Speech for H.E, Executive Governor of Katsina State at the Handing Over Ceremony of the Federal University of Transportation Daura (Phase 1), Nigeria by CCECC Nigeria Ltd.

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Senate President of Federal Republic of Nigeria, Sen. Godswill Akpabio,

Honourable Minister of Transportation, Sen. Said Ahmed Alkali,

Honourable Minister of Aviation, Mr. Festus Keyamo SAN,

Honourable Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, H.E Adegboyega Oyetola,

Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN,

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Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal,

Esteemed Representatives of CRCC, CCECC and CCECC Nigeria Limited,

Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good evening,

It is with immense pride and great joy that I stand before you today on this momentous occasion, the handing over ceremony of Phase 1 of the Federal University of Transportation, Daura. This day marks a significant milestone not only for Katsina State but for the entire nation of Nigeria.

The University of Transportation is more than just an academic institution, it represents a beacon of hope for the future of our youth, our state, and our nation. It signifies our commitment to investing in human capital, innovation, and progress. This university is poised to be a center of excellence where cutting-edge research and development will flourish. It will produce the next generation of engineers, planners, and policymakers who will lead the transformation of our transportation sector. The skills and

knowledge imparted here will have far-reaching effects, fostering economic growth and development across Nigeria and beyond.

The benefits of having a transportation university in our state are numerous. It will not only provide employment opportunities for our people but also attract investments, stimulate economic growth, and enhance our state's reputation as a hub for academic excellence. Moreover, it will foster a culture of research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, leading to breakthroughs in transportation and other fields.

I want to assure you that the Katsina State Government will give its full support to the University of Transportation to thrive and succeed. We are committed to creating an enabling environment for academic excellence and research to flourish.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to CCECC Nigeria Limited for their exceptional workmanship and timely delivery of the project. Those efforts reflect your commitment to social development and fulfilling your social responsibility to laid a strong foundation for the learning, innovation, and excellence in transportation studies.

To the leadership of the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission, your vision and strategic planning have been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. We commend your dedication to improving our educational infrastructure and ensuring that Nigeria remains competitive in the global arena.

Furthermore, I commend His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for his support and encouragement as well as commitment to education and development.

In conclusion, the Federal University of Transportation in Daura, Katsina State, represents a new chapter in our journey towards progress and prosperity. Let us work together to ensure its success and create a brighter future for ourselves and generations to come.

Thank you, and may God bless Katsina State and Nigeria.