



ORIENTATION HELD AT BAYAN COLLEGE FOR NEW STUDENTS



The orientation started on Sunday 8th of September 2019

Bayan college held the orientation week for the new patch of student for the new academic year 2019/2020. The orientation week is held every year to introduce the new students to the college, its facilities and majors.

The orientation started on Sunday 8th of September 2019 with a welcome address from Mr. Haneesh Kumar, the HOD of General Foundation Program followed by a health and safety briefing by Mr. Yusuf, a health and safety manager and the college nurse Ms. Sena. Then, Mr. Badees, a lecturer in the GFP gave a briefing about the college. Later on, the students



were distributed into groups to go for a college tour including a visit to the deanship.

On the second day, the students were gathered in the Multi



Hall and were given a brief on their schedule for the day. Then, they were taking to different classrooms where the respective instructors gave an orientation

about the courses, rules and regulations of the college.

The next day, the students were introduced to the different clubs within the college. The clubs' representatives displayed their clubs' achievement and work at the lobby of the college. This allowed the student to walk through different clubs and interact with the clubs' members.

On the Last day, the student attended the welcome day which was held in the Multi Hall. The event was attended by the Chairman of executives, the dean and delegates from Ministry of Higher Education. The student enjoyed the different performances on stage.

WORDS FROM ACTING DEAN FOR NEW BAYAN COLLEGE STUDENTS



A very warm welcome is extended to all our new Bayan College students commencing the new academic year with us, as well as all students and staff returning to the College. Last year was a busy and exciting year, and we are sure that 2019/2020 will be just as rewarding. Many achievements were gained in 2018/2019 including full accreditation as a premier institution by ASIC, an internationally renowned accreditation agency based in the UK. The College underwent accreditation by the Oman Academic Accreditation Agency and is awaiting its result. We enjoyed the company of many visitors, including a large delegation of students from our affiliate university PNW and a delegation of students from Indonesia. The student clubs were very active and provided lots of entertainment as well as rich learning experiences, and we encourage them to continue their good work. The College again hosted Oman Super Talent which was live streaming on youtube, it hosted a Summer School for school age children, and conducted ProTalks with members of the public. One student received Government Communication award for the best documentary, and our own Dr Modi was awarded Woman of the Year ASIC Chairman's award as well as formal appreciation by the Education Council for her outstanding contribution to higher education.

The senior executive at Bayan College have many

new and exciting initiatives planned for the year ahead including the development of a sports field on campus and will soon commence construction of two new hostels on the campus grounds. The Ministry of Manpower approved the establishment of the Bayan Executive Training Centre which will host many workshops for senior executives. Areacore, an international education group, has met with senior staff and discussed the availability of many international trips open to Bayan College students and staff to attend workshops and conferences. Dr Carola Richter, from Freie University in Germany, also visited and has promised to make trips available to Bayan students to Freie University in 2019/2020. Mr Sean Thomas, a reporter with Russia Today, visited us from Moscow for 3 days and provided many workshops and talks with students. We also enjoyed a visit from Missouri University of Science and Technology who have committed to undertake research with Bayan staff in this coming year.

A new program in Visual Communication is being offered for the first time this year, and we are awaiting approval from the Ministry for a new Master's program which we plan to offer in the Fall semester. I have every confidence that we will have a wonderful year ahead full of many rich and rewarding experiences.

Bayan College Lecturers and Students at Al Shura Council "Al Shura your voice" program



Bayan college lecturers with their students attended "Al Shura Your Voice" program in Al Shura council in Al Bustan on Wenesday 11/9/2019

The program was created to raise awareness among candidates and voters in Oman regarding Al Shura council

election. A number of high officials holding big positions in Oman from different sectors were invited to talk and answer questions regarding the election. Abdullah alshuaili led the discussion.

The discussion shed light on the things that the voter should focus on when choosing

the best candidate for the seat. There should be balance between the candidates' academic background and their interaction and social responsibility to the community. They also talked about the responsibilities that the candidate will have to do once he wins the election and be part of the council.

There was a highlight on the Female candidates for the election. They were proud of the increasing number of female candidates. However, it seemed low compared to the males of 600 to 42. There was an agreeable comment that the female candidates election plans was more organized and clear.

After the discussion, the audience were given the chance to ask questions regarding the discussion and the election that will take place in October.



OMAN SUPER TALENT SEASON 2



Bayan College organized Oman Super Talent 2 on the 8th of April 2019 which was held on the college premises for two days. The college received many participants from all around Oman presenting a variety of Talents that included music, acting, painting and singing.

