

# Careers Fair at Caledonian College evokes good response

**C**ALEDONIAN College of Engineering (CCE) recently organised 11th Annual Careers Fair. The event was inaugurated by Sayyid Hamed bin Hilal al Busaidi, Under-Secretary, Labour at the Ministry of Manpower. CCE organises Careers Fair every year to provide the students an opportunity to interact with potential employers and to raise awareness of employment prospects in Oman.

The two-day event featured more than 30 major government institutions, ministries and companies giving ambitious job-seekers an excellent opportunity to reach out to the world of employment. There was a fair representation from a cross-section of the employers in Oman.

Some of the major companies that participated in the Careers Fair included, Mohsin Haider Darwish, Al Sulaimi Group Holding and Al Hassan Group of Companies.

Leading construction companies like Galfar Engineering & Contracting, Carillion Alawi LLC, MB Holding Company, Amiantit Oman Co LLC, Cowi and Partners LLC, Larsen & Toubro (Oman), Al Adrak LLC also participated in the fair.

Companies such as Halliburton World Wide, Schlumberger Middle East, Intilaaqah-Shell Development Oman and Weatherford Oil Tool Middle East represented the oil and gas sector. In addition The Wave, Zubair Electric, National Bank of Oman, Royal Air

Force of Oman, Oman Electricity Transmission Company, Global Computer Services, Aromatics Oman, Motorola and Sanad Programme (Ministry of Manpower) represented the other fields of employment in line with the range of academic disciplines on offer at CCE.

The event was a part of Caledonian College's social commitment to the community in fulfilment of the college's core values. It is a platform for all students to attend interviews for summer training and possible full-time recruitment especially for the college's graduating students. Prospective employers were also able to obtain in-depth information on the programmes and specialisations offered by Caledonian College and on the graduates qualifying each year.

The second day of the fair was open to students, where students from any of the educational institutions could participate. The community gesture was greatly appreciated by all the attendees.

A CV Surgery and an Interview Rehearsal Room organised by in-house professionals ensured that students could build up confidence to prepare and appear for any interview in future.

Despite global economic downturn, the Omani economy is buoyant. Employers and students expressed satisfaction at an event that helped both make important decisions for the future.