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Conference on governance and competitiveness

MUSCAT — The 2nd Conference on 'Governance, Competitiveness and the Future', organised by the Omani Economic Association in cooperation with Hawkamah Institute and the Gulf Economic Association, opens at the Crowne Plaza Hotel today under the patronage of Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali al Qatabi, Chairman of the Majlis Ash'shura.

The Conference aims to highlight the role of governance and competitiveness in achieving the Oman's Economic Vision 2020 and the role of corporate governance in improving economic performance and enhancing investor confidence. Deliberations will also look at the challenges confronting the future of Oman's Vision 2020 charter 10 years after its initiation, and discuss the pros and cons of Oman's joining the World Trade Organisation. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah al Harthy, Chairman of the Omani Economic Association, will address the opening ceremony in which the keynote address will be delivered by Dr Nasser Saidi, Executive Director, Hawkamah.

Several key figures from Oman's banking, business, insurance, legal, industry, audit and regulatory bodies will address the conference, including Hamoud bin Sangour al Zadjali, Executive President of the Central Bank of Oman, and Dr Ibrahim Akoum of the Arab Monetary Fund.