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## Grand Hyatt wins NHI's chef contest

There were eight teams competing for the gold medal this week at Gulf Chef School at National Hospitality Institute (NHI).

Teams taking part were from Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Grand Hyatt Muscat, InterContinental Muscat, Crowne Plaza Muscat, Six Senses Zighy Bay, Holiday Inn, Hormuz Grand and Shangri-La's Barr al Jissah Resort & Spa all of whom nominate two chefs and a food service person.

The format of the competition is a mystery box where the competitors create a menu in a very short time, then have nearly three hours to prepare and cook a three course meal.

In addition to this there is a table of two customers in NHI's Class Room restaurant for each of the teams. These customers come from a variety of backgrounds and some are well-known food bloggers of Muscat.

The judges are industry professional Chefs who are brought



in and this time it was Malik al Jahdhami from Oman Convention Centre and Neil Sequeira from the Golden Tulip Seeb, both members of the Oman Chefs Guild.

After a hard mornings work the decision had to be made on the winners and there were some tense moments as the results were read out by NHI principal Robert MacLean. First place and Gold medal went to

Grand Hyatt Muscat, second place and Silver medal went to InterContinental Muscat and third place with Bronze medal went to Six Senses Zighy Bay who had travelled down from Musandam the night before. The Gold medal winners also share a cash prize of RO300 among them.

MacLean said, "These competitions are a vital part of the training and development of

young chefs in Oman. The demands of the hospitality industry are high and the need to constantly motivate the staff and to ensure there is passion in their work is key to the success and maintenance of standards which customers expect from a destination like Oman."

NHI has been at the centre of hospitality training and development for over 20 years in the sultanate.