

## **OMAN Sultan Armed Forces Awarded International Accreditation in the Management and sustainability of Projects based on Prince 2**

The Information Technology Services of the Chief of Staff of the Sultan Armed Forces has been awarded International Accreditation in the Management and sustainability of IT Projects at level P3MJ. COSAF IT Services is the first organization in the field to receive such international accreditation in the Middle East, and only the fifth in the world.

Hamed bin Mohammed Al Manthari, Assistant Head of IT Services said “the accreditation was preceded by intensive training sessions for a number of IT Services members of Staff who have now become qualified as registered practitioners on PRINCE 2.”

In addition, the IT Services has been training a number of SAF and MOD officers and personnel on PRINCE2 for the purpose of widening the scope of the use of the method in the Sultan Armed Forces.

With the introduction of Prince 2, IT Services have been able to run and sustain its projects and activities professionally at the hands of a skillful Omani workforce . The workload is also facilitated with the use of Electronic mail for the exchange of correspondence and documentation and obtaining various permissions without the use of paper in accordance with standards set forth by the Quality management Assurance Section established in early 2009. This section verifies all requests, approves them and then forwards them to the competent authority for final electronic approval based on the Prince 2 criteria. This section has played a pivotal role in IT Services securing international accreditation following assessment by the team APMG.

Martyn Kinch, VP International Sales commented “This is an important milestone for PRINCE2 in the Middle East and ILX are very proud of the work and commitment from ITS in achieving this recognition and accreditation”

Hamed concluded by saying “ the IT Services vision centers around striving to be an internationally accredited centre for excellence in IT. This goal has indeed been achieved with the award of the Prince 2 international accreditation which ITS will maintain every year through continuous assessment.