to produce the world's finest frankincense.

The best quality of frankincense is found in the Dhofar region and is abundantly available in the souqs. Hafa Souq in Salalah is an exclusive place that sells them. Oman's frankincense trail in Dhofar region was visited by explorers Marco Polo and Lawrence of Arabia.

The frankincense tree (*boswellia sacra*) can still be found in Wadi Dawkah. The trees grow in the alluvial bed of the wadi under the extreme heat of this region.

According to Oman's Ministry of Tourism, "Frankincense is a symbol of life, or rather it is life itself, for the Dhofari people. It is not a mere tree, but an embodiment of culture, history, sociology and geography. The Omani researcher and historian, Abdul



Qadir bin Salim Al Ghassani, mentions in his book 'Dhofar, the Land of Frankincense' that Alexander the Great had imported huge quantities of incense from Arab lands.

Other sources suggest that frankincense was used round the throne of King Solomon as incense. In the present time, we know that this incense is used at the Vatican in Rome."

The Land of Frankincense in Al Baleed in Salalah is one of many UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Museum of the Land of Frankincense is located in the region of Al Baleed in Salalah and borders the ruins of Al Baleed Archaeological Park.

Visitors can discover how trade with Frankincense and maritime strength ensured that the region flourished in the 12th century.



VIRTUAL EVENT

National cybersecurity drill begins

MUSCAT: Activities of the 6th National Cybersecurity Drill kicked off on Tuesday.

The virtual drill is organised by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, represented by Oman National Computer Emergency Readiness Team (OCERT) in cooperation and coordination with the Cyber Defence Centre. Thirty-two government institutions participate in the drill.

The drill aims to enhance the cyber readiness to deal with cyber incidents that governmental institutions are exposed to, by strengthening coordination and cooperation between OCERT,



governmental and private institutions, and law enforcement institutions to address such security incidents. It also aims to raise awareness of the mechanisms and procedures used to deal with cyber risks and threats, and to qualify national cadres to deal with them.

— ONA

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

GCC audit bureaus hold key meeting

MUSCAT: Sheikh Nasser bin Hilal Al Mawali, Chairman of the State Audit Institution (SAI), participated in the 17th meeting of Chairmen of GCC Audit and Accounting Bureaus, which was held via video conference on Tuesday.

They meetings stressed the importance of continuing professional activities that contribute to building capacities at State Audit Institutions and promoting SAIs role in the march of development in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, and through which achieving the vision of GCC Leaders along with the ambitions of their peoples. — ONA



PAKISTAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL TENDERS

PSM intends to offer Annual Contracts for the year 2020-2021. The contractors with relevant experiences are invited for following bidding:

Tender No.	Tender's Name	Tender Collection Date	Submission Date
2020/001	Cleaning Services	October 21, 2020 to October 25, 2020	Before and Until October 27, 2020
2020/002	Supply of Stationery	09:00 AM to 01:00 PM Working Days/Hours	
2020/003	Printing Jobs		

*Tender opening will be the subject of School opening.

Experience contractor(s) having relevant experience of at least 3 years of similar nature jobs preferably in Oman, who wishes to participate in the bidding may collect the documents after payment of RO. 20,000 (non-refundable) per Job.

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The tenders shall be submitted in Original and complete with all relevant documents.

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UNGA PRESIDENT

Oman's foreign policy praised

NEW YORK: Volkan Bozkir, President of the UN General Assembly reaffirmed that the Sultanate, led by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tark enjoys wisdom and a deep -rooted cultural heritage. During a meeting organised at the residence of the Sultanate's delegation in New York, by Dr Mohammed bin Awadh Al Hassan, the Sultanate's permanent representative to the United Nation, President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) praised the Sultanate's foreign policy, which he said is established on respect of the principles of the UN Convention and the international law, which made it receive the respect of the international community.

He said that the Sultanate sets an example for other countries in terms of support of peaceful solutions to conflicts and differences and in encouragement of building confidence among the nations.

The meeting was attended by the ambassadors of the AGCC States and a number of Arab diplomats. — ONA



Invitation to Tender

Dhofar Power Company S.A.O.C (DPC) invites reputable contractors for carrying out below said tender in Dhofar Region.

Tender Reference	DPC/Tender/2020/111
Subject	UNE - LOT 10E - 2020
Tender Fee	RO. 100.000 Note: Tenderer who wish to participate in the above tender should collect the tender document from DPC's office
Experience	The tenderers shall be registered electrical contractor with Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) Oman (Minimum C-Grade for 11 kV jobs and D-Grade for LV jobs) and should have performed similar UNE jobs in Sultanate of Oman
Pre-qualification	Bids to be attached along with valid "DCRP Registration Certificate" and valid "CEP Passport by DPC" Shall only consider for evaluation, Further, Tenderers will be evaluated as per the pre-qualification criterion specified in the Tender documents.
Last date for issue of tender documents	03:00 PM on 4 th November 2020
Last date for submission of bids	02:00 PM on 11 th November 2020
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COVAX

WHO chief says 184 countries have joined vaccine initiative

GENEVA: A total of 184 countries and economies have now joined COVAX, an international initiative co-led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners to ensure effective and equitable global access to COVID-19 vaccines, the WHO chief announced on Monday.

