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SPEECH OF THE ANPMP PRESIDENT, KAY A. ADESOLA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2024 WORLD FAMILY DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION.

It's time again to appreciate our frontline doctors as we celebrate the 2024 World Family Doctors' day.

The health of a nation is the prosperity of the nation just as we say health is wealth. And we all know that the nations make up our dear planet Earth.

The environmental factors constitute parts of the major determinants of health and therefore, the theme for this year 'HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE' remain very apt at this time when the world is greatly challenged by climatic changes.

The theme encapsulates a holistic approach to well-being that recognizes the interconnectedness of the Human Health and the Impacts of the Environmental disruptions.

A healthy planet sustains life by providing clean air, good water, safe food as well as supporting biodiversity and ecosystems that regulate climate and weather patterns. When these natural systems are disrupted through pollution, deforestation, climate change or by any other human activity, the consequences ripple through the environment and ultimately affect Human Health.

It is noteworthy that our planet, the Earth, is faced with several disruptions including those mentioned above and they all have impacts on the Human Health.

Just like the words of Xiye Bastida 'We are on Earth to take care

of life. We are on Earth to take care of each other.' This is why the closest Health Experts, the Family Doctors at the forefront of the league that must confront the Health Impacts of these challenges, need to be appreciated, commended and celebrated for all that they have done, are doing and will continue to do.

I therefore celebrate and congratulate all members of this great Association, the Association of Nigerian Private Medical Practitioners, on this year's World Family Doctors' Day as we also celebrate with the other Member Organizations of WONCA in Nigeria; the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (FM-NPMCN) and Society of Family Physicians of Nigeria (SOFPON).

On behalf of Association of Nigerian Private Medical Practitioners (ANPMP), let me also congratulate Prof Karen Flegg, the WONCA World President and Dr. Jane Namatovu, the WONCA African Regional President, on this occasion.

Permit me to as well acknowledge the various levels of leadership across the continents, regions and countries that have all worked assiduously to bring us this far in WONCA. You all have made sure that we cannot be afraid of confronting and defeating the present and future challenges as they arise.

Long live ANPMP!

Long live WONCA!!

Kay A Adesola,

ANPMP President.