

Birla School to open in Salalah

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The admissions will open soon

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MUSCAT: Birla Public School (BPS), one of the pioneers of quality education in India, is all set to open a new school in Salalah in the coming months. The school will follow India's Central Board of Secondary Education international (CBSE-i) syllabus.

Recently, the school board signed a deal through its Qatar partner, BPS-Doha, with Global Training LLC, Oman, to open the school.

"BPS is entering the Sultanate for the first time. In the education field, BPS holds a rich history of more than six decades. There is no doubt that they provide quality education. The new school will be a boon for both Omanis and expatriates in Salalah," V.S. Sunil, the general manager of projects



OMAN CALLING: The doyen of Indian Industry and head of Birla Education Trust, BK Birla with Eng. Saeed in Doha.

at Global Training, told *Times of Oman*.

In the GCC countries, BPS has a school in Qatar, which began operations in 2004. Some 9,000 students are enrolled in the school currently.

"The dream of bringing a new international school to Salalah became a reality after the strict evaluation carried out by BPS and the Sultanate's Ministry of Education," Sunil said.

"The school will follow the CBSE-i syllabus and would cater to both Omani and expatriate students. CBSE-i is a global curriculum offered by CBSE to promote critical and creative thinking skills, effective communication skills, interpersonal and collaborative skills, and information and media skills," he added.

In the first phase, the school will operate out of a rented build-

ing for two years, which can accommodate 420 students. The school has already purchased land to build its own building, which can accommodate 2,000 students with advanced lab facilities and modern campus as required by the CBSE-i and BPS quality standards.

"The application submission date for Omani students will be open in the coming weeks after the logo of the school will be unveiled by the Sultanate's education ministry officials," Sunil said.

"We will begin classes for KG1, KG2, and grades 1 and 2 students in the first phase. The classes for Omani students will begin in October this year and for the expatriate students, it will begin in April 2013," Sunil added.

The school has got permission to begin classes up to the 12th standard.