On the finals, Omar Mohammed Al Balushi and Abdul Malik Al Balushi have been declared the winner for the Oman Super Talent Season 2 finals respectively in a contest that attracted 144 participants from Oman and other countries.

The 12 year old Cayden Desauza from India was the second

winner in the singing category while Jaber Abdullah Al Nayemi and Al Amal Ashkairi took the third position respectively.

While awarding certificates and souvenir to the winners, the chairperson to the Board of Bayan College Dr. Modi Juma Al Ghaleini congratulated the



winners and pointed out that, since its establishment, Bayan College has not only excelled in academics but also in creating and encouraging a conducive environment for young people to promote their talent in the performing arts.

"Bayan College has been recognized and appreciated by academic and scientific research institutions around the world for the contributions in academics and extra-curricular activities in Oman. A case in point is the recent Premium Institution award the College received from the reputable British International Accreditation body ASIC." Pointed out, Dr. Modi.

The Oman super Talent Season 2 contest sponsored by Toyota, The Famous Kathis Roll, Khimji Ramdas, redbull, Ayemen Kahoor Trading Company, Royal Coffee and Zooz Rose had a group of credible judges from the performing arts. They included;

Dr. Mohammed Talib Al Balushi (Actor/Director), Mr. Issam Yahya Juma Al Zadjali (from Center for Artistic Production and Distribution) and Mr. Mohammed Mohammed Ali Al Mafali

(Founder and Presenter of Radio Programs on Rotanna Channel)

In its second season, the Oman Super Talent is an initiative of Bayan College produced to promote local, regional and international talent in the creative and performing arts.

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BAYAN COLLEGE HOSTS PROTALKS



Bayan College launched its first ever ProTalks in Bayan College to a number of professionals working in the Sultanate of Oman.

ProTalks is a professional forum initiated by Bayan College to promote knowledge sharing among academicians and professionals in the job market. The workshop/train-

ing event focused on social media and its many integrations into modern day business and marketing. It especially focused on brand set-up and promotion on social media. As well as, maintaining a social media presence that positively reaches audience members. Other themes discussed included How to use

multicultural communication to create great advertisements and branding.

The acting Dean Dr. Anna Scoppaz said that Bayan College will hence forth be hosting such professional talks in the future. "These interactive workshops were specifically designed with businesses in mind to provide up to date,



relevant topics relating to advertising ,social media advertising and communication. The Pro Talks were designed to benefit people working in the areas of marketing ,social media marketing ,PR, com-

munication and training with their work place, to look at the latest trends within these areas".

The first training event focused specifically on social media management ,dealing

with social media feedback, how and why advertisements go vital ,multi-cultural communication ,the effects colour can have and the power of words ,to affect customer choice.



Dar Al Atta at Bayan College

'You can make it different' campaign

On the occasion of Ramadan, the English Department along with English Club invited "You can make it different" campaign from Dar Al Atta'a to give a brief account of its nature and aims. The speaker Miss Afraa Bent Hilal Al Jawabreia, a graduate of Bayan College, Public Relations Major, gave a brief speech on behalf of Mr. Mohammed Al Ghareby the campaign organizer, about



the campaign's aims for the purpose of creating awareness among the students on the importance of charity and thus, to bring about a difference in the society. Miss. Afraa explained how to donate

and take part in charity works through the campaign, and assured that Bayan College was the first in the Sultanate to host the "You Can Make It Different" campaign.

Dar Al Atta'a is an inclusive charity association that caters to the needy in the

Sultanate. It is a non-profit volunteer-based charity that has been formed in 2002 and

formally registered as a charity in the Ministry of Social Development in 2006.



GENERAL REQUIREMENT UNIT

Organizes The 4th Annual Open Forum



There were 4 short presentations on the theme, inspire to read.

Bayan College on June 13th, 2019 at 1.30 pm in E113 (Multi Hall). Dr. Daniel Wilbur, Dean, Bayan College was the chief guest. Mr. Samuel Mundua, Head, Media Department moderated the Forum with his thoughtful and witty comments and timely interruption. Mr. Haneesh Kumar, Head of GFP & GR Unit welcomed all faculty members to the Open Forum. He gave an over view of the previous Open Forums conducted at Bayan College and introduced the theme of the day- Inspire to Read.