“COVAX represents the largest portfolio of potential COVID-19 vaccines and the most effective way to share safe and effective vaccines equitably across the world,” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a virtual press conference.

“Equitably sharing vaccines is the fastest way to safeguard high-risk communities, stabilise health systems and drive a truly global economic recovery,” he added.

As one of the leading countries in vaccine development, China has

officially joined COVAX, a move described by a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson as an important step to uphold the concept of a shared community of health for all and to honour its commitment to turning COVID-19 vaccines into a global public good.

At Monday’s virtual press conference, Tedros also mentioned “the worrying phase” that the COVID-19 pandemic has entered.

With the coming of winter in the northern hemisphere and sharp acceleration in the number of new COVID-19 cases, Tedros warned that the next few months will be tough, particularly in Europe and North America. “So it’s important that all governments focus on the fundamentals that help to break the chains of transmission and save both lives and livelihoods,” Tedros said. **xinhua**

US presidential debate commission adopts new rule to stop interruptions

The new rule should allow each candidate to complete their opening answers uninterrupted by muting the opponent’s microphone

WASHINGTON: The US presidential debate commission has adopted a new rule three days before the final matchup between President Donald Trump and Democrat rival Joe Biden. The new rule should allow each candidate to complete their two-minute opening answers uninterrupted by temporarily muting their opponent’s microphone.

Microphones will not be muted during the open discussion segments, but any interruptions by either candidate will count toward their time.

“We realise, after discussions with both campaigns, that neither campaign may be totally satisfied with the measures announced today. One may think they go too far, and one may think they do not go far enough. We are comfortable that these actions strike the right balance and that they are in the interest of the American people, for whom these debates are held,” the non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates said in a statement on Monday.

Trump’s campaign manager,



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Bill Stepien, confirmed that Trump would attend the final debate despite the changes. He said Trump “is committed to debating Joe Biden regardless of last-minute rule changes from the biased commission in their latest attempt to provide advantage to their favoured candidate.”

Hope for a more ‘orderly’ debate

The announcement comes three weeks after the chaotic first debate between the Republican and Democrat contenders which was marred by constant interruptions, often but not exclusively from Trump. Biden responded to Trump’s interruptions with insults.

Afterward, the commission committed to ensuring “a more orderly discussion” for future debates. Trump subsequently

refused to show up to the second debate on October 15 after the debate commission changed the format to a virtual debate following the president’s coronavirus diagnosis. “You sit behind a computer and do a debate — it’s ridiculous, and then they cut you off whenever they want,” Trump said in an October 8 interview with Fox Business.

Conflict over topics

Earlier on Monday, Trump’s campaign said it was unhappy with the designated topics for Thursday’s debate, arguing that it should focus more on foreign policy — the nominal focus of what was supposed to be the third debate.

“I will participate but it’s very unfair that they changed the topics and it’s very unfair that again we have an anchor who’s totally biased,” Trump told reporters

aboard Air Force One. Biden’s campaign said that both sides previously agreed to let moderators choose the subjects. It said Trump wanted to avoid discussing his management of the coronavirus pandemic. The debate is divided into six segments — fighting COVID-19, American families, race in America, climate change, national security and leadership — and will last a total of 90 minutes. Each segment begins with a question, to which the candidates may now each respond for two minutes without interruption.

In Florida, where more than 2.5 million have already voted by mail, residents lined up on Monday for the first day of early in-person voting. A Reuters poll released last week showed Trump and Biden neck-and-neck in the state, a crucial battleground in recent years. **bnw**



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PROTESTS

Thai police investigate four broadcasters, restrict Telegram messaging app



CURBING PROTEST: The announcement spurred anger from media groups and accusations that Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha's government was engaging in censorship.

BANGKOK: Thai police said on Monday that they had ordered an investigation into four news outlets and restricted access to the messaging app Telegram under emergency measures imposed last week, seeking to curb protests against the government and monarchy.

“We received information from intelligence units concerned that parts of the content and distorted information have been used and disseminated to cause confusion and instigate causing unrest to society,” police spokesman Kissana Phathanacharoen told a news conference.

The announcement spurred anger from media groups and accusations that Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha’s government was engaging in censorship.

According to a police document dated October 16, investigations have been ordered into content from four media outlets, as well as the Facebook page of a protest group.

The order calls for blocking access to the online sites of Voice TV, The Reporters, The Standard,

Prachatai and Free Youth, and removing their existing content.

Under existing laws, the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society are empowered to ban broadcasts and block internet content. Police can also do so under the emergency decree, which went into effect on October 15, a day after protesters heckled a royal motorcade.

