Press release

bp Oman launches a book to celebrate its 10-year social investment programme anniversary

- Since 2014, the social investment programme benefitted over 180,000 Omanis through more than 150 initiatives.
- These initiatives have been delivered to support education, enterprise development and energy sustainability.
- The programme encompasses several pillars of Oman's 2040 vision including the enhancement of Oman's labour market.

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Muscat, Oman – bp Oman celebrated the10-year anniversary of its social investment programme at the Royal Opera House Muscat under the patronage of His Excellency Salim Al Aufi, the Minister of Energy and Minerals.

During the ceremony, bp released its publication '10 years of empowering Omani capabilities' to mark this milestone. The book shares the journey of bp's social investment programme and its impact on Oman's people.

His Excellency, Salim Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals commented: "I am proud to witness the impact of bp's social investment programme so far, which have extended across all governorates in Oman. The programme has supported many sectors of the local communities with tangible economic impact. This was achieved alongside bp's commitment to maximize Block 61's gas production while setting goals to be a net zero company by 2050."

Since 2014, the programme benefitted over 180,000 Omanis through more than 150 initiatives including over 16,000 women, 80,000 children, 12,000 youth, 13,500 job seekers, 1,000 people with disabilities, 200 retirees and 100 SMEs.

Yousuf Al Ojaili, bp Oman president, said: "Over the past 10 years, we worked closely with our social investment partners to improve people's lives and care for our planet. Our programmes support our sustainability framework and several pillars of Oman's 2040 vision which allow for the sustainable development of Oman."

He added: "We remain committed to creating a positive impact in Oman. We would like to thank the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, OQ, PTTEP, Petronas – our joint venture partners at Block 61 for their continuous support."

On the sidelines of the ceremony, bp Oman's social investment partners and beneficiaries showcased their diverse range of programmes and how it improved people's lives in the fields of education, enterprise development and energy sustainability.

Rihab Al Muqbali, Destination sustainability's project manager, said, "I started as a beneficiary of bp's social investment programme 'Teqdar' which aims to train jobseekers in Oman. After receiving a training opportunity, I got a chance to work with Destination sustainability which is responsible for implementing bp's social investment programmes. I am proud to have been able to support the programme's growth over the years and witness its impact to the local community."

Over the coming week, Innotech's FabTech mobile lab – one of bp's social investment programmes – will stop at Al Dhahirah and Al Dakhiliyah governorates to celebrate and showcase bp's programme journey over the past decade.

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Notes to editors

- bp has had an upstream presence in Oman since 2007.
- Block 61 ownership: bp 40%; Makarim Gas Development Limited (OQ) 30%; PTTEP 20%; PC Oman Ventures Limited (PETRONAS) 10%.
- Block 61 has the capacity to deliver around 35% of Oman's total gas demand.

- Our social investment programmes aim to support the development of Omani people, economic diversification, and job creation.
- Since the launch of the social investment programmes in 2014, we have positively impacted the lives of over 180,000 people through more than 150 initiatives.