The Chief Guest of the Open Forum, Dr. Daniel Wilbur, addressed the participants and appreciated their efforts in conducting such events which contribute to the success of the institution through professional development of faculty..

There were 4 short presentations on the theme, Inspire to Read. Each presenter represented different academic departments of Bayan College. Ms. Anetta, Lecturer in Media Studies, talked about the role of discipline in developing the reading habit. Mr. Govind, Lecturer in English Studies shared his views on Reading. He raised the question of whether "Reading should be taught or inspired?" He insisted the faculty members to be model to the

students rather than advising them to read. Ms. Wafa, gave a power point presentation representing GR unit on rising trends of reading habits in Omani Community. Ms. Wafa, an old student of Bayan College also mentioned how lack of good reading habits posed a challenge for students

in their higher education. Mr. Badis, Lecturer in GFP shared his thoughts of having personal inspiration in developing reading habits.

After the presentation session, the speakers and the participants had a wonderful buffet with active discussion on the presented concepts with their peers in small groups.

The buffet was followed by a group discussion. Dr. Thomas started the discussion commenting on differentiating and measuring academic reading and reading for entertainment and experience. Dr. Ansari mentioned the need for accepting the contemporary changes. Ms. Kavitha opined that, "reading is a habit which can define the character of an individual." Mr. Haneesh differentiated reading the whole book and getting specific information from the internet and similar sources. Reading the whole book not only gives you information

but it enriches your experience. Ms. Judith shared techniques to be adopted for guided reading. Mr. Sam, Mr. Govind, Mr. Shoaib and Ms. Melanie shared their own personal reading experiences and how it contributed to their academic life. Mr. Hamid, Ms. Tahani and Dr. Nader shared their opinion about Arabic writers and Arabic writing. Ms. Varthika explained the role of human brain in defining the reading habits of human beings. Dr. Geethu mentioned the need of implementing different strategies for motivating the students intrinsically and extrinsically, especially to read using learning management system, 'CANVAS'.

Dr. Daniel stressed the need of having a proper strategy to inspire and moti-

vate the students. He remembered that the great philosopher Socrates was against technology to the point that he didn't want his teachings to be written down. However his teachings are avail-

able to us through the writings of Plato and Aristotle. We are in an era of Technology and there is no harm in using all possible avenues of learning judiciously.



English Department

Conducts A Movie Corner Gathering Program



A Movie corner Gathering program has been conducted on 17th June 2019, at Bayan College in order to give an exposure to hear English language in 'real situations' focusing on setting up a platform to develop the four main language skills through active discussions and also with the aim of creating awareness among the students towards attaining the goals of sustainable development.

A total of 35 students from the Department of English and media along with the delegates from the respective departments, participated in the program.

The program was carried out with the help of the English club students of Bayan College, accompanied by the faculty members Dr. Nader, Ms. Divya and Ms. Wafa from the English Department. The objective of this event was to create healthy social awareness on sustainable development, developing the four main language skills through active discussions with the bright young minds of the college.

The event started out with a formal talk provided by Dr. Nader, the head of the English Department and he emphasized on the importance of meeting the goals of sustainable development in the present century. In his talk, he addressed and emphasized on how to meet the needs of today, without compromising the needs of tomorrow.

The key stages of the event was development, observation, discussions, orientation and providing motivation by engaging the students by showing them short films and thereby making it as a perfect teaching and learning tool.

Three short movies were projected during the event and after each movie session, an activity was conducted, making the students to gather into group of four and providing them a platform for analyzing the movie and to discuss and come up with their own ideas.

Students were given an opportunity to come up with solutions for the present day problems that they faced in their day to day life. All the students actively participated and the best participants were rewarded.

Movies projected focused on the theme of Team work, friendship, the ways to overcome fear and also dealt with the themes of technology and its mass consumption in the present world. A situation was provided for the students where they had to imagine that they were stranded on a desert without any help, and some magical envelopes were hidden under their table with a picture of one item in each envelope. The task given to the students was to have a discussion with their group and later to convince the entire audience with the idea of how they would survive with that particular item that they got with them.

Finally, a feedback form was provided to the students asking for their inputs regarding the event and the event was concluded by a short speech by Dr. Nader, the Head of the Department of English.

FOUNDATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZES A WORKSHOP ON 'CURRICULUM MAPPING'



General Foundation Program organized a workshop on Curriculum Mapping on 11th of April 2019 at Bayan College campus. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Thomas Saxby, Director of Foundation Studies, University of Buraimi. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance the

skills to use learning outcomes of a curriculum in planning the course outline, preparing lesson plans and in conducting formative and summative assessments.

