



OMAN

HEALTH CARE

Capital Market Authority launches database for medical insurance scheme

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MUSCAT: A database for the medical insurance scheme (Dhamani) has been launched, according to the Capital Market Authority (CMA).
In a statement yesterday, CMA said: "A database for Dhamani has been launched."
"This a preparatory step to generalise Dhamani, which is a key pillar for regulating the health in-

urance market."
The care scheme is based on the provision of health care for private sector employees who were not covered by any scheme previously. As well as encouraging competition in the provision of medical services in the various regions of the Sultanate, it is intended to create a positive investment environment in this field.
It also aims to ensure quality services provided by insurers and



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health care units and easy access for the insured as well as limiting the costs incurred by employers in the private sector.
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The system aims to provide medical insurance to these categories and will start the electronic "Dhamani" system for mandatory health insurance.

INNOVATIVE BATTERY

A car battery that makes SQU students proud

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MUSCAT: A group of students from Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) in Oman have created an innovative car battery that runs on compressed air. According to the team, the 'CA-Battery' aims to use renewable air energy and transform it into compressed air, to be used in car batteries and engines instead of those that use electric energy and others that cause environmental pollution.
Al Azhar Al Harrasi, chief executive officer of CASE – the company formed by these students – said, "The average shelf-life period of the CA-Battery is about five years, which is longer than that of a normal battery."



"It also uses 100 per cent fresh air without toxic gases and is not affected by high temperatures and pressure. It is also eco-friendly."

Eco-friendly

The company's name, CASE, is an acronym for "Compressed Air Sustainable Energy" and was founded

by 10 SQU students. Al Harrasi added, "Gathering parts for the battery was our biggest challenge. "Most of the pieces were unavailable in Oman so we had to spend a lot of time scouring for them. Our company has found no support yet."
Atheer Al Nadabi, head of mar-

keting at CASE, said, "We have participated in many competitions and exhibitions such as 'The Science Festival 17', 'The Tenth Scientific Agricultural Festival' and 'The Global Maker Fair'.
"This gave us a chance to gauge people's opinions about our product and we welcomed their feedback and used it for further development. Also, we participated in these exhibitions to promote our product and ideas and to get support from big companies."
"Our future plan is to further develop the battery and use it in other transportation vehicles such as buses, boats, and trucks as well as using the compressed air idea in other fields instead of non-renewable energy," she added.

Omani and Italian works give a visual treat to art lovers



ART SHOW: The exhibition also featured emerging Omani artists such as Budoor Al Riyami, Rawan Al Mahrouqi, Ruqaiya Al Balushi, Safa Al Balushi and Sarah Al Aulaqi. - supplied photo

The Contemporary Art Day is an initiative promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy to celebrate and disseminate the culture of Italian contemporary art abroad



Italian artist Gloriamaria Gorri, winner of the "Artefidel nostro tempo" award, which has been promoted by the Venice Museums Foundation and the City of Venice in connection with the 58th Venice Art Biennale under the theme 'May you live in interesting times'.
The exhibition also featured emerging Omani artists such as Budoor Al Riyami, Rawan Al Mahrouqi, Ruqaiya Al Balushi, Safa Al Balushi and Sarah Al Aulaqi.
The art curator of Stal Gallery, Hassan Meer, has been supporting and promoting Omani talents in the field of contemporary art over the last few years with the Young Emerging Talents Prize.
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aly to celebrate and disseminate the culture of Italian contemporary art abroad.
The initiative is also promoted abroad through the Italian embassies as the 'Giornata del Contemporaneo' with events, presentations and exhibitions with the aim of not only highlighting the role of artists and their works, but also the producers, curators, stand fitters, museum directors, critics, art magazines and books.
The opening ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of Italy, Federica Pavi, together with Mattia Agnetti, executive secretary of the Venice Museums Foundation and Maurizio Carlin, director for culture and tourism of the City of Venice, as well as by a number of officials and representatives of the cultural field in Oman, artists and art lovers.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
26 - 28	24 - 26	01 - 02 Ladies Weekend	12 - 14 Rub Al Khali
Al Kamil	Al Kamil	22 - 27 Epic Empty Quarter	26 - 28 Khuwaymah

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