

OMAN DEBATE 2011 ON OCTOBER 31

The annual integrated business symposium encompasses key themes that form the business environment of today and tomorrow in Oman

Oman Debate 2011, the third annual national debate organised by Oman Economic Review, will be held on October 31.

The hot topic of discussion for Oman Debate 2011 is how to cope up with the developments of the Arab Spring, which has had its repercussions on the Sultanate of Oman. The leadership of the Sultanate of Oman has been forced to go back to the drawing board to re-chart its future course of action following the pro-reforms movement which began in Oman as well.

The government has reworked on its priorities and policies and has taken measures to address various issues. This, in turn, has raised a number of questions/concerns among both the public and the public sectors.

Some key questions which will be raised by Oman Debate 2011 include the following:

Job creation: Is creating 50,000 jobs in one year the solution to the unemployment problem or are there structural issues like changes in the education system, making people employable, training etc that need to be looked at.

Raising salaries, sops and benefits:



Can the corporate sector foot the bill? Is the private sector being made to foot an unsustainable bill or has the corporate sector failed to do its part in the development process?

Omanisation: Are these realisable goals or unrealistic expectations? The government has set Omanisation targets for various sectors but the private sector is struggling to find suitable/employable Omanis to fill those positions.

At the crossroads: Is this a watershed moment in Oman's socio-economic history where everything that was held as sacred needs to be questioned and redefined?

The last two editions of annual integrated business symposium had witnessed packed audiences totalling over 400

movers and shakers from Oman's corporate world, all innovators in their profession converging to witness the intense indepth discussions on the state of the economy.

The 2010 debate featured key panelists from various business sectors cutting across the industry who shared rivetting views and incisive questions about how Oman's corporate world should shoulder the responsibility of complementing the government's efforts to take the country forward on its growth path.

Oman Debate 2011, is being brought to you by Oman Economic Review (OER) in association with the Capital Market Authority (CMA) and will continue to maintain its status as a unique platform where influential individuals will share stories of best practices, effective business case-studies and, most importantly, attributes of true leadership.

The event will cover globalisation and economics, human capital, motivation and diplomacy with a strong focus on the future of Oman through the idea of a new age of leadership in a changing business landscape and economic trends.

As in the previous two editions, Oman Debate 2011 will feature a number of ministers, dignitaries and members of Oman's corporate world. **OER**