All GFP faculty members and selected members from other academic departments participated in the workshop. Two delegates from Mazoon College also attended the workshop. The presenter mentioned the significance of mapping, the pedagogy, delivery, teaching materials and as-

sessments with CEFR. The presentation covered a wide area of mapping from the basics of mapping to use Bloom's taxonomy to analyze the achievement of each learning outcomes in assessment tasks.

The presentation started with the maximum possibility of mapping CEFR with IELTS. The presenter asked the logic for using two text books in GFP, Topnotch for integrated skills and Ready to write for writing skills. The HoD of GFP explained the significance of

writing skill for Bayan students as Bayan's two major programs are Media Studies and English Studies. Mr. Thomas briefed the obviousness of mapping the pedagogy, delivery, teaching materials and assessments with CEFR.

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Overall, the presentation



was able to develop the skills of mapping learning outcomes of a course in planning the course outline, preparing lesson plans and in conducting formative and summative assessments.

BAYAN COLLEGE CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEUR DAY CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION



Bayan college celebrated Entrepreneur day on 09th April 2019

in the Multi-Purpose Hall where Dr. Daniel Wilbur, Dean of Bayan College, inaugurated the event and spoke about the importance of hosting such events

and congratulated the students for the great work they did. Hiba, an ECON student spoke about the importance of encouraging Entrepreneurs in Oman in

English and Ayman spoke in Arabic. After the inauguration, the Dean and HoDs visited all the shops to motivate the students. They explained their product

This was part of the course work for ECON 210 students, also to promote the spirit of Entrepreneurship. This day did not happen all of a sudden. This is a result of hard work and effort for a long period of time. There was a business plan, there was a market study and so on and on this crucial day they launched their business with the support and encouragement of the entire staff and management of Bayan College, which really strengthened their confidence.

and how it is different and why it should be bought. The shops were open till 4pm and it was well received by all students and staff at Bayan College.



The participation in this event was restricted to ECON 210 (Entrepreneurship) students only and it was made mandatory for all ECON 210 students. It began by dividing the entire set of Entrepreneurship students into 11 Teams with 10 members in each team. After doing so, students with explicit talents were identified and tasks were assigned to them. The leaders of each team, their shop names and the students who did the advertisement flyers for their shops are listed below. Additionally, some students also volunteered to help the event with their creativity by designing the lobby of the college, the invitation cards and creating an animation video for the event.

A total mark of 10 was

to be awarded for every successfully established shop along with the final draft of Business Plan. The Business Plan is a written statement that clearly describes about the emerging shop or company with detailed financial projections.

The 11 teams with 9 members were assigned with writing business plan for their shop. Each student in the Team had to write about one component of Business Plan. Challenging though, the fruits of hard labor was eminently seen on the Entrepreneur Day.

The whole day was very successful as the stalls made by the students were amazing and received with good response from the students and teachers.

BAYAN COLLEGE HOSTS GERMANY MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR CONDUCTS A WORKSHOP ON "UNDERSTANDING ARAB MEDIA SYSTEM"



Professor Carola Richter was hosted on Monday, 1st of April by Bayan College at the Halban campus where she made a presentation to faculty staff and students on "Understanding Arab Media Systems."

In her presentation, the Professor highlighted that most research and literature on comparative media systems has often focused mainly on the western world leaving out the Arab world hence creating a need for scholars and researchers to focus on creating an understanding of the Arab media system.

"The purpose of Understanding Arab Media Systems is likely to be achieved by reaching conclusions beyond single country cases and explaining differences and similarities in different Arab countries' media systems through strategies of comparisons, typologies of media systems among others," she noted.

Professor Carola is a professor of International Communication at the Institute for Media and Communication studies at Freie University in Berlin Germany. Her Research focuses on Media Systems and Communication Cultures in non-western

countries, particularly Middle East. She is also the co-founder of Arab - European Association of Media and Communication Researchers (AREACORE).

As part of the activities, Professor Carola participated as one of the judges for the Oman Super Talent show season 2- an on-going production of Bayan College which is aimed at promoting the talent of different people from Oman and beyond.

Meanwhile The Chairperson to the Executive Board Dr. Modi Al Ghailani received the visiting Professor and reiterated the importance of strengthening the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Bayan College and Freie University Berlin in which Germany students of Media and Communication have over the years been coming to study at Bayan College for a semester.

