



OMAN

WEATHER



42° - 29° 26-15%

PRAYER TIMINGS

Shalat	12:00pm
Asr	3:00pm
Maghrib	6:00pm
Shafa	6:45pm
Shafa (Mawana)	6:30pm



## NHI CHIEF PARTICIPATES IN LONDON MARATHON TO RAISE FUNDS

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**T**housands of runners hit the streets of London last month as they participated in one of the biggest events of the year – the London Marathon 2017. Sporting their eye-catching costumes and armed with energy and enthusiasm, people joined in the event with a common goal – to raise money for the different charities they were representing. And among the donors was Robert MacLean, principal of the National Hospitality Institute (NHI), who took part in the event for a bigger cause.

While there are plenty of heart-warming stories shared by people who participated in the run, for MacLean, it was an eye-opening moment as he took part in this event to fund raise for UK Youth, and for the Association of Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities in Oman. Talking about what motivated him to run for the London Marathon, MacLean said after raising the Mount Marathon, he liked the idea of raising at a bigger event.



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took extra time with him to help him gear up for the London event." Being the head of an institution, MacLean feels it his moral responsibility to generate charity among his students. While they are linked with the Association of Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities and have been raising funds for the institute over the years, NHI is also involved in other charitable initiatives, such as hosting charity gourmet dinners and more.

"We operate the classroom relaxation at NHI and we give a percentage of our fully paid lunches to the same charity. This way students see the ability to raise money for good causes," said MacLean, while also thanking all those who have supported his institutions and initiative. —waidanongsa@timesofoman.com