

## **Bank Sohar assists Association for Welfare of Handicaped Children**

As an active and responsible corporate citizen, Bank Sohar believes that it has an exemplary role to play in the communities in which they do business. The Bank also believes that local efforts that focus on providing assistance to sections of the community who suffer physical and mental challenges need corporate support continuously.

“Bank Sohar has studied the efforts being extended by some of the non-governmental and voluntary organisations in Oman and realise that they are doing outstanding work. One of them, the Association for the Welfare of Handicaped Children has been rendering service through their eleven outlets to children who need special assistance. The Bank has decided to help the Association by providing equipment to support the handicaped, learning aids and some items of daily necessities for the children. We are conscious of the self-less work being put in by the specialists, staff and volunteers of this Association and hope our contribution will help provide something more for these children,” said Dr. Mohamed Abdulaziz Kalmoor – CEO of Bank Sohar. He also added that contributions from private corporates will make a qualitative difference to the care being provided to handicaped children in Oman. Mr. Mazin Al Raisi – AGM & Head of Marketing & Publicity handed over the Bank’s contribution to Alia Al Hashmi supervisor of the Association for the Welfare of Handicaped Children

Nearly 500 children in the age group 6 – to 13 years spread all over Oman are diagnosed with autism, suffer from mental disabilities and live with hearing impairment and other challenges. These children need special assistance for living, learning and for leisure activities. When these physical and mental disabilities combine with financial

limitations, then the problems of life are too much for parents alone to bear and the community needs to lend a helping hand.