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BAYAN COLLEGE HOSTS TWO WORKSHOPS ON ENGLISH NEWS EDITING



Three Journalists presented two workshops on 'English News Editing' for Bayan Students on the 5th and 7th of March, 2019. The first workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Hasan Al-Lawati, journalist from AL Wisal FM. The second workshop was given by Ms. Halima Al-Busaidi and Ms. Shekha Al-Maqhousi, journalists from Times of Oman.

In the first workshop, Mr. Hasan discussed what makes a story worth printing or sharing. Then, he emphasised on reporting and how to select appropriate content for news stories. Moreover, he

explained some tips to consider while writing a news story. He also focused on the main differences between Public Relation and Journalism writing. He concluded with a vital guidance for journalists on how to manage various sources cautiously while writing news story. Then, he had a discussion with the students and answered their questions. At the end of the session he was honored by Ms. Tahani Al-Shukaili and Mr. Shoaib Nawaz, assistant lecturers from media faculty of Bayan College.

The second workshop commenced with Ms. Halima

and Ms. Shekha each introducing the daily work basis in journalism and its ethics in Oman. They also described the methodology used in writing news story including real statement and figures, pointing out that nowadays journalists mainly focus on figures. Furthermore, they highlighted some samples of breaking

news story of their own work. Then, they gave students news writing exercise in which the students solved it. After that, they mentioned the production line at Times of Oman. They also shed some light on the challenges that they are facing and how they are dealing with them. Then, they had a discussion with the students and answered their questions. At the end of the session they were honored by Dr. Daniel Stuart Wilbur, Dean of Bayan College with presence of Ms. Tahani AL-Shukaili assistant lecturer from media faculty and Ms. Amani AL-Siyabi from HR.

The workshops aimed to provide students with some essential tips in the news editing and share the experience of some journalists through which it could motivate students to be a great journalists for English newspapers in the future.



Bayan College attends "Our children and future Media" Seminar



Bayan college attended "Our children and future Media" Seminar under the auspices of H. H. Dr. Mona bint Fahad Al Said, Assistant V.C for International Corporation, Founder and Honorary President of the Children's Public Library with the presence of Dr. AbdualMunam AL Hasni, Minister of Information. The Seminar was organized by Ministry of Information in collaboration with UNICEF at the Children's Public Library in Qurm in conjunction with 24th Muscat book fair in 26th and 27th of February.

Dr. Wafa Al Magzani, Wafa Al Shamsi and Aamir Al Aysari. The second session hosted by Umamah Al Lawati included two work papers by Suha Al Ruqaiishi and Samah Abu Baker.



The second day of the seminar moved on with the work papers talking about media and children. Dr. Tariq Al Bakri, Umamah Al Lwati, Arob Subh and Humood Al Toqi talked about their own experience as content creators and gave out a few recommendations. Later on, a discussion hosted by Aamir Al Aysari included children from different schools. The session gave the children an opportunity to talk about their opinion on the current content presented to them through media and what they wish to see in the future.

Finally, the seminar wrapped up with the Minister of Information speech where he launched a number of initiatives responding to the recommendation presented by each paper with a promise to follow up on the other recommendations. Then, all the participants were honored for their work by H. H. Dr. Mona bint Fahad Al Said and Dr. AbdualMunam AL Hasni, Minister of Information.

BAYAN COLLEGE ATTENDS SEMINAR ON SMART PRODUCTS



Bayan College attended 'The Role of Consumer Protection in Supporting Smart Products and Increased their Credibility' seminar under the auspices of H.E. Yahya bin Said Al Jabri, Chairman of Special Economic Zone Authority of Duqm. The seminar was organized by The Oman Association of Consumer Protection in conjunction with the World Consumer Rights Day on 17 March, 2019 in Majan Continental Hotel.

The seminar discussed different topics related to the creation of reliable smart products. A number of specialists in the field of information technology, economy, agriculture and health from inside and outside Oman presented working papers related to the main topic

and consumer protection in general.

The first working paper was presented by H.H. Dr. Faris Al Said, Assistant Professor at SQU, about smart products and consumer privacy. Then, Dr. Nada Nema, Vice President of the Lebanese Consumer Association and Deputy Secretary General of the Arab Consumers Union for Environment and Food Safety, focused on the ways to enhance the consumer culture of smart products. Mr. Rida bin Jumaa Al Saleh, Member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Oman, reviewed the role of the Chamber in the transfer and resettlement of technology and technology related to smart products.

