WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR. ANTHONY A. OMOLOLA DMP NATIONAL PRESIDENT AGPMPN DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE ON FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2010.

Protocols:

On behalf of AGPMPN and Faculty of Family Medicine of National Post graduate Medicine College of Nigeria, I welcome you all to the Formal Launch of Postgraduate diploma in family medicine organized by AGPMPN and the faculty of family medicine, of the postgraduate medical college of Nigeria.

It's worthy to note and appreciate today that a new "Child" is born into the family of general practice in Nigeria.

This is a landmark achievement that will build capacity and revolutionize General Medical Practice in Nigeria.

Postgraduate training in General medicine, which commenced in 1980 was initiated and put together by Association of General and Private Medical Practitioners of Nigeria (AGPMPN).

Today the faculty is giving back to her Father- AGPMPN, as to build critical mass of family physicians in Nigeria.

It's a privilege to be part of history that is made today, because Nigeria is joining the global community in building a critical mass of family physicians that will impact in health care delivery system in the country.

I believe this is one of the best ways of reducing poor health indices in Nigeria and achieving the health related Millennium Development Goals.

I am using this opportunity to thank the Faculty for collaborating with AGPMPN on this program.

I can assure you all, that our members and beyond will key to this program as soon as it commences.

Finally, I thank and appreciate all members of the Diploma in Family Medicine Launch committee, our respected colleagues, other invited guests and gentlemen of the press for finding time to come and be part of history today.

May God continue to bless you all.

Dr. Anthony A. Omolola, DMP

National President, AGPMPN.