

The Annual Report of 2013 from PACI Oman – Mr.Ahmad:

Week of traditional crafts in Kuwait:

- PACI has Participated in the Traditional Cultural Week in Kuwait during the period 20-26. 01.2013 as part of the Qurain Festival consort in its nineteenth century.
- PACI presented paper about the Experience of the Public Authority for Craft Industries and its role in the advancement of craft industries in the Sultanate of Oman.
- PACI participated in the cultural week of Kuwait through a distinguished Omani artisan in silver.



Symposium on the development of SMEs:

- PACI participated during the period of 21-23 1 // 2013 in the work of the seminar about the development of small and medium enterprises.
- PACI also participated in the traditional open market by a number of artisans and by the Omani Crafts House.



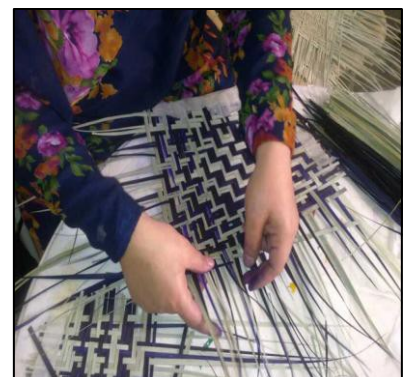
Muscat Festival 2013:

- PACI participated within the Muscat Festival 2013, during the period from 30/1 to 28/02/2013.
 - PACI wing in the festival consist of live performances, craft activities, craft projects of small and medium-sized.
- The wing includes a model of the Oman Craft House.



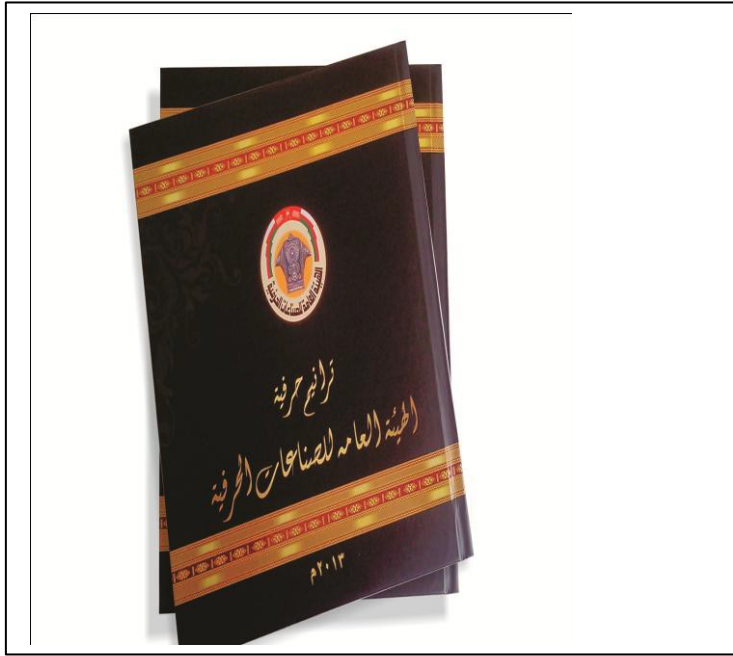
Work Shops:

- PACI has organized a number of workshops during the year 2013 as follows:
- 25 program in the various governorates fields in order to provide some skills and new knowledge to crafts people.
- 12 programs in the field of Saviac.
- 5 programs in the field of pottery.
- 2 programs in the field of palm tree leaves.
- one program and one in each of the following areas:
- copperplate engraving on bones, Omani hat, silk fabric and others.



About new design of crafts:

- PACI has issued a documentary book of designs Omani crafts in February of 2013.
- Guide and documenting a variety of designs and innovative models for a number of crafts .



International Book Fair for the year 2013:

- PACI Participated in the International Book Fair during the period from 26 February to 8 / March / 2013 at the Oman Exhibition Centre.



The Celebration of the Omani craft day:

- PACI celebrated the Omani tenth crafts day on the third of March .
- This included the celebration to honor the First board members of PACI.
- PACI in addition to honoring the staff of the PACI who was appointed in 2003.
- Honoring the glorious craftsmen who were able to create and establish the a small, medium sized projects.