All of the outlets have been broadcasting live coverage of the protests. Voice TV and Prachatai are openly sympathetic towards the demonstrators, while Free Youth is a student protest organization. As of Monday, none of the outlets had been blocked.

Protesters have said that Prayuth, who led a 2014 coup to topple the elected government, was handed power unfairly in last year’s election because laws had been changed to favor a pro-military party.

The movement became particularly heated when protesters began demanding reforms of the monarchy — an institution

protected by an outdated lese-majeste law, meaning that insulting the monarchy can be punished with three to 15 years in prison.

A special parliament session

Tens of thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in the past week in defiance of an emergency decree that bans gatherings of more than four people, outlaws news said to impact national security, and gives authorities broad power to detain people.

Police said around 20,000 people protested across the capital on Sunday, although activists and local media estimated larger crowds.

As they prepared to demonstrate again on Monday, Prayuth said parliament — currently in recess — would be recalled to discuss how to reduce tensions. “We support opening an extraordinary session to solve this conflict,” he told reporters, calling protesters not to break the law. “I request protesters rally peacefully. The government has already compromised to some degree.” **bnw**

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Barca look to recover from weekend defeat in Champions League

It is just over two months since Barca's last European adventure ended in disastrous fashion

MADRID: FC Barcelona look to bounce back from their 1-0 defeat to Getafe in La Liga on Saturday night when they entertain Hungarian side Ferencvaros in their first game in the Champions League group stage.

It is just over two months since Barca's last European adventure ended in disastrous fashion as they were humiliated 8-2 by Bayern Munich in a defeat that began a chain reaction that ended with Quique Setien being sacked as coach and replaced by Ronald Koeman and players such as Luis Suarez and Ivan Rakitic shown the door.

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home to Sevilla before the international break, and in Saturday's defeat to Getafe.

The Dutchman rested Philippe Coutinho and Ansu Fati at the weekend and presumably they will both start against a rival Barca should have few problems in beating.

Antoine Griezmann's place is probably in doubt after he disap-

pointed again in Getafe, days after questioning the role he plays in Koeman's side, while teenagers Pedri or Francisco Trincao also have chances of starting.

Both Frenkie de Jong and Sergio Busquets disappointed at the weekend and that could give a chance to Miralem Pjanic in the heart of the Barca midfield, while injuries to Jordi Alba

and Junior Firpo will probably mean Sergino Dest continues at left back.

Koeman is likely to have one eye on Saturday's 'Clasico' against Real Madrid and may feel some temptation to rest Gerard Pique for the weekend, in which case Ronald Araujo will partner Clement Lenglet in the heart of the Barca defense.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE



We were 'thoroughly outplayed', admits CSK's coach after defeat against RR

ABU DHABI: After suffering a defeat against Rajasthan Royals, Chennai Super Kings (CSK) coach Stephen Fleming said his side was 'thoroughly outplayed' by their opponents.

Rajasthan Royals defeated CSK by seven wickets in the Indian Premier League (IPL) here on Monday. CSK are placed on the bottom of the points table with just six points from 10 games. "We came close in a couple of games but today we were thoroughly outplayed," Fleming said during the post-match press conference.

Batting first, CSK posted a total of 125/5 in the allotted twenty overs. Ravindra Jadeja was the highest run-getter from the side as he scored unbeaten 35 runs.

Rajasthan Royals chased down the target of 126 with seven wickets in hand and 15 balls to spare. Jos Buttler played a match-winning knock of 70* runs while skipper Steve Smith played an unbeaten inning of 26 runs.

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Fleming said his side failed to get momentum as they kept losing wickets.

"We lost wickets and you have to be positive and create some pressure and a run rate but we lost wickets throughout and we struggled to get real momentum to put them under pressure. They bowled well," he said.

Fleming also praised Buttler's 'exceptional' innings during the press conference. **ANI**

FOOTBALL

Virgil van Dijk's injury is massive blow for Liverpool: Henderson

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool's Jordan Henderson said teammate Virgil van Dijk's injury is a 'massive blow' for the team but is confident that the latter will come back stronger.

"Yeah, it's a tough one. It's a big

blow for us. For him personally, obviously. But for us as a team, a massive blow. I'm just gutted for him. So, it's been a tough couple of days, I spoke to him yesterday. And yeah, it's a difficult moment, but that's when you need to be

there for each other," the club's official website quoted Henderson as saying.

"I'll be there as much as I possibly can for him, I'm sure the lads will do the same and his family certainly will, to help him through

the journey he'll go on. But I'm sure he'll be back stronger. In the meantime we've got to do everything we can to help make us stronger and basically go and win as many games as we can for him, really," he added. **ANI**



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Treasury bills worth OMR72 million issued

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from October 21 until January 20, 2021

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR72 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday. The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from October 21 until January 20, 2021.

The average accepted price reached 99.801 for every OMR100, while the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.800 per OMR100.

Whereas the average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.79635 per cent and 0.79793 per cent, respectively.

