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VOTE OF THANKS

By

Mr. O. M. Akinuli*

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 CBN,
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 fourth 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 where Bank executives could up-date their knowledge through healthy exchange of ideas and experiences on issues either relevant to the functions of the Bank or the economy in general. It is in the realisation of this objective we are given this unique opportunity again this year to share our varied perspectives on the need to Create An Enabling Environment for Nigeria's Economic Development.

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 and humane, Deputy Governor, (Domestic Monetary & Banking Policy) - Mallam Ismaila Usman who has been so kind to find time in the midst of his tight schedules, to be our guest of this august occasion. We are not only happy that the Deputy Governor is in our midst, in spite of all the difficulties, in spite of all the hazards on our roads, we are equally delighted to know him as a true leader so straight forward and loves mankind and all programmes that ensure

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the furtherance of knowledge and wisdom. On behalf of every staff, I like to thank you sir very importantly for your presence, and the great support you have given this programme.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I also like to thank the Chairman of the day, the Director of Personnel - Alhaji Saidu Mohammed, who is ably represented by one of his Deputy Directors, Mr. C. M. E. Katchy. We thank him for the moral, physical and financial support and the initiatives to note that the need to review developments in some key sectors of the economy, namely: agricultural, social, industrial, external, financial, political, energy and also factors underlying their weak responses to the various policy initiatives taken by the Government in the recent time really required an atmosphere quite conducive for brain-storming and learning. We salute him, gratefully for his concern.

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 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 the annual success being achieved on this programme, is by his total support, and total devotion to duty. We appreciate the untiring efforts as well as your courage in the area of problem solving, and your brilliant approaches in setting standards and meeting target always. Thank you Sir.

I thank you Special guests selected from within and outside the Bank, for the honour and their acceptance to participate in the seminar programme. We hope that the academic relationship between us will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Similarly, I sincerely salute our Zonal and Branch Controllers, particularly Messrs Odunsi, Agorua and Anionwu who have not only made the activities of this seminar possible through their efficient provision of adequate facilities, but have undoubtedly lent their moral assistance towards the hosting of this seminar at Ibadan. While we also appreciate the support from the branches too, we hope that when next we have the opportunity of visiting you all again, we will still be embraced warmly.

Finally, I congratulate the participants. It is my hope that you will have rewarding sessions and arrive at conclusions that would no doubt improve the quality of the Bank's activities, and the economy as a whole.

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