

FOOD SAFETY ACADEMY LAUNCHED IN SULTANATE

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NHI opens Food Safety Academy



PARTNERSHIP: Robert MacLean, principal, NHI, with Abdul Rashid of JDC after signing the agreement.

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MUSCAT — National Hospitality Institute (NHI) is at the forefront of tackling issues about food safety in Oman.

NHI has formed partnership with Johnson Diversey Consulting (JDC), prestigious, international Dubai-based hygiene and food consultancy, to set up a Food Safety Academy, the first in the Gulf region.

The timing of this partnership is perfect as it coincides with the new food safety legislation in Oman as per Royal Decree No. 84/2008 coming into force from this month.

JDC has already worked with the Dubai Municipality's Food Safety Committee.

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looking forward to working alongside the municipal body and the food industry in Oman to ensure that together we achieve the highest standards of safety in the Sultanate," said Abdul Rashid, JDC's regional director.

All the food safety practices and policies followed by JDC are in strict accordance with the requirements of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) system. JDC's clients include Hilton Group, Marks and Spencer, Shell, McDonald's, Heinz, Nestlé and Cadburys.

Another new development for NHI is a diploma-level Food Safety Qualification

certified by American Hotel & Lodging Association, which is designed for people already working in the food industry to study over an extended period of time, enabling them to integrate theoretical study with practical application in the workplace.

NHI aims at spreading the word about food safety with new strategies, which include raising awareness about food safety by running courses for children and also offering free classes to housemaids working with food in the household.

NHI is also encouraging school children to visit to the institution by organising workshops.