HE Chairperson of the PACI receives Saudi Minister of Social Affairs :

- HE received in her office on Saturday, March 9, 2013 His Excellency Dr. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen , Minister of Social Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- During the meeting, they discussed all the efforts made by the Sultanate in order to develop human resources in addition to the review of a number of topics of common interest between the two countries and ways of existing and future cooperation between them in the areas of craft .

Discuss a number of projects and programs integrated and implemented by the PACI in order to develop the Omani artisans, they discussed also the paci experience about the Omani Craft House.



COMEX 2013 :

- PACI Participated in the exhibition of Communications and Information Technology (COMEX 2013) during the period from 25-29 / March / 2013 at the Oman International Exhibition Centre.
- PACI sought by participating to display the most prominent projects and electronic services and providing services offered to craftsmen and investors in the craft sector of Oman .
- Display wing prominent electronic services provided by the Authority for craftsmen through the website of the Authority .
- Questionnaires were given to craft alongside the review of the most prominent of information and electronic data craft .



HE Chairperson of PACI receives Chairman of the Committee of Uzbek Academy of Sciences:

• HE chairperson received in her office the Commission on Monday, May 13, 2013 HE Shaukat Salihuv head of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences.

The meeting discussed a number of themes related to the promotion and development of the areas of cooperation between the Sultanate and Uzbekistan, especially in the common areas.



HE Vice-President receives President of the Saudi cultural attaché:

• His Excellency Vice-President of (PACI) receive in his office on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Abdul Rahman Al Dosari Saudi cultural attaché in the Sultanate.

• During the meeting, they discussed all the efforts made by the Sultanate in order to develop human resources in addition to the review of a number of topics of common interest between the two countries and ways of existing and future cooperation between them in the areas of craft.

HE received APR President in her office Dr. Ghada Hijjawi president of the Asia Pacific Region of WCC on Monday, 07.08.2013 .

- During the meeting, they discussed aspects of cooperation and ways to strengthen the partnership in all areas of craft work.



Salalah Tourism Festival 2013:

- PACI Participated during the period from 10/8 until 09/06/2013 as part of Salalah Tourism Festival 2013.
- The number of artisans involved in the Salalah Tourism Festival around 750 craftsman has participated.



PACI activities of the Open Day for Arts and Culture of Oman:

- PACI Participated on 09/04/2013 in the Open Day for Arts and Culture, which was held at the Faculty of Sultan Qaboos University to teach Arabic non-Arabic speakers.



PACI participated in Kingdom of Jordan :

- PACI attend the opening of an exhibition in the traditional crafts and industries , which was held in a hotel Alsnthari Park during the period 5 - 07.09.2013 AD in Amman, Jordan .
- A meeting was held with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities of Jordan in charge of the craft sector in Jordan, with APR president.
- Exhibition Corner of West Asia Region was visit to some of the craft associations in Jordan accompanied by the president of WCC – APR Asia- Pacific region.



PACI Participation in the Omani Cultural Days in Moscow, during the period from 16 - 19/09/2013 to:

- Activate aspects of cultural relations with various countries of the world.
- Highlight the cultural heritage and cultural diversity of the Sultanate.
- Identification of products and craft industries in Oman.
- Define the role of the PACI in promoting and developing the crafts.

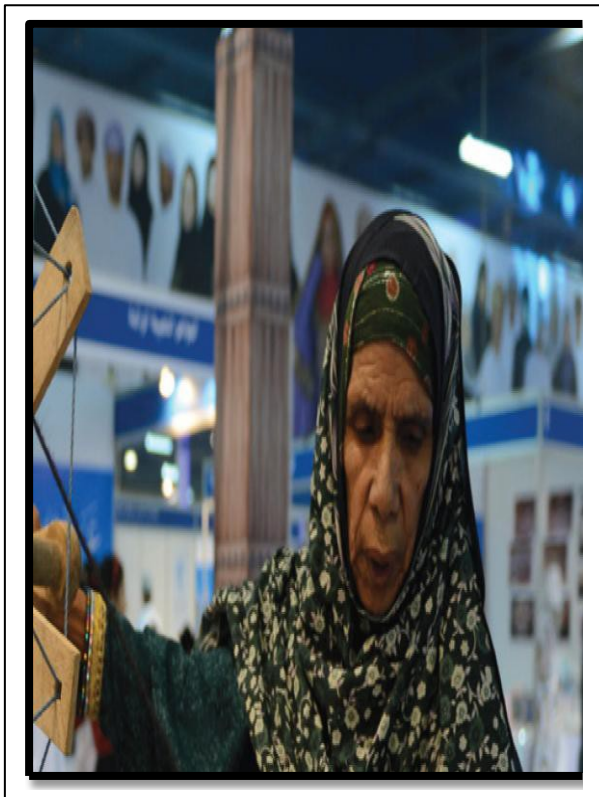


PACI Participate in the International Conference in Malaysia:

PACI Participate in the International Conference in Malaysia of precious stones and beads Bbornillo, Malaysia during the period from 11 to 13 / October / 2013 in Kuching, Sarawak in Malaysia.

