MUSCAT — Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal al Busaidy, Minister of Environment and Climate Affairs, launched a book titled *Oases of Oman* — Livelihood Systems at the Crossroads at the Bait al Baranda gallery yesterday.

The book is co-authored by Dr Andreas Buurker and Dr Eva Sehlkecht, a German couple who has been observing the country from a distance and assessing it on livelihood systems.

Several ministerial dignitaries shared the venue with literary pals in the city along with diplomats and others.


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Based on an understanding of the history of the oases and the important role they have played in the agriculture of Oman, the book highlights the present day problems that modernisation brings and strives to suggest solutions.

The book is jointly written by Andreas Buerkert and Eva Schlecht together with 11 other authors some of whom live in the Sultanate. Buerkert is a botanical scientist and has worked for 10 years on transformation process of mountain oases in the Sultanate.

Eva Schlecht is an animal scientist with specialisation in livestock.

Buerkert said that for centuries, desert climatic conditions had affected the livelihood of Omani farmers to a certain extent of their cultural heritage. Having to cope with unpredictable rainfall, seasonal water shortages, very hot temperature and sparse vegetation have led to the introduction of ingenuous and effective strategies to combat these problems, he said.

Schlecht said that the oases in Oman and the falaj systems survived for centuries. They are undivided parts of the country's unique history and cultural tradition which have aided in the development of farms, terrace gardens and settlements and reflected the socio-economic development of society.
عمود بن فیصل يدشن كتاب "الواحات العمانية"

في زيارته لمحافظة الباطنة..

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يُعتبر مركز العمليّات المتقدمة أحد أهم محاور الرؤية العمانية في مجال التعليم، حيث يعد أداة فعّالة في تحقيق أهداف التنمية المستدامة. يهدف المركز إلى تطوير التعليم بشكل مكتمل وموثوق، ليتيح للمتعلم الحصول على التعليم الذي يحتاجه في بيئته الحالية، ولهذا يشجع على تعزيز مهارات التعلم والبحث، ورفع مستوى التعليم في البلاد. 한마디로 말하면, 독립을 위한 교육의 중심이 되어야 한다.