SPEEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY, MALAM DIKKO UMARU RADDA, PhD, CON, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KATSINA STATE ON THE OCCASION OF MoU SIGNING AND HANDING-OVER OF THE KATSINA DIALYSIS CENTRE TO FORESIGHT HEALTHCARE LTD. FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ON THURSDAY 29TH MAY, 2025

Protocol:

Distinguished guests, esteemed partners from Foresight Healthcare Ltd, ladies, and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure and high sense of fulfilment that I stand before you today for the handing over ceremony of our state-of-the-art 16-bed dialysis center to Foresight Healthcare Ltd. through a Public-Private Partnership. This momentous occasion marks a significant milestone in our quest to improve healthcare delivery in Katsina State.

The Public-Private Partnership model has proven to be an effective way to deliver quality healthcare services. By partnering with Foresight Healthcare Ltd. Company, we can leverage their

expertise and resources to improve healthcare outcomes for our citizens.

The partnership will ensure effective and efficient delivery of dialysis services, reducing the burden on our citizens.

The 16-bed dialysis center, which is one of my flagship projects in the Health sector since inception of this Administration, will increase access to life-saving treatment for patients in need.

This partnership will also promote medical tourism in Katsina State, attracting patients from across the country and beyond. This is in alignment with our aspiration to make health services available and accessible at the doorsteps of our citizens as contained in my 'Building Your Future' Strategic Development Blueprint.

Within 2 years, our administration has made significant strides in enhancing healthcare services in Katsina State. Our modest achievements include upgrading of 7 Comprehensive Health Centers at

Kafur, Faskari, Dandume, Mai'adua, Zango, Charanchi and Daura to the status of General Hospitals to the tune of about 10 billion Naira; Commissioning of N761million state-of-the-art 16-bed Renal Dialysis Centre. Again, a new contract has been awarded for the construction of Pharmaceutical Production factory at the cost of 4.6 Billion Naira and, recently, I have approved for the construction and equipping of a cutting-edge Medical imaging Center, the first of its kind in west Africa, at the whopping sum of 12.5 billion Naira. This initiative will not only provide high-tech diagnostic and therapeutic services which is only obtainable abroad but it will attract medical tourism, thereby boosting socio-economic activities in Katsina State.

We have also embarked on the upgrade of 170 Primary Health Care Centres to the status of functional PHC in each ward. We shall continue with this until all the 361 wards in the State have 1

fully functional PHC in terms of Personnel, Equipment and Infrastructure and quality services.

On the aspect of Human capital development in Health care, we have approved the commencement of postgraduate training for Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G), and Paediatrics at General Hospital Katsina and Turai Yar'adua Maternal & Children Hospital. Accreditation by the regulatory bodies has been secured in these specialties already.

We have procured all the necessary equipment for the take-off of this program. In few years to come, we shall be producing our own Consultants and Specialists in Katsina.

To re-train and retain our doctors, we have approved the Upgrade and full implementation of the new residency training allowance for medical doctors in the State. We have also approved the engagement of visiting professors and Consultants for Medical Residency Training.

We have increased the number of healthcare workers in the state, reducing the burden on existing healthcare professionals.

We have also awarded foreign scholarships to graduate students who attended public schools to study MBBS.

On equipment, instruments and apparatus intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, or prevention of diseases, we have taken a giant stride to provide the same to our hospitals. On this undertaking, we have been able to secure 21 containers of medical supplies worth 20 Million Dollars from the World Medical Relief and Project Cure companies in USA.

Again, we have expended over 152 Million Naira for cloud-based Electronic Health Record system, intended to increase transparency, portability, and accessibility of medical records.

We have sustained the free Medicare scheme to pregnant women, including accident and

Caesarean section with annual budget of N250 million.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, as I address you today on this historic event, I want to reaffirm my administration's unwavering commitment to achieving universal health coverage for the people of Katsina State. Health is a fundamental human right, and it is our duty as leaders to ensure that every citizen has access to quality healthcare services.

I urge all stakeholders to support this partnership and work together to ensure the success of our healthcare initiatives. I call on our partners and health workers to manage the dialysis center effectively, providing quality care to our citizens. We shall uphold the principle of Public-Private Partnership, leveraging the expertise and resources of private companies to drive development in our state.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to Foresight Healthcare Ltd. for partnering with us to improve healthcare delivery in Katsina State. I am confident that this partnership will have a positive impact on the lives of our citizens, and I look forward to seeing the benefits of this partnership in the years to come.

Thank you.