## Bayan College attends HLC Annual Conference in Chicago

Dr Modi Juma al Ghailani, Bayan College, recently attended the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Annual Conference 2018 in Chicago, Illinois.

While briefing on the conference Dr Ghailani said, "The HLC Annual Conference is a platform where attendees were provided with various opportunities to learn information and promising practices from fellow practitioners and HLC staff. All attendees were engaged with featured speakers who are leading thinkers, researchers and pioneers in the field of higher education which helped us to experience more."

Around 4,300 attendees attended the HLC Annual Conference and different programmes like peer corps programme, accreditation workshop, eligibility workshop, presidents' programme, supporting student success workshop, exhibition, general programme, accreditation share fair, special interest group meetings and academics poster fair where conducted.

"This helped us to explore, experience and learn from leading thinkers, researchers and practitioners in the field of higher education while Bayan College is about to submit the Oman Academic Accreditation Authority (OAAA) report," added Dr Ghailani after returning from the conference.

Dr Ghailani also briefed on different programmes like Peer Corps Programme which offered professional development and specialised training for current members of HLC's Peer Corps.

The accreditation workshop offered in-depth presentations on the expectations and processes for HLC accreditation and Eligibility workshops were designed to explain the process of seeking affiliation with HLC.

There were also the President's programme which offered the institutional leaders a chance to engage with HLC's president and trustees as well as invited speakers on key issues in higher education and accreditation.