

National Day tributes

Commentaries from a cross-section of citizens and residents, from all walks of life, to highlight their views and observations about this special occasion.

MAQBOOL bin Ali Salman, Founder and Managing Director, Al Hassan Group, says "The country has made all-round progress by leaps and bounds in all spheres of economy, education, healthcare, and has developed a world-class urban infrastructure, telecommunication, transportation and solid industrial base. The Sultanate has attained self-sufficiency in meeting the ever growing domestic energy needs, broad-basing its economy from totally oil-dependant to a widely spread out industrial economy with the establishment of oil refineries, petrochemicals and fertiliser plants and other industries such as steel and aluminium".



Under the wise leadership of His Majesty the Sultan, there has been tremendous progress in developing Omani talent. Today, you find a breed of Omani CEOs who are running many of the major organisations very successfully. With 43 per cent of Oman's population below 15 years and the growing emphasis on developing human resources, it's indeed heartening to note that each successive budget allocates a substantial amount of financial resources to the education sector. In addition, millions of rials are allocated to build new projects each year which goes a long way in creating thousands of jobs for nationals.

"We firmly believe that the development of the Omani people is the cornerstone of the process of advancement. In 21st Century, the focus is on knowledge skills as human resources are the means and agent of any development", says Maqbool.