



Welcome Address by Mr Gbenga Odeyemi, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, FBNBank Ghana Limited at the FirstBank 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag Hoisting on Friday, 1 March 2019 at Ring Road Central Branch, Accra

PROTOCOL:

- I am delighted to on behalf of the Board and Management of FBNBank Ghana Limited, as subsidiary of FirstBank of Nigeria Limited, West-Africa's premier bank and Nigeria's Number 1 bank brand.
- Welcome you to our Ring Road Central (RRC) Branch.
- This is a remarkable day as we officially flag off the commemorative activities marking the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parent bank, FirstBank of Nigeria Limited.
- FBNBank Ghana joins the 125 years celebration of FirstBank on 31 March, certainly a big deal for us and our very supportive stakeholders.
- Today is a special day as we witness the hoisting of our parent bank's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary flag in Ghana. Indeed, this is commemoratively being done by all subsidiaries of FirstBank of Nigeria Limited.
- Simply put, the flag symbolizes the identity, impact, permanence and reverence of an institution. We are here to reinforce these and much more about FBNBank.
- As a subsidiary of this long-standing institution, FBNBank Ghana Limited has come to stay and contribute to the nation's development; woven into the fabric of society.
- From that very modest beginning in 1894, our parent bank, FirstBank of Nigeria, has traversed an incredible journey of delivering impeccable financial services to its customers and supporting the building of the modern-day Nigeria and indeed, West Africa, including our early pivotal

role as the monetary and fiscal policy regulator for the entire West African region.

- Today, we celebrate 125 years of unbroken business operations in Nigeria; 125 years of supporting and enabling dreams; 125 years of resilience and relevance; 125 years of trust, safety and security; 125 years of long term value to all stakeholders; 125 years woven in the fabric of society and therefore, we dare say, 125 years beyond comparison!
- Supporting our host communities to promote sustainable development and of course making you a priority in all our business activities are some of the many secrets of our long existence. We are now building for the next 125 years and beyond; purposefully blazing the trail in our industry and ensuring that we maintain our leadership position.
- Distinguished Executives of the bank, ladies and gentlemen. On this special day, I salute the memory of our visionary founder, Sir Alfred Jones, whose entrepreneurial acumen we are living out, and our predecessors. I salute our Boards and Management across the Group, our dedicated colleagues, our supportive customers and all our stakeholders globally.
- I cannot thank you enough for joining us to mark this memorable initiative to launch our commemorative activities. It is our collective celebration as everyone has been part of our proud heritage directly or indirectly. I enjoin you to keep FBNBank Ghana in your prayers as we venture into the next 125 years with the people, passion and partnership ethos that are second nature to our enviable legacies.
- May God bless FBNBank and may God bless Ghana.