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All praise is due to Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful, who has preserved our lives until this momentous day. May His peace and blessings continue to be upon the most noble of creation—Prophet Muhammad (SAW), his household, his companions, and all believers until the Last Day. Ameen.

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

It is with immense joy and gratitude to Almighty Allah that I welcome you all to the **Maiden Annual Lecture of the Registry Unit of Fountain University, Osogbo**. Today's gathering represents another milestone in our university's progressive march towards excellence in administration, innovation, and professional development.

The chosen theme — *“Leveraging Technology for Administrative Efficiency: Challenges, Strategies and Outcomes”* — is timely and thought-provoking. In a dynamic academic environment increasingly shaped by digital transformation, technology has become indispensable to effective management. It enables accuracy, transparency, and responsiveness — values that are at the heart of good university governance. For an institution like ours, committed to blending knowledge with character and enterprise, technology is not just a tool; it is a strategic driver of progress.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, the Registry remains the central administrative nerve of every university — coordinating operations, preserving records, managing personnel, and ensuring compliance with institutional policies. The efficiency and effectiveness of the Registry determine, to a large extent, the rhythm and reputation of the entire university. Therefore, the initiative of organizing this maiden public lecture is not only commendable but visionary.

Permit me, therefore, to acknowledge and commend our University Registrar, Mr. Sheriff Adenekan, for his foresight and leadership in convening this intellectually stimulating engagement. This lecture reflects the Registry's commitment to continuous learning, professional excellence, and institutional advancement.

We are equally delighted and honoured to welcome our Guest Speaker, a distinguished and highly respected university administrator — Chief (Mrs.) Mojisola Olusola Ladipo, former Registrar of the University of Ibadan. Ma, your presence with us today is both inspiring and enriching. Your reputation for administrative brilliance, integrity, and transformative leadership precedes you, and we look forward to gaining from your wealth of experience.

I also wish to specially recognize the Chairman of today's occasion, Alhaji Sheriff Mojirola Yussuf, a distinguished former member of the University Governing Council, a true friend of Fountain University, and a passionate

advocate of its growth. Alhaji Yussuf has remained unwaveringly committed to the development of this institution. Together with five other eminent philanthropists, he generously donated four magnificent projects to the University — among which is the Mojirola Yussuf College of Arts and Education Building, a landmark edifice that continues to serve as a symbol of dedication, faith, and enduring legacy. Sir, Fountain University deeply appreciates your unwavering support and benevolence.

Our profound appreciation also goes to our Special Guest of Honour, Professor Siyan Oyeweso, the Pro-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. Prof. Oyeweso's presence adds great prestige to this event. His academic distinction, leadership, and contributions to the advancement of education in Nigeria remain exemplary. We are indeed honoured to have you with us, sir.

Distinguished guests, today's lecture is doubly significant because it is the second official event to be held in our new University Auditorium — a befitting and modern facility that symbolizes the university's steady infrastructural growth and commitment to academic excellence.

At Fountain University, we are deeply conscious of the need to infuse technology into all aspects of administration — from digital record management, online admissions, and electronic communication, to staff training and development. Yet, we recognize that the journey toward full digital transformation comes with its challenges — infrastructure gaps, capacity

building, and resource limitations. This lecture provides an invaluable opportunity to share ideas, examine strategies, and strengthen our resolve to build a smart, responsive, and digitally driven administrative culture.

As we engage in today's discourse, I urge all staff members to approach change with openness and commitment. Efficiency and innovation are not destinations; they are continuous journeys. With teamwork, integrity, and faith, there is no limit to what we can achieve as a university community.

Once again, I welcome all our distinguished guests, the Chairman of the occasion, our esteemed Guest Speaker, the Special Guest of Honour, members of the Fountain University Management and Staff, and all participants.

May this maiden public lecture mark the beginning of many fruitful engagements that will further strengthen the Registry and advance the mission of Fountain University.

Thank you for your kind attention, and may Allah continue to bless our University and all who labour for its growth.

Wassalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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