

Muscat Green Days Conference to stress on energy conservation



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With the aim of sending out a strong educational message, GUTech will organise the Muscat Green Days Conference on education and networking for a sustainably-built environment on October 5 and 6.

Dr Burkhard Rauhut, rector at GUTech, told *Muscat Daily* there is a need to develop a platform for an exchange of knowledge and ideas to facilitate better awareness. "A number of decision makers, urban planners from the ministry, builders, architects, engineers and experts

from different spheres will discuss ways to conserve energy during the conference for the well-being of future generations," he said.

Richard Lisker, architect consultant, Hoehler & Partner, said the new GUTech campus at Barka would be one of the first buildings in Muscat to incorporate the elements of sustainability, and that it was not economically viable to incorporate all the elements.

However, the new GUTech campus has made provisions to expand and absorb the elements in future. "Sustainable use of energy, water, infrastructure and

resources in buildings, as well as the conservation of nature and culture, are the factors that concern the Gulf region. The conference will aim to discuss ways to integrate renewable energy in sustainable architecture, urban planning and waste management," Lisker said.

The Muscat Green Conference is a series of regional conferences on green building and environment conservation strategies. It will be organised by Sesam Consulting, a German-Emirati Consultancy, across Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Qatar. The consultancy has partnered with GUTech for the Muscat conference.

The conference will be complemented by a workshop held under the patronage of H E Sayyid Salim Musallam al Busaidi, Undersecretary for Administrative Development Affairs at the Ministry of Civil Services. It will be chaired by Dr Dieter Fuchs, general manager, Fraunhofer Middle East and president, World Association of Applied Research.