MUSCAT: Dr Richard Schmierer, the US ambassador to the Sultanate, visited the Caledonian College of Engineering and held discussions with Dr Ahmed bin Hassan Al Bulushi, acting dean, yesterday. They discussed the ongoing and future collaborations between the college and the US embassy in the field of higher education, followed by a brief presentation about the college, its achievements and future plans. Dr Schmierer lauded the high quality of education and state-of-the-art facilities available at the college. Dr Schmierer visited various lab facilities where he was briefed by the students and he also reviewed some student and faculty research projects. The ambassador commended the outstanding level of skill and knowledge demonstrated by the students which he said will be valuable assets for Oman in line with His Majesty’s directives to boost higher education outcomes, particularly in the scientific fields. The meeting was attended by A. Nizamuddin Ahmed, deputy dean and registrar; Prof K. P. Ramachandran, associate dean; Jenny Walker, associate dean; Prof A. Vallavaraj, associate dean and a number of college officials.