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It is difficult to imagine how hard it was to communicate before 1970, as the telecom network was accessible for only 14 hours a day and only a handful of the population had access to this important yet privileged service at that time.

After the blessed Renaissance, however, the telecom sector grew from strength to strength in line with many other developments that were happening in other sectors in the sultanate, under the wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

We are proud of the role we played in connecting societies and enriching the lives of people in Oman. We are equally proud of being the enabler to businesses across Oman, enhancing and contributing to

the economic development of the country.

In addition to having robust nation-wide connectivity, Oman is now considered as one of the most connected countries in the world through nine international submarine cables already in operation and three more to be launched in the next few years, thanks to the investment-conducive environment created by the wise government of His Majesty the Sultan.

Today, the telecom sector is among the most developed sectors in the country, with latest technology, high population coverage and penetration rates. The sector is progressing steadily towards the next phase of digital transformation. This would not have been possible without a clear vision to make Oman a regional hub not only for international cables but also for global content providers who have chosen Oman as their preferred hosting destination in the region.

I would like to congratulate His Majesty the Sultan and the people of Oman on the proud occasion of the 45th National Day.

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