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### **Vote Of Thanks**

*by*

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The Deputy Governor, Domestic Monetary & Banking Policy,  
The Chairman, Director of Personnel,  
The Director of Research,  
Other Directors of the Bank,  
The Zonal and Branch Controllers,  
Executives of the Bank,  
Participants,  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am highly delighted to be called upon to give the vote of thanks at the opening ceremony of the third in the series of the CBN Executive Policy Seminar being organised by Research Department in collaboration with the Personnel Department.

We have all heard that one of the aims of these series of seminars which began in 1993, is to create a forum in which Bank executives could have a healthy exchange of ideas and experiences and provide an opportunity for participants to update their knowledge of issues relevant to the work of the Bank. It is in the realisation of these objectives we are given this unique opportunity again this year to share our varied perspectives on the problems of central banking, particularly in a peculiar environment like ours.

In the light of this, there is need to give thanks to those who motivated this idea and those who have been supporting the programme of activities both morally, physically and financially right from inception. Before I do this distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I like first and foremost to give thanks to God Almighty who in his infinite mercy has made us to arrive into the city of Ibadan safely, and also for allowing us all to see the day and making it a reality. Next, I like to thank our industrious, dynamic, humane, and tireless Deputy Governor, Domestic Monetary & Banking Policy who has been so kind to find time in the midst of his very tight schedules, to be our guest at this special occasion. Sir, while we are not only happy that you are in our midst, in spite of all the difficulties, in spite of all odds and hazards on the road, we are equally delighted to know you as a true leader who loves mankind and all programmes that ensure the furtherance of knowledge and wisdom. It is in this respect we would like to promise you sir, that your views as contained in your report will be addressed in a manner that would produce results during this seminar. On behalf of the organising team of this seminar programme, I like to thank the Chairman of the day, Director of Personnel, Alhaji Saidu Mohammed, for his immense contributions both morally, physically and for having the initiative too, to note that the deterioration in the Banking System and problems with the implementation of monetary policy called for the need to examine the performance of the Central Bank of Nigeria vis-a-vis its mandate in an atmosphere quite conducive for brain storming and learning. Once again, we quite appreciate your concern sir.

I also like to extend our appreciations to the Director of Research, Dr M. O. Ojo, whose fatherly role since assuming leadership at the helm of affairs, has in no small way motivated laudable collaborative Research projects between Research and some key sister Departments in the Bank in particular and government institutions in Nigeria in general. It is no gain-saying that this seminar is his brain work and without his total support, this seminar wouldn't have been a reality. We salute his untiring efforts on the arrangement of the whole programme, his courage in the area of problem solving, and his brilliant approaches in setting standards and meeting targets always.

Our thanks also go to the rest of the Directors, our Deputy Director Specials who came all the way from their respective destinations to the venue of this seminar. We sincerely wish them safe journey back home.

Similarly, I like to express our appreciations to the Zonal and Branch Controllers, particularly Messrs Agorua and Anionwu who have not only made the activities of this seminar possible through their efficient provision of adequate facilities, but have undoubtedly lend their moral assistance towards the hosting of this seminar at Ibadan. While we salute the support from all the quarters, I am also hoping that when next we have the opportunity of visiting you again, you will still embrace us warmly.

Finally, I congratulate the participants in this programme. It is our hope that you will have rewarding sessions and arrive at conclusions that would no doubt improve the quality of the Bank's activities.

The Deputy Governor, Sir, Mr Chairman, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you greatly. God bless you all.