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NHI provides training for Omanis



Last week saw the start of the first group of new students at the National Hospitality Institute (NHI) under the new funding from PDO's National Objective Programme. This funding has replaced the Ministry of Manpower funding which ceased last year.

"With many young Omanis wishing to work in the growing hospitality industry, the funding has been welcome, says Robert MacLean, principal of NHI.

"The funding means that the students have already been selected by employers and have a guaranteed job in one of the hotels once they have finished training. It is essential that we have more Omanis being trained and prepared to take up positions in the fast growing hotel sector."

Tourists come to Oman very often because of its culture and its people. It is therefore, important that they can interface with

local people during their time in Oman.

NHI is a privately run institute and has been in operation for over 20 years.

It is well-known for producing young students with hands-on practical skills. The training is delivered through a mix of traditional classes and a strong element of real life training. In order to ensure this, NHI operates Class Room restaurant

which is open to the public and where students prepare, cook and serve food to customers. In addition to this NHI runs regular gourmet evenings at the Marina Bander al Rowdha.

Companies supporting the initiative are Kempinski, InterContinental, Shangri La, Crowne Plaza Muscat, Hormuz Grand, Anantara al Jabal al Akhdar, Anantara Salalah, Al Bustan Palace Hotel and Grand Hyatt Muscat.