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PROFESSOR BABATUNDE ALABI (1950 - 2023)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, mni, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Babatunde Alabi, a distinguished retired Professor of Mechanical Engineering of the Faculty of Technology, University of Ibadan. He was aged 73 years.

Professor Alabi was born on 22 March, 1950. He attended the University of Lagos, Nigeria, where he studied Mechanical Engineering (1970 - 1973). In 1975, he proceeded to the University of London, England, where he bagged M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering in 1976.

He was awarded D.I.C. (Acoustic and Vibration Technology) in 1977 by Imperial College, London and got his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of London, England in 1979.

Professor Alabi started his University teaching and research career in 1980 as a Lecturer in this University. He taught Mechanical Engineering courses in the Department of Mechanical Engineering from 08 April 1980 until 30 November 2015, when he voluntarily retired from the services of the University of Ibadan. He was Ag. Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (1988 – 1990) and Dean of Technology (2000 – 2004).

He taught courses mostly in areas of Applied Mechanics, including Mechanics of Machines, Applied Dynamics, and Continuum Mechanics. Professor Alabi led various research projects which culminated in the publication of high-quality papers in national and international journals by the time he retired in 2015. He produced one (1) Ph.D. and several M.Sc. students. He delivered his Inaugural Lecture entitled **“FROM VIBRATIONS TO FRACTALS: EXCITEMENT AT THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE”** on 29th March, 2001.

Within the University, he was Ag. Head of Department, Mechanical Engineering (1988 – 1990), Dean of Technology (2000 – 2004) and Chairman, University Sports Council,

University of Ibadan (1997 – 2000). He served as Chairman, Task Force on Plumbing Repairs in the University Halls (1996 – 1997), Chairman, Consultancy Services Unit, Faculty of Technology (1996 – 2000), Chairman, A&P Sub-Committee on the Review of Rules and Regulations Guiding the Promotion of Academic Staff (2000 – 2001), and Chairman, Management Board, Industrial Training Coordinating Center (2004). In a remarkable turn of events, he was once more entrusted with the position of Chairman of the University Sports Council for a tenure spanning three years, starting from 01 February 2007. However, his tenure in this role was short-lived as he resigned from the position on 04 May 2007. This decision was driven by his acceptance of a momentous opportunity to serve as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, Delta State, where he dedicated his expertise and leadership from 2007 to 2012.

Professor Alabi was a COREN Registered Engineer. He also served as a member of different committees and boards at the state and national levels. He was a Member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Science Association of Nigeria, Society of Engineering Science, U.S.A. and New York Academy of Sciences, U.S.A.

Professor Babatunde Alabi will ever be remembered for his contributions to the advancement of the Faculty of Technology.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

Lying in State: 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 18 August, 2023 in Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.

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