Mr. Mohammed Bin



Khamis Al Ajmi, IT Project Manager spoke about the safe use of IT tools. On the health side and its importance, Ms. Suad Al Ma'amari, senior legal nurse and an international trainer for breastfeeding, spoke about the Omani blog in marketing breast milk substitutes.

Dr. Suhaila Mohammed Abbas, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at Mazoon College focused on the use of smart devices in reality and challenges. Dr. Hassan Al-Lawati, Head of Bees Research Department at the General Directorate of Agricultural and Animal Research, discussed the quality of honey between beekeeper and consumers. Dr. Walid Hassan, A specialist in Dis-

eases at Al-Misra Hospital, emphasised on the impact of electronic games on children. The last working paper presented by Nasser Al Nuaimi, Marketing Specialist from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, talked about digital marketing in the fisheries sector.

Finally, the seminar wrapped up with the Sheikh Saeed Bin Nasser Al Khusaibi, Chairman The Oman Association of Consumer Protection where he launched a number of initiatives responding to the recommendation presented by each working paper with a promise to follow up on the other recommendations. Then, all the participants were honored for their work by H.E. Yahya bin Said Al Jabri.

THE MELODY OF DEATH

By Mohamed Al Balushi

A soul, trapped in a body it has no use for
Recited the reaper,
you will suffer no more

the day has come as
the trumpet sang in the distance

The melody of death,
you can see it through
the eyes of he who
holds the universe in his hands

What is hope now, all
but done

As I'm trapped by the
shackles of reality, a
ton.

What am I now, all but
done

The melody of death,
you can see it through
the eyes of she who
holds the universe in her hands

The skies tremble, and
the earth shakes, for he
is coming for me to-
night, despair no more
my child, for you will
be released of these
shackles.

The melody of death,
you can see it through
the eyes of they who
hold the universe in their hands

As winter began, a duty
awaits to be fulfilled
Today is the day, some-
one will be killed
Lives taken, nothing
but mere shells

The melody of death,
you can see it through
the eyes, the reaper ap-
proaches, with his last
breath he tells.

BAYAN STUDENT

WINS THIRD PRIZE ON GRADUATION PROJECT COMPETITION

Bayan college student Dawoud Sulaiman Al Riyami won the third prize in the competition of graduation projects of the college of media and mass communication in the 2nd government forum which held at Oman convention and Exhibition Center in 22 April 2019 under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tareq al Said, Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan. He won the award for his film silverware.

More than 1,200 participants from the media, government institutions, as well as experts, academics, media



professionals and students will take part in the forum.

The two day forum addresses the role of media in achieving Oman Vision 2040. It also discusses the management of the reputation of government institutions, media communication and their role in enhancing national security and media communication as a soft power for countries.

The forum, which is organized by the Secretariat General of the Council of Ministers, represented by the Government Services Communication Center in cooperation with the Ministry of infor-

mation, represents a platform for gathering communication and information professionals in government institutions in order to examine the pioneering experiences and practices aimed at introducing the prospects for future government communication.

The forum also included an exhibition entitled "Excellence in communication" reviewing the experiences of a number of governmental institutional media, in addition to the projects that qualified in the best graduation project competition for students of mass media.



OMAN SUPER TALENT SEASON 2



CLOSING CEREMONY OF BAYAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Bayan College organized a closing ceremony for the winner of the football championship on 12 of February 2019 in Multi Hall, in the presence of Dr. Modi Bint Al-Ghilaniyah, Chairman of the Executive board and Dr. Daniel Stewart Dean of the College.

Best Sports Spirit Award to AL-Etihad Team, the best

goalkeeper award went to Younis Al-Alawi, the tournament's top scorer was for Issa AL-Rikini, Hamad AL-Jabri was the best player and Ahmed Al Kalbani won the Best Arbitration award.

Then, the announcement of the names of the winner teams, where the bronze medal went to Al-Taaon team in third place, while the silver



medal went to Al-Uofi team and the hero of the championship who came in first place and won the gold medal was Al-Selecao team.

The aim of this championship is to emphasize the importance of sport and its role in the development and refinement of talent among students and cultivate the spirit of sports among them.



A PRESENTATION ON 'PREPARATION OF GFP PORTFOLIO AUDIT'

Dr. Adam Biscoe gave a presentation to GFP staff on GFP audit process on 3rd Feb. 2019. Dr. Anna introduced Dr. Adam Biscoe to the college staff as GFP expert and consultant.

