Caledonian College welcomes freshers

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MUSCAT — This is the time of the year when colleges welcome new students.

This year, Caledonian College of Engineering (CCE), one of the pioneering engineering colleges in Oman, opened their doors with particular gusto in an effort to make day one at the college an eventful and unforgettable experience for students.

CCE organised the induction for all new students at the college grounds and the event took place over three days. The first part of induction took place on the day students arrived at the college.

The day was abuzz with activities with the presence of about 80 per cent of students. The freshers were welcomed at the gates by the current students and staff and escorted to the induction area. Each student was given a welcome kit which contained the college guide, fact sheets and gifts.

They were also given a 'passport' which contained a map of college landmarks and important offices. Students had to obtain the signatures of certain key people or find specific information from specific locations such as student services and the library, as way of getting to know the college.

Fresher's Fair

A Fresher's Fair was organised to introduce new students to our college clubs and societies. CCE encourages students to take part in extracurricular activities to boost their self-confidence and foster the spirit of teamwork. Each club and society ran a stall with students and staff to promote their activities and enable freshers to join. The response was positive with about 60 per cent of new students signing up for these extracurricular activities. The second part of the induction involved workshops with presentations on Bridging Cultures and Self-Motivation designed to help students study in a multicultural environment and within an independent learning structure. The final part of induction took place the following week with more formal sessions that included presentations from the college executives, procedures for various college systems and workshop activities on the college's core values. Students were also invited to view student models from engineering projects together with the college's sporting trophies. As one of the biggest student inductions of its kind in the country, catering to over 1,000 students, the event was a grand success attracting many favourable comments from students and staff alike. It is hoped that this initiative to establish the friendly and creative ethos at CCE from day one of a student's college experience will now become a permanent feature of the calendar.