Note that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent, while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting



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Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the CBO on behalf of the government, which helps the licensed commercial banks to gainfully invest their

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Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market

by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the government (MOF) may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES

Omantel launches first e-Auction in procurement and contracts sector

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of its operational digital transformation, Omantel, the pioneering integrated telecom services provider in the Sultanate, has launched the first e-Auction in the procurement and contracts sector to sell spare parts, used communication systems equipment, devices, and electric generators.

As a leading company empowering digital transformation in the Sultanate, Omantel has challenged the circumstances dictated by the COVID-19 pandemic and has channelised a great deal of its business and procedures electronically. This initiative was made possible by adding new features and modules to the existing platforms.

An e-Auction was launched through the company's e-tendering system (<https://tenders.omantel.om>), which was open to all local and international companies. Six specialised local companies, including SMEs, were shortlisted based on their compliance with the pre-qualification requirements.

Commenting on the launch of Omantel's first e-Auction, Ghalib Ali Hamood Al-Mamari, Senior Manager, Purchase Transaction



E-TENDERING SYSTEM: An e-Auction was launched through the company's e-tendering system, which was open to all local and international companies. - **Supplied picture**

Office at Omantel procurement and contract sector, said, "At Omantel, we seek to streamline and facilitate our procedures with all the parties dealing with us. The launching of the first e-Auction comes as part of our endeavour to stay up to date with the technological progress achieved in the field of e-services and to save time, effort, and money for companies wishing to compete for the purchase of the materials offered for tendering."

"The success of this e-auction

reflects the company's pursuit to achieve digital transformation. It also emphasises the company's intention to launch more e-auctions in the forthcoming period. The procedures carried out in this regard are characterised by transparency and equal opportunity," Al Mamari added.

It is worth mentioning that Omantel offered an e-auction training programme to the companies which fulfilled the relevant conditions. This training resulted in the active

and competitive participation of all the shortlisted companies.

Omantel is the pioneering telecommunications company in the Sultanate and the primary provider of integrated internet services for individuals, companies, and government agencies. The company strives to promote growth and prosperity in all sectors of the Sultanate, along with providing a new concept of businesses and bringing in the global content and means of entertainment.

KEARNEY MIDDLE EAST REPORT



E-commerce sector in GCC expected to reach \$50bn by 2025

DUBAI: The GCC e-commerce sector is forecasted to reach a value of \$50 billion by 2025, according to a new report by Kearney Middle East.

The report titled 'GCC e-commerce unleashed: a path to retail revival or a fleeting mirage?' predicts that e-commerce will become the main source of growth in the retail sector over the next five years.

The report forecasts a larger acceleration in e-commerce between 2020 and 2022, at 20 per cent CAGR, and 14 per cent until 2025. Without COVID-19, the same growth was projected at 14 and 10 per cent respectively. This highlights the impact of the pandemic on accelerating the growth of the sector in the region.

"E-commerce continues its rapid growth in the region. In our last e-commerce outlook for the GCC in 2017, we forecasted growth of 35 per cent CAGR, which was essentially more than a four-fold jump in value for the sector between 2015 and 2020. By the end of 2019, it was worth just short of \$18 billion, with signs of maturing growth and intense market competition. However, COVID-19 caused an unforeseen push and gave a new, accelerated lease of life to the sector, in line with what we have seen in global markets.

"This is due to a rapid change in consumer behaviour, with unprecedented adoption of e-commerce by all population segments, spurred to a large extent by the new normal of social distancing, lock-downs and reduced capacity in physical stores," commented Adel Belcaid, Partner, Kearney Middle East.

While the report highlights the effects of a more definitive shift to online on major retail groups, it also explores the likely implications and imperatives on the two other key actors within the retail ecosystem: real estate and small and medium enterprises (SME).

Key challenges including the rise of pure-play e-commerce marketplaces, the large investment in digital by retail giants,

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and the declining physical store sales pose a threat commercial real estate and the survival of SMEs that have not yet adopted to online sales channels. An earlier survey by Kearney in the UAE indicates that just 36 per cent of SMEs have invested so far, while only 4 per cent planning to sell online in the future.

"The projected growth in GCC e-commerce rests on crucial factors like the logistics infrastructure, flexible manpower models and centrally governed policies. All stakeholders should take note and revisit their strategies, operating models and policies to adapt and make the best of this e-commerce driven new normal. Those who have already made the investment have weathered the storm and are well-positioned to lead in the post-COVID retail revival. More than ever, those who fail to make the required changes and investments will be sidelined and put their very survival in question," concluded Debashish Mukherjee, Partner, Kearney Middle East.

WORLD STATISTICS DAY

Madayn launches industrial survey, investor satisfaction research project

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn has launched an industrial survey, value-added measures and investor satisfaction research project. The commencement of the project comes in conjunction with the World Statistics Day that is celebrated internationally every five years on October 20.

