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**PRESS RELEASES**

**NHI fund to benefit 40 Omani students**

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The National Hospitality Institute (NHI) has donated RO3,000 to the British Scholarships in Oman for the 40-for-40 fund. The programme aims at providing courses and degree training for 40 Omani students in UK-affiliated universities and institutions in the sultanate.

"This is a gift from the British community to the sultanate under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said on the occasion of the 40th National Day," said Robert MacLean, principal, NHI.

Money was raised during a special gala dinner and cookery class organised by NHI last year with the help of 15 beneficiary students, who themselves are



pursuing courses at NHI. These 15 students had earlier applied for scholarships with the Ministry of Education. "Being aware of the value of education and the potential of the hospitality industry, we wanted to help in collect-

ing money," said Khulood al Hajri, a student and beneficiary of the 40-for-40 fund. Chris Green MBE, vice chairman of British Scholarships for Oman, congratulated the students and wished them the best in their

studies. H E Noel Guckian, British Ambassador to Oman, who was a guest at the event said, "I'm delighted to see cooperation between the British community and local students to support education in Oman."