

Dear colleagues,

I am very glad to have a chance to deliver my speech on such a pleasant occasion. It is a large honor for us to jointly receive the Corporate Achievement Award to a Non-Financial Institution from the Filex Awards Committee.

I am grateful for this recognition of the work that Junior Achievement Nigeria's team has done.

Junior Achievement Nigeria (JAN) delivers practical, experiential hands-on programs under the three pillars of financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship to young people between the ages of 5 and 27. In addition to its own original, home-grown programs designed to meet the unique needs of Nigerian youth, JAN also has access to hundreds of JA programs and initiatives tried and tested in several countries around the world facing the same issues of developing youth that can compete globally in the 21st Century and beyond.

This year on the 30th of March, we worked with the Central Bank of Nigeria and 29 other financial institutions to run Financial Literacy Day. Senior staff from the various financial institutions visited over 800 schools across the 36 states of Nigeria to deliver a financial literacy curriculum developed by our team here at JAN.

The financial literacy program of the CBN and JAN was aimed at changing the mindset of young people by inculcating in them sound financial intelligence and discipline as they learn to save to earn and save early in life. The program provides us with another way of solving the problem of unemployment in the country as the students that participate learn how to be creative and self-sustaining.

We are grateful for this award and we thank the all the nominees, the Filex Awards Committee, all of you who have taken the time to celebrate these awards. May our labour yield the change we desire for Nigeria.

God bless you all.