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## **NHI, EDEXCEL TIE UP TO OFFER DIPLOMAS**

Edexcel, a leading provider of internationally recognised academic and professional qualifications, has recently approved the National Hospitality Institute (NHI), a leading Oman-based provider of quality vocational training for the hospitality, travel and catering industries to provide BTEC.

Mark Andrews, regional director for Middle East/North Africa/Caribbean, Edexcel, said, "We are delighted that BTEC is becoming more popular in the GCC as an internationally recognised vocational qualification which make holders eligible for entry into various undergraduate programmes in universities across the world.

"We are working with education providers in the GCC to promote this qualification, and ensure that learners gain the qualities valued by employers."

Edexcel's exclusive BTEC qualifications provide a practical, real-world approach to learning, alongside theoretical background. These are designed both to replicate the professional working environment and provide learners with the skills, knowledge and behaviours they need to succeed

in today's job market. Various opportunities for higher education are available for BTEC HND holders in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Australasia.

Edexcel, a Pearson company, is one of the UK's largest awarding

companies offering academic and vocational qualifications and testing to schools, colleges, employers and other places of learning.

"This approval will strengthen the NHI's position as a provider of a suite of international qualifications to cater to the needs of schools leavers, existed workers and employers," Mark said.

The programme recently approved is the higher National Diploma (NHD) in Hospitality Management from Edexcel. This course will give students a broader understanding of the hospitality industry with a mixture of hands-on and theoretical training.

This new programme will appeal to students of all nationalities who wish to pursue a career in the hospitality sector. Graduates of this programme will be able to upgrade from NHD to relevant degree programmes in the UK.

