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Hospitality, tourism exhibition at Al Araimi well-received

The varied culinary displays by leading chefs of Muscat that drew large crowds to the Al Araimi Complex concluded on Thursday. Kiosks demonstrating fruit and vegetable carvings and cake decoration proved to be popular while the pancakes were a hit with the children.

In the mocktail competition, the Grand Hyatt Muscat team won the Junior category with Crowne Plaza Muscat the runnerup. Crowne Plaza Muscat topped the Senior category with Shangri-La's Barr al Jissah Resort & Spa in second place. "The mocktail competition was designed to let participants showcase their talents honed from their experience and time spent in the industry. An event like this always instils pride and a sense of achievement to anyone with a passion for hospitality," said Frederick Hines from marketing and sales, NHI.

"It is always fascinating to watch the ease in which chefs create dishes and the imagination



and creativity that goes into the finishing touches that completely give a new dimension to a dish. It is no wonder that the demonstrations proved to be popular and I hope each one of the visitors took away tips that they will use in their kitchens," said Uttam Kotian, manager advertising, marketing,

Al Araimi Complex.

There were seven hotels participating this year in the fun-filled waiters' race with Shangri-La's Barr al Jissah Resort & Spa team emerging on top and Grand Hyatt Muscat finishing a close second. Jehad al Lawati won two airline return tickets to any destination in

India courtesy in the Travel Quiz. Saffana al Rahma was the runnerup with a complimentary return ticket to Mumbai.

Other competitions included cabin crew quiz, bed making and water race that was won by Shangri-La's Barr al Jissah Resort & Spa.

Chefs from leading hotels and prominent chains participated and showcased their talents in the four-day exhibition. These include Al Bustan Palace InterContinental Muscat, Muscat InterContinental and Crowne Plaza Hotel from InterContinental Hotels Group, Shangri-La's Barr al Jissah Resort & Spa, Grand Hyatt Muscat, City Seasons, Bamboo Kitchen and Illy Coffee. All the ongoing events were displayed on a large LED screen, courtesy Talentz Centre.

Opened on November 26, 1994, Al Araimi is centrally located in the heart of Qurum with a footfall of about 25,000 customers a week. The mall houses 90 retail outlets that include some of the most prestigious brands in electronics, antique furniture and accessories, fashion and lifestyle, food outlets and cafes over three floors covering an area of 15,000sq m. It offers 1,100 free parking slots for visitors, a key element to a great shopping experience.