The project aims at developing comprehensive information base on the localised projects in Madayn's various industrial cities, which will play a significant role in the development of prospective plans and strategies.

Hasan bin Marhoon Al Marhoon, Director-General of Planning and Business Development at Madayn, stated that the industrial survey and the research on value-added measures and investor satisfaction represent key pillars on which Madayn relies on in the development of Madayn Vision 2040 emanating from Oman Vision 2040. He pointed out that the efforts undertaken by Madayn aim at setting up world-class business cities and emphasising on the role it plays in strengthening PPP to develop and operate these business cities.



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The results of this project will allow decision-makers in the Sultanate's industrial sector in general and Madayn in particular, to be aware of the business environment in the industrial cities and the challenges faced by investors at the current phase

Hasan bin Marhoon Al Marhoon
Director-General of Planning and Business Development at Madayn

Al Marhoon added that Madayn seeks to develop an integrated survey to bring together statistical data from all the companies and factories based at the various industrial cities using the latest

available tools and technologies. "Eventually, the results of this project will allow decision-makers in the Sultanate's industrial sector in general and Madayn in particular, to be aware of the business environment in the industrial cities and the challenges faced by investors at the current phase, develop effective solutions to tackle the challenges, and formulate plans and strategies that go along the lines of the future aspirations of the sector."

It is worthwhile to mention that Madayn signed an agreement



with Muscat Statistical Consulting Company, which is incubated at Madayn's National Business Centre, to implement this project. Muscat Statistical Consulting-Company provides professional and high quality statistical consulting services based on scientific methods, as well as specialises in public opinion polls, annual statistical reports, market research, and economic feasibility studies.

The commencement of this project by Madayn comes in line with third World Statistics Day, which was celebrated around the globe on October 20, 2020, under the theme 'Connecting the world with data we can trust'. According to the United Nations, at its

41st Session in February 2010, the United Nations Statistical Commission proposed celebrating October 20, 2010, as World Statistics Day (Decision 41/109). The United Nations acknowledges that 'the production of reliable, timely statistics and indicators of countries' progress is indispensable for informed policy decisions and monitoring implementation of the Millennium Development Goals'. In 2015, with resolution 96/282, the General Assembly decided to designate October 20, 2015, as the second World Statistics Day under the general theme 'Better data, better lives', as well as to celebrate World Statistics Day every five years on October 20.

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ROUND-UP



Bank Muscat bags Asiamoney's Best Bank for SMEs in Oman award

Facilitating financial inclusion, Bank Muscat's SME products and services have created a benchmark, helping SMEs to overcome hurdles and chart successful ventures with proper planning, financial discipline and prudent management

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has won the Best Bank for SMEs 2020 (Oman) from Asiamoney in recognition of its role in strengthening small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to diversify the Sultanate's economy and create job opportunities for Omani youth.

Facilitating financial inclusion, Bank Muscat's SME products and services have created a benchmark, helping SMEs to overcome hurdles and chart successful ventures with proper planning, financial discipline and prudent management. Early on, Bank Muscat identified the opportunities and challenges faced by this vital segment to develop a relevant suite of

products and services, which have been making a world of difference to this crucial pillar of the economy over the last two decades.

Ibrahim bin Khamis Al Balushi, Assistant General Manager - Small & Medium Enterprises, Bank Muscat, said, "The SME sector plays an important role in the development of economies across the globe. This award recognises the bank's pioneering efforts in boosting the SME sector in Oman to contribute in a big way towards creating employment, improving economic diversification and increasing its contribution to the GDP. We are very happy and encouraged to see our efforts in developing this sector recognised by a top international



publication like Asiamoney."

Recognising the importance of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) early on as an economic engine of growth, Bank Muscat launched its Al Wathbah programme to provide financing to the sector in the early 2000s. Over the last many years, the programme has succeeded in building up this crucial part of the economy to one of substantial strength. The bank's focus on SMEs has been

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suite of Najahi products includes collateral-free credit facilities for micro and small businesses.

The Najahi suite of products include the value-added Najahi Current Account, Najahi Flexi Loan to support working capital, business expansion and other business needs; the Najahi Business Credit Card; and Najahi PoS Receivables financing for customers who use PoS machines for sales.

On the non-financial services, Najahi offers knowledge-sharing sessions under Najahi Talks as well as digital training programmes such as 'Maharat Min Google'.

It must be noted that the bank also provides Sharia-compliant products and services to SMEs for their different business needs like Diminishing Musharakha, Murabaha, Ijarah and Wakalah Bilisthmar through its Meethaq SME unit.

As the largest financial services provider in Oman, Bank Muscat's unique initiatives are particularly important in the backdrop of the government's top priority to develop the SME sector in Oman. The bank has reaffirmed its commitment to continue strengthening sustainable development in the Sultanate with existing as well as new, innovative products and services in the future.

