

PRESS RELEASE

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Enhancing the Development of Omani University Graduate Engineers

Chiyoda Corporation (Chiyoda) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Oman Energy Association (OPAL), a leading NGO in Oman offering human resource development in the energy and minerals sector, to provide engineering technical training to Omani fresh University graduate engineers. This is a significant step towards enhancing human resource development in Oman.

The signing ceremony was graced by the presence of H.E. Mohsin Al Hadhrami, Undersecretary, Ministry of Energy and Minerals, H.E. Mr. Jota Yamamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Oman, and top management officials from OPAL and Chiyoda.

Chiyoda has applied its extensive experience in delivering energy projects around the world, including LNG facilities, to provide training to over one thousand engineers since the 1970s, focusing on hydrocarbon processing plant engineering and design.

The MOU outlines a strategic partnership where Chiyoda will offer specialized training programs for the graduate engineers at its headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, in a curriculum encompassing engineering disciplines pertinent to LNG project execution, including process engineering, project management etc.

Chiyoda will contribute to the growth and development of Oman's energy sector by providing the graduates with the essential skills to encourage their careers and develop their technical expertise to support the strategic objectives of Oman Vision 2040, which emphasizes human resource development and enhancing technical expertise.

This year's training program is subsidized by Japan Cooperation Center for Petroleum and Sustainable Energy (JCCP), an organization that promotes human resource development programs between Japan and oil-producing countries.

H.E. Mr. Jota Yamamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Oman:

"The MOU between OPAL and Chiyoda is a testament to the enduring friendship and cooperation between Oman and Japan. This initiative helps to facilitate Oman Vision 2040 and reinforces the strong ties between our two nations. We are proud to contribute to the growth and success of Oman's engineering talent."

Eng. Mohammed Al-Naabi, CEO of OPAL:

"This MOU is a clear demonstration of OPAL's commitment to elevating the technical capabilities of Omani engineers. By partnering with a world-renowned corporation like Chiyoda, we are providing our young professionals with invaluable opportunities to learn from the best and apply their knowledge to advance Oman's energy sector. We look forward to the positive impact this collaboration will have on our industry."

Mr. Masakazu Sakakida, Director, Chairman of the Board of Chiyoda Corporation:

"We are honored to work with OPAL in this initiative, which underscores our long-standing relationship with Oman and our dedication to human resource development. By sharing our expertise and knowledge, we aim to empower the next generation of Omani engineers, ensuring they are prepared to meet the challenges of the energy sector. This partnership reflects Chiyoda's commitment to supporting Oman's Vision 2040 and contributing to the sustainable development of the country."

Chiyoda has successfully completed three 3.3 mtpa capacity LNG trains in Oman, the most recent in 2005, under its purpose of 'Enriching Society through Engineering value' and will continue to contribute to Oman's energy market and by developing human resources within the Sultanate.



Photo Session at MOU Signing Ceremony

(from left) H. E. Mohsin Alhadhrami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Eng. Mohammed Al-Naabi, CEO of OPAL, Mr. Masakazu Sakakida, Director, Chairman of the Board of Chiyoda Corporation, H.E. Mr. Jota Yamamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Oman

Reference

1. Chiyoda Corporation:

- Headquarters: 4-6-2, Minatomirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Japan
- Established: 1948
- Main Business: Integrated engineering including consulting, planning, engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning and maintenance services for facilities related to gas, electricity, petroleum, petrochemical, chemical, pharmaceutical, antipollution, environment, preservation, exploration and investment of mineral resources and metals, and other services.

2. Oman Energy Association:

- Headquarters:
Taminat Complex, Building No. 55/9, Street No. 53
P.O. Box 1640, PC 115
Al Ghubra, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
Located on the 8th Floor – Penthouse
- Established: 1998
- Main Business: A leading NGO and non-profit organization originally formed in 1998, dedicated to advancing the development of companies, facilitating employment, and coordinating training programs within Oman's Energy and Minerals sector. Over the past 25 years, OPAL has successfully facilitated the training and employment of more than 15,000 Omanis and has redeployed over 9,700 individuals in recent years. Its long-term goal is to elevate Oman's Energy Industry to a world-class level, ensuring its international competitiveness.

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