

## Authority for Electricity Regulation celebrated the launch of brand of Yaseer Program for Energy Efficiency and Conservation

**Muscat, 12/December/2018-** Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Khamis bin Saif Al-Jabri, Chairman of the Implementation and Follow-up Support Unit, the Authority for Electricity Regulation (AER) celebrated the launch of the brand of Yaseer Program for energy efficiency and conservation designed to foster a culture to reduce energy consumption and rationalization to ensure sustainability for future generations. The ceremony was held at Grand Millennium Hotel and attended by representatives from the government and private sectors.

Speaking at the event, Qais bin Saud Al Zakwani, Executive Director of AER, said; "The Authority is pleased to launch the brand of Yaseer Program as part of its continued commitment towards energy efficiency in the Sultanate. The program stems from conducting initiatives that spread the awareness of the importance of energy efficiency among customers and that will reduce the supplied electricity and ultimately the subsidy paid by the government.'

He added; 'The Authority commenced with the Yaseer Program in 2015 by preparing a comprehensive and multidisciplinary plan in this field. Following this, AER worked extensively with the relevant government entities to prepare an Energy Efficiency Data Framework to support empirical based policy making as well as conducting energy audits for several government buildings. The Authority also conducted a training course this year in which the participants received an accredited certificate in energy auditing.'

In addition, giving further details of the second phase launch of The National Solar Energy Initiative "Sahim", Eng. Hilal bin Mohammed Al Ghaithi, Sahim Project Manager at AER, added: 'Sahim 2 aims to drive the wide-scale deployment of small PV systems (3kWp – 5kWp) at between 10% to 30% of residential premises in Oman. Unlike SAHIM 1, the costs of procuring, installing, operating and maintaining SAHIM 2 residential PV systems will met by private sector entities which will recover related costs through contracts with licensed suppliers.'

It is worth mentioning that AER is dedicated to enhancing the electricity and related water sector and fostering a culture of energy efficiency and awareness among the Omani society by conducting initiatives and studies through cooperation and communication with all concerned entities. It also remains committed to carry out projects in solar energy to promote an eco-friendly lifestyle, creating a greener future for generations and contributing to the development and prosperity of Oman.

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