



AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON

Tuesday 27th November 2007

H.E. Mr Hussain Ali Abdullatif
Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman

H.E. Mr Hussain Ali Abdullatif has been the Oman Ambassador to the UK since November 1995 and is a good friend and supporter of the MEA.

As in other GCC states, there is much going on in Oman and a construction boom is in full swing. Government spending on infrastructure projects is driving the economy; and increasing levels of FDI are going into liquefied natural gas, petrochemicals and aluminium. Sohar Port and its industrial area are becoming a focal point for economic diversification; while work on a new port and dry dock facilities at Duqm in Southern Oman have started.

As for tourism, "Blue City" is currently under construction at an estimated cost of \$20bn, and is expected to house and entertain 240,000 residents. It should be completed by 2020. There is also the "Wave", an integrated tourism real estate complex; Muscat Golf and Country Club, and the Yitti project, which altogether give you an idea of the serious activity taking place within the tourism sector.

The customary form at these luncheons is to assemble at 12.30 pm at Bury House for pre-lunch drinks, sitting down for lunch at 1.00 pm. To enable our guest of honour to meet as many delegates as possible, we ask that you sit at a different table for each course. During coffee, the Ambassador will talk for 15 – 20 minutes and then takes questions, concluding at about 2.45 pm. The charge per delegate will be £47.00 (inc. VAT) for MEA Members and £54.00 (inc. VAT) for Non-members. Those wishing to attend this lunch should complete and return the tear-off slip below to Jacqui Marshall by **mid-day Friday 23 November**; or e-mail her at jacqui@the-mea.co.uk.

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AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON: H.E. Mr Hussain Ali Abdullatif 12.30 for 1.00 pm on Tuesday 27th November – cheque or credit/debit card details enclosed for £47.00 (for Members) or £54.00 (for non-Members). A £2.00 surcharge will apply for credit cards only. *Cancellations will be accepted up to 48 hours ahead of the event with refund or credit note (upon request). No refund will be made after 48 hours before the event.*

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