



Message from
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The year 2020 is an important milestone for the leadership, government and people of Oman. In the midst of our preparations for the 50th anniversary of a modern state, the renaissance and the legacy of His Late Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, as fate would have it, the story was different.

In his first address to the nation on the 10th of January 2020, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, the Sultan of Oman, quoted the late Sultan as “the dearest, finest and the best of men”. In that speech, His Majesty emphasised the need to march the country forward to attain and maintain its prominent place in the world- a vision of the late Sultan for which he committed his life to realising.

This year (2020) is not solely the Anniversary of 50 years of His Majesty's eternal legacy, but also a year to celebrate our foreign affairs approach which is based on the solid fundamentals of peaceful co-existence, good neighbourliness, non-interference in the internal affairs of others and respect for sovereignty. We also shine a light on more than 220 years of deep-rooted relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

This unique and fundamental relationship between two nations is

not merely historic, but also strategic, political, economic and cultural, established through the signing of the first treaty between Oman and the United Kingdom in Sohar in 1646. It is a relationship that will continue to flourish under the recent signed joint defence agreement and the Comprehensive Agreement on Enduring Friendship.

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, on his first declaration to the nation has committed himself to Oman, its gains, its renaissance and most importantly its youth, the inexhaustible resource and the strength that builds nations. His Majesty encouraged the government to listen, to sense and to attend to the needs of the people. While enriching this vital process, His Majesty accords full attention to education, support, research, innovation and empowerment.

As our government will pursue progress in various sectors, we believe that nation building and development are a public responsibility. We will be forever committed with all dignity and strength to provide full support towards the achievement of our country's future goals at all levels. E

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