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Arewa House Arabic Manuscript Conservation Laboratory

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Art and science are sometimes seen as opposites but they come together in the Arewa House Arabic Manuscripts Conservation Laboratory. It is centrally located in Kaduna and easily accessible from all parts of Nigeria. Its team of highly trained professionals can examine and treat these manuscripts using sophisticated technology. They can document condition, diagnose problems, recommend repairs and methods that will ensure that appropriate temperature, humidity, and light levels are maintained; and establish procedures for safe storage and transport. They can also make digital copies that can then be read copies that can then be read.
The Services

Dust Removal
Dust, sand and dirt represent ideal breeding ground for harmful micro-organisms and insects. Items brought to the Arewa House Arabic Manuscripts Conservation Laboratory require the use of specially designed equipment.

Pest Management
When white ants and other insects attack manuscripts, they can very quickly damage or even destroy them. Modern conservation treatment, available at the Arewa House Conservation Laboratory, uses no chemicals but deprives insects of air. This allows insects to be eliminated without any damage to manuscripts or to human health.

Environmental Conditioning
Humidity, temperature and light are crucial factors in paper conservation. The Arewa House conservation specialists are able to measure and analyze these parameters, recognize situations of risk, and suggest best solutions to adopt.

Supply of Conservation Boxes
A cardboard container protects a manuscript from light and dust, prevent damage from insects, dust and handling, and lessens the impact of temperature and humidity changes. Boxes can be handmade to fit the manuscripts, using durable materials that do not cause any damage to them.

Digitization
Manuscripts can be digitized using photographic equipment. Transfer copying will allow consultation without contact with the originals.

Ayyuka

Gusar da Kura

Dabarun Magance Illolin Kwari

Daidaita Muhalli
Yanayin bushewar wuri ko daushinsa da kuma karfin haske nada tasiri matuka wajen adana takardu. Kwarrarrun masana kimiyar adana dadadden takardun a Gidan tarhi na Sardauna zasu iya gwada yanayin wurin ajiyar takardun, idan yanayi yana da hadari zasu bada shawaran da ta kamata.

Akwatunan Adana Takardu

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