Dr. Adam in his presentation emphasized that preparation of GFP Portfolio Audit. He stressed that all academic activities should be properly documented to be placed as evidences against our claim in the portfolio. There must be a timeline of review process of the GFP activities.

Dr. Adam also wanted to know how we make sure that GFP exit exams are at par with IELTS band 5. How can we convince the panel of our claim? GFP has to find ways to meet the standard convincingly. He explained the importance of benchmarking with simi-

Bayan College Organizes A Workshop on 'GFP Audit Awareness'



Dr. Milton George gave a presentation to Bayan GFP faculty on "GFP Audit Awareness" on 28th Feb. 2019. Dr. Milton George is currently the QA coordinator at College of Applied Sciences Sohar. He was in Charge of 6 Colleges of Applied Sciences to Submit the Quality Audit Report. He was the Head of Foundation Program at Buraimi University and has taught in many

countries. To his credit, he has produced and published more than 20 books and about 100 articles in reputed English journals. Mr. Haneesh Kumar, HoD, General Foundation Program, introduced the guest to the audience.

The main focus of his presentation was on how to make a self-study, prepare the department for the audit, areas to be reviewed, how to review the process, how to write the report, how to organize the supporting materials and what the supporting materials required.

He also focused on some important areas like course outline, preparing course file and mapping Learning Outcomes and documenting of the activities. The presentation was overall an interactive one, where the participants were given opportunity to clarify all their queries.

lar HEIs to share best practices and improve. He also underlined time and again the need to invite external experts to review various activities of the Department. Such activities give credibility to the Department and ultimately to the institution.

In the second session the faculty raised their queries against each criteria mentioned in manual and Dr. Adam clarified most of the queries.

A WORKSHOP ON "DOING HISTORY: BECOMING A HISTORIAN" FROM PURDUE NORTHWEST

Dr. Elaine Carey, Professor of History and Dean of the College of Humanities, Education, and Social Science at Purdue University Northwest, gave a presentation to Bayan faculty and students on approaches to History- "Doing History: Becoming a Historian" on 28-02-2019 as a part of Purdue visit to Bayan, Spring 2018-19.

She started her presentation by talking about the famous Hollywood movie Indiana Jones, a movie about an archeologist. She further went on explaining the difference between an archeologist and a historian. A historian starts where the Archeologist ends. History basically derived from Philosophy but it is linked with Economics, Mathematics and literature in many ways. She further explained where Historians work and what they do with focus on the career opportunities for Historians in the modern world. The presentation was followed by an interactive session where the audience was given opportunity to interact and raise questions.



The presentation gave the faculty and students a deep insight into the process historians go through and how they record and interpret events for the future generation.

Elaine Carey is the author of many well-known history books like Plaza of Sacrifices: Gender, Power, and Terror in 1968 Mexico (2005) and the award winning Women Drug Traffickers: Mules, Bosses, and Organized Crime (2014). She is also co-editor of Smugglers, Brothels, and Twine: Transnational Flows of Contraband and Vice in North America (2011) and the editor/author of the textbook Protests in the Streets: 1968 Across the Globe (2016). She has served as the Vice President for the Teaching Division of the American Historical

Association (AHA). Currently, she is a co-principle investigator on the NHPRC funded project, "Family, Immigration, and History: Grade 10 Citizen Archivists in the Digital Age." Formerly, Carey served as the chair of the History Department at St. John's University.



BAYAN COLLEGE ORGANIZES INDIAN CULTURAL FEST

Bayan College organized an Indian culture Fest on 6th February 2019 at MultiHall. The students of Indian school Maabela amazed the audience with their performance.

Ms. Ropika welcomed the participants to Bayan College. The chairman of Executive Board, Dr. Modi Al Ghailani, in her message said "Bayan College values its international stakeholders and the college is planning to have a series of cultural events representing the nation of their stakeholders." She also said that "India is a country blessed with rich and diverse culture and tradition but stands unified spreading the message of Unity in Diversity to the entire world." Dr. Daniel, Dean of Bayan College in his address said that the college is looking forward to have more international events like this. He also spoke about Bayan's role in the Higher Education in Oman and about the affiliate, Purdue University.

