SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MALAM DIKKO UMARU RADDA, PHD, CON, THE GOVERNOR OF KATSINA STATE, AT THE OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING OF THE RENOVATED AND EQUIPPED FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMME SCHOOL HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2025

Protocol:

It is with immense pleasure and a deep sense of fulfillment that I stand before you today to commission the newly renovated and fully equipped Family Support Programme School in Katsina. This event marks not just the unveiling of a building but a reaffirmation of our unwavering commitment to revitalizing the education sector in Katsina State. Education is the bedrock of societal progress, the cornerstone of individual empowerment, and the key to unlocking the vast potential of our beloved state.

My administration is driven by a resolute vision to see Katsina State emerge as a hub of educational excellence. We envision a future where our students are not only academically proficient but also equipped with critical thinking skills, innovative mindsets, and a strong moral compass necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

The renovation and equipping of this Family Support Programme School is a tangible demonstration of our dedication to providing a conducive learning environment for our children. A well-maintained, resource-rich school is essential for fostering a love of learning and nurturing the intellectual growth of our students.

In this regard, I want to thank Oando Foundation for their generous contribution to the education sector. Your corporate social responsibility initiative will surely make a lasting impact on the lives of our students, and we deeply appreciate your unwavering commitment to supporting education in Katsina State. This remarkable gesture will not only transform the learning experience for these young minds but will also inspire other organizations to invest in the future of our children.

Our focus as a government is not merely on increasing enrollment numbers but on elevating the quality of education at every level. We are determined to ensure that our graduates emerge with the skills

and knowledge required to excel in fields that will directly benefit the citizens of Katsina State. We aspire to see a significant increase in the number of our students pursuing careers in medicine, engineering, technology, agriculture, and other critical sectors.

To achieve this, we are investing in:

- Infrastructure development – Ensuring schools are conducive for learning.
- Teacher training and development – Equipping educators with the latest educational techniques and resources.

- Curriculum enhancement – Making learning more practical, engaging, and aligned with global standards.
- Technology integration – Leveraging digital tools to enhance the learning experience.
- Scholarship and support programs – Providing financial and academic assistance to deserving students.

However, the success of our educational initiatives requires a collective effort. I urge parents, teachers, community leaders, and all stakeholders to join hands with us in this noble endeavor. Let us work together to create a brighter future for our children and a more prosperous Katsina State.

As we commission this school today, let us renew our commitment to providing every child in Katsina State with the opportunity to reach their full potential. Let this school serve as a beacon of hope, a symbol of progress, and a testament to our unwavering belief in the transformative power of education.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Oando Foundation for their invaluable support. I encourage more private sector organizations to emulate this noble act by investing in the future of our children.

Thank you, and May Allah (SWT) bless our country Nigeria and Katsina State.