DIGITAL INITIATIVE

OAB launches 'Step to the Future 3.0'

MUSCAT: As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance its digital services and improve its overall customer experience, Oman Arab Bank (OAB) announced the launch of a wide range of advanced digital solutions set to provide superior customer experience within the banking industry in Oman. Introduced at a conference yesterday, these new services emphasise the bank's commitment to technological progress.

Entitled 'Step to the Future 3.0', this marks the next stage of OAB's digital evolution, with various AI-driven e-payment solutions and facilities set to make banking for its customers even easier.

Any Omani citizen or resident can now take advantage of a one-of-a-kind simplified and secure online onboarding system via the OAB Online App, which allows the opening of an account in under 5 minutes, without the need to physically visit the branch or sign any printed documents. Additionally, OAB customers with personal loans can instantly top-up their existing loans through the app, receive approval and have the additional amount transferred to their bank account almost immediately. Lastly, customers who open new accounts through the app can benefit from a new Super Growth savings account, which offers a special interest rate of 3 per cent per annum.

Commenting on the launch of 'Step to the Future 3.0', Rashad Al Shaikh, Acting Head of the Retail Banking Division at OAB, said, "OAB has continuously endeavoured to strengthen its presence in the digital arena and implement innovative solutions and modern facilities to position itself as a pioneer in the local banking sector. Given the rapid changes brought about by technological advancement, we are aware that businesses across the globe are transitioning into the digital space. Therefore we aim to continuously invest in our digital platforms by introducing first-to-market solutions that provide exceptional customer experi-



ence and reinforcing our position as an innovative agile financial institution. We are keen on enhancing our customers' experience by offering a comprehensive and convenient way to the bank, something that has grown in importance especially now when it is advised to socially distance at every opportunity. By visiting the OAB online app, customers can take advantage of our products and services, complemented by advanced levels of security and confidentiality features."

"Furthermore, we have introduced new functionality for the OAB online app. As part of our recently launched 50th National Day campaign, existing customers can now submit their referrals in a few simple steps. The campaign is our way of thanking our valued customers by offering them cash prizes in exchange for nominating their friends or family to open a new OAB account," Rashad added.

Digital onboarding

Customers looking to join OAB today are not required to visit the nearest branch and go through the application process. By downloading the OAB online app, they can initiate the digital account opening process and upload and submit copies of their ID card (for citizens), residence card and

passport (for expatriates), plus fill in their data and submit a picture in the form of a selfie. Upon completion, they will receive an SMS with an OTP code to acknowledge their agreement with the Bank's terms and conditions. In under 5 minutes, the digital onboarding process will be completed and all account details shared with the customer so that they can begin their journey with OAB.

Super Growth scheme

Customers who open a digital account with OAB can benefit from the Super Growth account, a limited-time savings deposit scheme with a special interest rate of 3 per cent per annum, which will be paid to their account every month. Additionally, customers depositing a minimum amount of OMR 5,000, will receive a guaranteed cash prize of OMR 50 by simply maintaining it for at least a month.

Instant loan top-up

OAB customers who have personal loans can now submit a request to instantly top-up their loan amounts through the OAB Online App. If they are eligible, the request will be processed in under 5 minutes, with the additional loan amount being transferred to their account almost immediately. This sets a new bar for the level of

service within the local banking sector by implementing the use of advanced technology and analytical models to accelerate a process, which normally takes longer by visiting a branch.

"The recent restrictions on mobility to ensure everyone's health and safety have resulted in the need for reliable digital infrastructure. Regardless of these developments, we at OAB believe that to keep pace with rapid technological changes, we must adapt accordingly. This is why we took the decision to invest in modern technology, several years ago, which has led to the launch of our 'Step to the Future' initiative.

"A part of our long-term strategy includes the digital transformation of our products and services, alongside the introduction of innovative new offerings that enhance the overall customer experience. We believe that these developments also tie-in to one of our key transformation strategy pillars and future direction of the bank, which is to turn our customers into lifelong customers. We are confident we are on the right path towards creating a more prosperous future for the banking sector in Oman, as well as enriching our customers' experiences with state-of-the-art digital offerings," Rashad concluded.

WAFRA PRIZE SCHEME

ahlibank picks 'Salary for Life' draw winner

MUSCAT: ahlibank announced the third winner of its grand 'Salary for Life' draw as part of the 2020 Wafra Prize Scheme, committing to its on-going customer engagement strategy.

S.A.S. Al Balushi from Sohar branch bagged the OMR250,000 grand prize money, which is OMR1,000 to be paid monthly for 250 months, at a ceremony held at ahlibank's headquarters in the presence of the bank's senior officials.

Commenting on the initiative, which has attracted many customers to the bank, Muneer Al Balushi, Head of Retail Distribution at ahlibank said, "In ahlibank, we are continually working towards encouraging a savings culture among the people of Oman. The Wafra Prize scheme is a part of this endeavour as it provides an opportunity for customers to win a salary for a lifetime thereby giving them financial security."

