A WELCOME ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR, PLANNING, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS, BENUE STATE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MR TANGE TERSEER ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMMISSIONING OF BENUE STATE e-LEARNING/VIRTUAL EDUCATION ICT RESOURCE CENTRE (BESEVIC) ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH, 2022 AT BESEVIC OFFICE COMPLEX, MAKURDI.

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It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to this epoch making event of the commissioning of Benue State e-Learning/Virtual Education ICT Resource Centre (BESEVIC). I am particularly delighted with the timely response of His Excellency, Governor Samuel Ortom to the devastating effects of the covid19 pandemic and the unending security challenges that have given rise to the deplorable plight of internally displaced persons (IDPs) with the attendant impact on education and access to education leading to large numbers of out of school children in the state.

Your Excellency, the approval, granted by the State Executive Council for the establishment of Benue State e-Learning/Virtual Education ICT Resource Centre (BESEVIC) has galvanized a paradigm shift in the fortunes of the education sector in Benue State. Through the approach, more children will be reached and minimal effort will be required to meet the educational needs of the children especially in areas where manpower is lacking for suitably qualified teachers.

The Benue State Ministry of Education has painstakingly carried out a thorough supervision and assessment of the facilities that have been put in place and have ensured that they have met with international standards. May I recall with gratitude the immense contributions of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and UNICEF through the donation of world class ICT equipment and their continuous collaboration in the area of digitalization of educational content. We want to assure the Benue State Government and our partners that the equipment which has already been installed will be jealously guarded and judiciously put to use.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, let me give you the assurance that with the commissioning of the Centre today, the e-learning contents will become accessible by all intending users in the state and beyond. Let me once again welcome you, Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen to the commissioning of Benue State e-Learning/Virtual Education ICT Resource Centre (BESEVIC).

I thank you all and God bless you.