

ICEM students visit Al Hassan factory

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — Around 80 students along with faculty from the International College of Engineering and Management (ICEM), (formerly Fire and Safety Engineering College) recently visited the Ghala factory of Al Hassan Switchgear Manufacturing Company LLC (AHSG).

This was part of Al Hassan Group's corporate social responsibility. Al Hassan's one of the key commitments is to have a better industry-academic interaction so as to bridge the gap between the theory and the practices in industry. The Management Development Center (MDC) under the banner of HR Department works closely with premier higher education institutions so as to bring the students at par with the industry requirements in terms of building knowledge, skill and aptitude.

Prof Nadal Siddiqui, Faculty, ICEM, said that the visit came as a result of Al Hassan's proactive approach and the col-



lege's continuous search for new fields of educational exploration for trainees. "We believe that AHSG is one of the few full fledged manufacturers in the GCC with capabilities ranging from product design, system design to type tests and dispatch all under one roof. The visit offers an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about the practical aspects of health, safety and environment (HSE) in a modern manufacturing set up."

Welcoming the students, Talal al Assaad, CEO — Manufacturing and Trading, Al Hassan Group of Companies, emphasised that with 45 per cent of Oman's population below 15

years, Al Hassan Group wants to increase its Omanisation percentage in coming years. He shared case studies of several Omani employees who have risen through the ranks to take up senior positions in AHSG. Later, Joseph Chandru, GM — Manufacturing, gave a presentation on the Switchgear Factory.

During the visit, the students were provided with extensive information on various processes in the switchgear manufacturing through a presentation as well as physical demonstration. The students also saw in action use of the latest microprocessor controlled test equipment with multiple data capture features

which is used for calibration and quality assurance aspects of switchgear. The students were quite amazed to see the state of preparedness of AHSG in terms of taking care of the people, precious resources and the environment.

Al Hassan manufactures MV and LV switchgears, control and relay panels and light fittings at Muscat and Buraimi. Al Hassan manufacturing facilities conform to the highest quality standards (ISO 9001: 2000 compliant) and its products are certified by leading international testing authorities KEMA, ASTA & UL.

In the end, Sanjay Khanda-

gle, Manager — Talent Management, Al Hassan Group of companies conducted an interactive session with students and took note of various suggestions put forth by the students.

All the students as well as their faculty expressed happiness with the information and knowledge they gained during their visit. Dr Siddiqui, Coordinator of the industrial visit commented that he valued Al Hassan's co-operation in making this visit a success. He expressed gratitude towards Al Hassan Group's desire to strengthen ties with different educational establishments in the Sultanate.