Wafra's 'Salary for Life' includes a total mega prize of OMR1 million won by four lucky customers, where OMR250,000 is won every quarter, during the year. Customers who maintain a quarterly average balance of OMR1,000 are eligible to partici-

pate in the 'Salary for Life' quarterly prize draw, as well as other prizes.

Muneer Al Balushi added, "ahlibank's wide-ranging products and services are designed to provide a unique and hassle-free banking experience to its customers. We value our customer's needs and hope to continue creating opportunities for them to win big through a wide range of prize-draws throughout the year."

In line with its objective of enhancing lives, 'Wafra', which means 'abundance' in Arabic, 2020 Prize Scheme, will award a total prize worth of over OMR1.8 million to more than 1,300 customers across ahlibank's branches in the Sultanate. These are given away through; Weekly, Monthly, Salary Transfer, Children's, National Day, as well as other 'Premium and Exclusive' prize-draws. Wafra's weekly Prize Scheme rewards one guaranteed customer from each branch with OMR500 and the Monthly Prize scheme rewards five winners with OMR2,000 each.

Details of the upcoming fourth quarterly prize draw for 'Salary for Life', will be announced on the bank's social media platforms.



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BankDhofar recognised at Oman Banking Awards

The award was received by Ahmed Said Al Ibrahim, Chief Operating Officer at BankDhofar

MUSCAT: In recognition of its ongoing contributions to the growth of the Omani banking sector and diversification of the national economy over the past 30 years, BankDhofar received the 'Three Decades of Excellence in Banking' Award at the Oman Banking & Finance Awards.

The high profile event was part of the 5th edition of New Age Banking Summit – Oman, which was held in Muscat recently under the auspices of Tahir Salim Al Amri, Executive President of the Central Bank of Oman, and was attended by Abdul Hakeem Omar Al Ojaili, BankDhofar's CEO and Chairman of Omani Banks Association. Representing the Bank at the event was Ahmed Said Al Ibrahim, Chief Operating Officer at BankDhofar.

Reflecting on the 30 years of



successful operations, Al Ojaili noted, "We are proud of BankDhofar's achievements and the significant role it played in the development of the finance industry in Oman. We have facilitated various large-scale national-level infrastructure projects and worked on different investment and business partnerships across the Sultanate. Today, I am glad to see BankDhofar perfectly poised to take up challenges in such a dynamic and rapidly changing business environment, and it is geared to tackle

any scenarios to serve the interest of our customers, investors, shareholders and strategic partners."

The award was received by Ahmed Said Al Ibrahim, Chief Operating Officer at BankDhofar, during the event that was attended by CEOs of Omani banks, representatives of Omani Banks Association, fintech experts, finance and investment professionals, insurance and business consultants.

Established in 1990, BankDhofar has grown from a small transactional bank to the second largest

bank in Oman, operating as a key financial advisory and strategic investment partner to various key government and private institutions. It went from a one-branch and 80-employee organisation to one of the top Omani financial institutions with over 1,600 employees and a large network of branches across all governorates.

Realizing that Fintech is the future reality of the banking industry, BankDhofar has set the foundation and infrastructure for further digitisation. The bank provides instant international money transfer service with Western Union through its mobile banking app. It has also launched a flagship drive-thru banking service for the first time in Oman, as well as several multifunction kiosks in selected outlets. Going the extra mile, BankDhofar is the only bank in Oman to offer cardless ATM banking services and instant banking transfer to other banks via a mobile banking app.

Applying world-class methodologies to improve efficiency and effectiveness, BankDhofar has re-engineered all its internal processes, revamped digital channels, upgraded core banking and customer relationship management systems, and introduced an enterprise resources planning programme as part of its comprehensive transformation journey.

NEW INITIATIVE



Ferrari improves official pre-owned certification programme for its customers

DUBAI: Ferrari Middle East announced that starting from September 2020 all Ferrari approved certified pre-owned cars offered by the Official Ferrari Dealers will benefit from a two-year warranty coverage in the Middle East and India.

"We are delighted to announce this new initiative that further enhances our already outstanding Ferrari approved pre-owned programme offering. This initiative is part of our continuous effort to offer the best ownership experience possible to our clients" said Giorgio Turri, General Manager at Ferrari Middle East. "We believe in this key step to support the value proposition of the pre-owned Ferraris offered by the Official Network and to

grant total peace of mind to our clientele. We would like prospective owners to buy a pre-owned Ferrari with total confidence and peace of mind," he added.

The Ferrari approved certification programme reflects the marque's leading position in the luxury sports car segment. The programme certifies provenance and history of each car, which undergo an inspection made of more than 100 checkpoints before being prepared for delivery according to the quality standards defined by Ferrari. The extension of the warranty coverage to two years is coupled with roadside assistance valid for the same period, to further underline the commitment of the brand on the quality of the offer.

