Visit of the Omani ambassador on 11 June 2021

ZMO gratefully acknowledges a generous grant of books by the Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre. This consists mostly of Arabic language materials on Oman. This is a unique collection of Omani publications, rarely available in Europe.

It comprises a number of source editions, memoirs and studies of the Omani press which will prove of immense interest to historians of Oman and its connections with Zanzibar and the Indian Ocean World.

However, the topics of those current publications from Oman go beyond history and encompass all areas of knowledge on which Omani scientists, scholars and writers work.

Thus, in addition to the topics above, they comprise works on culture, religion, geography, archaeology, trade and local society, books cover current research in such areas as botany and zoology, geology, environmental studies, education, security studies and a range of local cultural practices.

They thereby allow the visitor to acknowledge the current state of research in Oman and offer resources far beyond ZMO library's normal coverage. The collection is housed in the newly refurbished and redecorated library atrium.