



**WELCOME ADDRESS DELIVERED BY DR UCHE OLOWU, FCIB, PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS OF NIGERIA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE LUNCHEON ORGANIZED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF CALEB UNIVERSITY, SHERATON HOTEL, IKEJA, LAGOS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018**

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As once stated by The great American author and speaker Barbara Coloroso, **“there is something profoundly satisfying about sharing a meal. Eating together, breaking bread together, is one of the oldest and most fundamentally unifying of human experiences.”** Therefore I must indeed express my special delight as I consider it a great privilege to share a meal with you all this afternoon.

I appreciate the presence of all Governing Council Members and Office Holders of The Chartered Institute of Bankers as well as our distinguished guests in attendance here this afternoon. Thank you all for making the time out of your busy schedules to share a meal with us. I equally extend my good wishes to our hosts, the management and staff of Caleb University under the able leadership of Professor Ayandiji Daniel Aina, Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University. Sir, I do not take lightly your continuous support of the Institute as a whole and our various activities.

Finally, I would like to appreciate my predecessor, Professor Segun Ajibola, FCIB immediate Past President, CIBN. Sir, I am proud to have served as your Vice and I am deeply inspired by your doggedness and commitment to the affairs of the Institute. As you go on to pursue other endeavors, I wish you even more successes and accomplishments to be added to your already illustrious career.

Distinguished guests, the Institute currently enjoys a strong relationship with Caleb University. In 2016, under the leadership of Professor Ajibola, FCIB, the Institute signed a Linkage Agreement with Caleb University which enabled MSc Finance and MBA Banking & Finance students earn the Institute’s ACIB certification upon graduation. The Institute also entered into a collaboration with Caleb University to run a Postgraduate Diploma programme on Financial Journalism, the aim of which is to enhance banking and financial-related reporting in Nigeria. As the newly elected President and Chairman of Council, I wish to explore more avenues for collaboration between both Institution in the years to come and to strengthen the already existing bond between us.

Thank you once again to all guests who have taken out the time to be with us this afternoon. We also recognise our Muslim brothers and sisters who due to Jumat Prayers, as well as observance of the Ramadan could not attend this Luncheon.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me end this address with a quote by Helen Keller. She states that **“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”**

Thank you for your kind attention and Bon Appetit.



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