Product Exhibition entrepreneurs " Omani creations :

- PACI Participated during the period from 24 to 28 / November / 2013 at the Oman International Exhibition Gallery products within entrepreneurs " Omani creations ."
- PACI participated in an interactive customizable suite included many of the institutions and craft areas ranging between silverware as well as the production of pottery , porcelain and wood carving .
- PACI seeks through its participation within the exhibition products entrepreneurs to establish a culture of institutional performance for craftsmen and to familiarized themselves with the experience and expertise in the glorious production, marketing and self-employment .



The second forum of Craft Industries:

- PACI organized Forum Awareness in Muscat Grand Mall, with the participation of a number of Omani craftsmen on 28 / November / 2013.



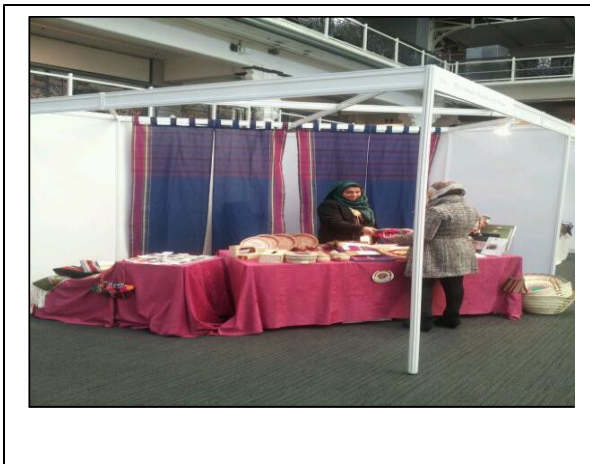
The 11 "Handicraft Trade Fair" in Nepal:

- PACI Participated during the period from 27 November to 1 / December / 2013 in the Trade Show in the 11 "Handicraft Trade Fair" in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The Exhibition symposium on the issues of simultaneous competition and crafts and suite of products and traditional crafts.



London International Exhibition in Britain "for entrepreneurs":

- PACI Participated in International Exhibition London, UK during the period from 6 to 9 / December / 2013.
- The Sultanate was the only Arab country among the 50 participating countries.
- The delegation of the Sultanate of 30 leading and pioneering craft diverse offering their products for the British.



Funding (Subsidiary):

- PACI in order to encourage artisans and help to enhance their productive capacity and marketing has support a number of artisan around 2093.



PACI organize five training programs:

- PACI organize five training programs for its employees in the areas of performance and production.



Report of the crafts in Lebanon 2013

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Unfortunately for the second consecutive year craft exhibits and events have been at a standstill due to the difficult security conditions in Lebanon.

MGO's that usually organize these craft events, have cut short the period to one single day and have transformed the exhibits to accompany some philanthropic events be it a brunch or "fotoor" due to the security procedures depending on the buying force of members or participants (attached photo, an exhibit at a one day breakfast event at hotel Phoenicia).

Exhibited items varied between glass paintings, tailoring, embroidery and some needlework, woodworks, children chairs, throw pillows, in addition to numerous fake jewelry due to the price of gold.

These exhibits were directly linked to the season of "Hajj", Christmas and New Year among others.

Many organizations come together to perform these one or two days craft events.

The Establishment has taken part in two craft exhibits in Kuwait:

1- The exhibit of Al-Qurain at the begging of year 2013 that took place in the house of Sadu in Kuwait.

One participant performed his woodwork skills live in front of audience.

Lebanon participated in the exhibit of traditional costumes (address for the princess and her companion).

2- The Arabic / African craft exhibit that was held in November once again in house of Sadu in Kuwait.

Hoping to be able in the near future to submit a more detailed report about the craft activities and innovations once security conditions are improved because undoubtedly we are very qualified.

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