QUALITY EDUCATION

A'soud Global School pioneers high-quality e-learning experience in Oman

MUSCAT: A'soud Global School (AGS), a premier global school with international quality education situated in the Seeb area of Muscat, has introduced a dynamic e-learning curriculum as part of its 'Back to School' programme, strengthening the triangle of communication between the school, its students and parents.

Creative curriculum

The curriculum includes a creative style of teaching and learning outcomes, including independent and supported learning to ensure students do not feel alienated and frustrated with learning from home and safeguards them with familiarity and balance through their daily routine.

Lee Davies, Headmaster of

A'soud Global School says, "Checking the health and wellbeing of our students during isolation is very important. AGS's e-learning curriculum encompasses a balanced high-quality e-learning experience; this balance is a crucial component in ensuring our children's mental health is as robust as their academic health, and being back in a normal school routine is a very positive factor."

Students begin their school day with "Tutor Time" – conversing with teachers about their schedule for the day, thereby allowing teachers to gauge students' wellbeing and log any concerns with appropriate follow-up actions and feedback to parents.

Students follow daily timetables that incorporate lessons with



a deliberate mix of styles using electronic whiteboards, experiments and activities, clearly indicating which lessons are support sessions, where students can have live question time with teachers and independent sessions which encourage independent problem



solving and critical thinking. Students have access to pre-recorded learning segments from teachers to help them understand a task or learning concept during independent sessions and are encouraged to find a comfortable space to complete their work.

Davies explains, "It is important to ensure students are not directly staring at the screen for long periods of the day. If they need help in many study sessions the teachers are available. This form of structured flexibility ensures students are not dependent on their screens

to complete their learning objectives for the day."

AGS students are required to upload their completed work by given deadlines. All submitted work is recorded and parents receive weekly feedback from class teachers on student performances, guaranteeing everyone is aware of the students' current academic performance and wellbeing at all times.

"We have received positive feedback from our students and parents since introducing the e-learning curriculum and are working conscientiously with them to improving the interaction and engagement to ensure all of our students are enjoying their learning experience in a balanced and healthy manner."

LPG CYLINDER

National Gas D-Cylinders, wisest commercial option for kitchen



MUSCAT: The D-Cylinder that was first launched in the country by National Gas Company, Oman's largest LPG bottling and marketing organisation, has become a great hit amongst customers with an increasing number of them opting for it.

D-Cylinder, which ensures the highest safety standards with its additional safety features, is considered the best bet for restaurants, catering companies and hotels, besides homes.

Salient features

In this safest LPG cylinder with a water capacity of 424 litres, utilisation of fuel is 100 per cent as against the regular cylinder which enables the usage of only up to 80 per cent of the fuel. It encompasses features like Rochester level gauge, onsite filling, pressure

gauge, excess flow check valves and safety relief valves. Other attractions include fewer burner problems, facility to pay only for what you use, elimination of manual cylinder handling, potential leakage from hoses, etc.

Nalin Chandna, Chief Executive Officer of the company, asserted, "Quite a fair share of LPG mishaps that have occurred in the past have caused injuries or loss of life. It will no more be so as D-Cylinder is the most advanced LPG cylinder which incorporates the latest technology and adheres to the highest standards of safety checks and norms. It is aimed at making kitchens safer, cleaner and more consumer-friendly."

Clients' stamp of approval

Clients who are currently using

D-Cylinders have expressed satisfaction and have recommended it. Raydan Restaurants, observed, "The D-Cylinder from National Gas Company is the best choice for kitchens as they are safer and more convenient. We have used them and have found them to be useful as it facilitates the consumption of 100 per cent of the gas in the cylinder, and also we need to pay only for what we use. Economically, it works out better. Another advantage we have experienced is that D-Cylinders are delivered to the customers instantly on placing the order. The round the clock delivery and technical support offered by NGC team is another plus point."

Little wonder then that customers who consider safety issues opt for D-Cylinders as it is the wisest option for the kitchens.

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE

Goethe-Institut to begin its new term next month

MUSCAT: Are you interested to learn German? Goethe-Institut, the worldwide market leader for teaching German, is offering German language courses for adults, teenagers and children. Its new term starts on November 10 and will run until January 29, 2021.

Whether you want to learn German for everyday life, personal interest, your job or for university studies – the Goethe-Institut is your qualified partner. The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institution operational worldwide.

It promotes the study of German abroad and encourages international cultural exchange. It also fosters knowledge about Germany by providing information on its culture, society and politics.

The Goethe-Institut brings the German language into the world as it offers German courses and exams in more than 90 countries for more than 60 years.

Its learning concept

- Reflects the most recent knowledge in teaching and learning research.
- Is varied and communicative. Speaking, listening, reading and writing are practised in situations based on real-life, using authentic texts.
- Is oriented to the topical and intercultural subject matter. Themes based on regional culture, (online) projects and research tasks provide a variety of opportunities to approach the subject of German-speaking culture.

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Giulia, Giulietta and Stelvio shine at Alfa Romeo showrooms

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Biju Luckose, Marketing Man-



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