The program started with a Qawwali song by the students. Qawwali is a form of Islamic devotional music originating from South Asia. This was fol-



lowed by a public speech by a grade 6 student in which he spoke about the India Oman ties and how India is emerging among the world nations. The main attraction of the day was the dance number which followed. The dance showcased India's cultural variety and the patriotic feelings. The last

item of the event was an artistic show in which six students painted parts of their former President and combined to make an amazing portrait.

A college tour was also organized for the Indian School students. They visited the studio, library, Counseling Centre and various student clubs.



Dr. Modi Al Ghailani Receives 'Women of the Year' Award



Dr. Modi Al Ghailani

Dr. Modi Juma Al Ghailani, Executive Chairman, Bayan College, received Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award 'Women of the Year'- Higher Education from ASIC (Accreditation Service for International Colleges).

The award is a recognition of her pioneering endeavors to develop industry/education partnership which has changed the landscape of Higher Education in Oman.

According to the award statement, "Through her perseverance she had continued to evolve innovation curriculum to keep pace with industrial changes and thereby providing industry with human capital that have the right skillset for enterprises to remain competitive and to adapt

to continual changing and challenging demands. In particular she is commended for her leadership in the development of 'Quality Higher Education in Oman'.

Dr. Modi Al Ghailani was also honored by Purdue University Northwest, USA for her outstanding leadership and accomplishment in September 2018. She was also a Visiting Professor Missouri S&T in 2018. Apart from that she has attended the 16th Annual Washington International Education Conference, Washington DC, USA, TESOL 2018 International Convention and English Language Exposition, Chicago. Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference 2018, USA, ELT Leadership Management Certificate

Bayan College Receives INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Bayan College, under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education and affiliated to Purdue University Northwest, US, has received 'Premier Institution' status along with the full accreditation

from the British accreditation agency ASIC (Accreditation Services for International Schools, Colleges and Universities).

"I am thrilled by the news that the Bayan College has

received 'Premier Institution' status with full accreditation from the ASIC. Such recognition by one of the top accreditation agencies in the world proves to everybody the best quality of higher education

the college provides to its students, and recognition of the relentless efforts by its staff, and the kind of support the college receives from top administration, and the guidance from the Ministry of Higher Education. Congratulations to all stakeholders and keep up with the quality of higher education," Said Ali bin Kalfan al Jabri, Under-Secretary to the Ministry of Information.



Program, Chicago, Illinois, USA and Social Media Workshop at Winter School- freie University Berlin.

Presentation on International relations from Purdue Northwest



Dr. Richard Rupp, Chief of staff at Purdue University gave a presentation to POL 130 students on International relations on 29-01-2019 as a part of Purdue visit to Bayan, Spring 2018-19.

He started his presentation on how the world views Oman as a country of peace. He went on explain the need of international bodies like UN and their role in world peace. He talked about the policies of America and other powerful nations and how

they influence the world order. He also reminded how world wars forced us to think about peace. He also looked into international issues like health, children's right, gender equality, environment, global warming. He also discussed in detail the structure of UN and organizations linked with UN and their role in making the world a better place.

Dr. Richard Fox, Prof. of Political Science at Loyola Marymount University was

also present during the lecture. He gave his inputs and views on the topics during the discussion session.

Mr. Haneesh Kumar, HoD of GR Unit introduced Dr. Rupp and Dr. Richard Fox to the audience. Ms. Nir-mala Shetty conveyed vote of thanks on behalf of GR unit and Ms. Lubna Zahran Al Moamarai thanked Dr. Rupp and Dr. Richard Fox for the presentation on behalf of the students.

Al Tanweer Book Club Visiting ROP

Bayan College's Al Tanweer Book Club visited the ROP headquarters in Madinat Al Alam in January 2019. Members of the club were welcomed and greeted by Majid Al Gardani who works in the TV Department of the ROP, who was keen on and interested in knowing more about the college's reading activities. Headed by Mr. Said Al Baddai - lieutenant

Colonel- the club members were taken on a tour around the building. They have visited colonel Rashid Bin Suliman Head of Press Section, Ms. Kefah AlRyami, the Director of Al Ain Al Sahera Program, Omar bin Rashid from Social Media (internet) Department, Ms. Zamzam Al Rahabi, the Cartoonist of the magazine, Abdullah Al Hashmi, a drawer of the children's

magazine, Thuraya Al Aisary, the director of Al Ain Al Sahera magazine.

Since the college offers media majors, the ROP members were glad to introduce the visitors to the various media sections of the ROP, including translation group, reports and investigations sections, radio studio as well as the ROP's own magazine.

