

Chaine Des Rotisseurs 40 for 40 Charity Dinner

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40/40 Scholarship campaign continues apace, majority of students placed

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A fundraising gala dinner was held at the Marina Bandar al Rowdha recently as the 40/40 Scholarship fund continues to gather donors and contributors to its cause.

More than 60 guests who gathered for the event, held in collaboration between the marina, the national hospitality institute, Chaine de Rotisseurs and the British Scholarships Oman (BSO) foundation, were treated to fine dining and good company, all for a noble cause.

Speaking to *Muscat Daily*, the chairman of BSO, Majid al Toky, said he was delighted to have received the backing from the Oman government, fellow members and the British Embassy. The dinner was to play a small



Robert MacLean (left) and Joachim Caula, head of Chaine de Rotisseur

part in a much longer chain of events that would be securing funding for the students throughout their three or four-year degree courses.

"I think it is important to keep the momentum going and get all the money needed for this first

year. It is a long-term project that will run over the course of three or four years, and so we are telling our members and donors that they don't have to pay all the money on the first day," said Toky.

Each of the students can cost

up to RO10,000 for the duration of the three or four-year course. With the 40 students placed, the total funds needed could run up to RO400,000, according to figures provided by the BSO.

At the gala dinner, paying guests were served a full set menu by students of the National Hospitality Institute (NHI) with assistance from the Oman branch of the Chaine de Rotisseurs. "The ticket price, although high for NHI functions is quite comparable to a night out for a five-course dinner with beverages in Muscat so it's not too far off the scale," said Robert MacLean, principal at the NHI.

The British Embassy has been a supporter of the project since its inception, and has placed donation boxes all over the diplomatic premises to gather funds and support.