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## A SPECIAL FRENCH OMANI SYMPOSIUM AT INSTITUTE OF ARAB WORLD IN PARIS

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**USPA NEWS** - From 7 to 10 April 2015, the Authority of the National Archives of Oman organized in coordination with the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Paris "a documentary exhibition" Oman in cooperation with the diplomatic archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development.

Other Departments are involved such as of Defense and the National Historical Archives, on the theme of French-Omani relations dating back to the eighteenth century/ This story will reveal the various correspondences between the two countries. Access to the conference set free.-----OMAN IS A SULTANATE IS AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA-----

Sultanate of Oman is an Arab country (Arab absolute monarchy) in the southeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula. The ruler is the Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said is the self-appointed leader of the country since 1970. Sultan Qaboos is the longest-serving ruler in the Middle East.-----

Holding a strategically important position at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, the nation is bordered by the United Arab Emirates to the northwest, Saudi Arabia to the west, and Yemen to the southwest, and shares marine borders with Iran and Pakistan. The coast is formed by the Arabian Sea on the southeast and the Gulf of Oman on the northeast. The Madha and Musandam exclaves are surrounded by the UAE on their land borders, with the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman forming Musandam's coastal boundaries. Saudis and Emiratis neighboring of Oman go there on holiday and like to call Oman : "Switzerland Arab" because the temperature gap is 10 ° C of less, especially during the hot summer, thank to its many mountains.-----

From the late 17th century, the Omani Sultanate was a powerful empire, vying with Portugal and Britain for influence in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean. At its peak in the 19th century, Omani influence or control extended across the Strait of Hormuz to Iran and modern-day Pakistan, and as far south as Zanzibar (today part of Tanzania)Historically, Muscat was the principal trading port of the Persian Gulf region. Muscat was also among the most important trading ports of the Indian Ocean Oman's official religion is Ibadi Islam.-----

Unlike its resource-rich neighbors, Oman has modest oil reserves, ranking at 25th globally. Nevertheless, in 2010 the UNDP ranked Oman as the most improved nation in the world in terms of development during the preceding 40 years.-----

Oil reserves were discovered in 1964 and extraction began in 1967. In the Dhofar Rebellion, which began in 1965, leftist forces were pitted against government troops. As the rebellion threatened to overthrow the Sultan's rule in Dhofar, Sultan Said bin Taimur was deposed in a bloodless coup (1970) by his son Qaboos Bin Said, who expanded Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces modernized the state's administration and introduced social reforms. The uprising was finally put down in 1975 with the help of forces from Iran, Jordan, Pakistan, and the British Royal Air Force and Special Air Service. [www.ima.fr](http://www.ima.fr), [wikimedia.org](http://wikimedia.org), [www.omantourism.om](http://www.omantourism.om)  
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