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PROFESSOR JOSEPH ONOGHIE OBEMEATA

(03 November, 1937 – 21 September, 2019)

Professor A. I Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Joseph Onoghie Obemeata, a staff in the Institute of Education, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Saturday, 21 October, 2019.

Late Professor Joseph Onoghie Obemeata was born at Fugar in Edo State of Nigeria on November 3, 1937. Before he joined the University of Ibadan service, late Professor Obemeata had acquired teaching qualifications experience and taught in many secondary schools, rose to the grade of Vice Principal of Loyola College, Ibadan and Principal of Fatima College, Ikire.

Late Professor Obemeata joined the service of the University of Ibadan following his appointment as Research Fellow II in the Institute of Education with effect from 30 December, 1976. He was promoted to the grade of Research Fellow I with effect from 01 October, 1979 and the appointment was confirmed till retiring age on 30 December, 1979. He was promoted Senior Research Fellow on 01 October, 1981 and Professor notionally on 01 October, 1985 and financially in 1988. He was, thereafter, appointed Director of the Institute of Education for three years with effect from 14 March, 1990.

He wrote the proposal on the Evaluation of the Public Enlightenment programme of Radio O-Y-O in 1981.

Based on his vast experience and exposure in the field of education, late Professor Obemeata mounted a workshop on Setting of Objective-Type Question Paper for the General Studies Programme in 1988 and was also appointed as course writer for TEE 224

in 1990 by the External Studies Programme and had a Fulbright Award in 1984/85 session.

Late Professor Obemeata served as the Chairman, Board of Governors of St. Theresa's College, Ibadan as well as St. Patrick's College, Ibadan. He was also a member of the Governing Councils of the Federal College of Education (Special) Oyo, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta and Ogun State College of Education, Ijebu-Ode.

His appointment as a member of the Governing Council of the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta was approved by the former President and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida in recognition of his contributions to the development of education in Nigeria.

He was an erudite scholar and prolific writer who had published extensively in learned journals, chapters in books both locally and internationally. He published articles in national and foreign newspapers. He had completed several researches within and outside Nigeria. Particularly outstanding were his study on the Evaluation of Non-Formal Education, done under the auspices of the UNESCO Institute of Education Hamburg and the Evaluation of the SETC course at the University College Njala, Sierra Leone under the auspices of the Science Education Programme for Africa. As a result of his dedication and commitment towards the enlightenment of humanity, he was honoured by the Pope in 1974 with the Knighthood of St. Gregory The Great.

He retired from the University of Ibadan service at the age of sixty five (65) years with effect from 30 September, 2003 having served the Institute meritoriously and with great dedication.

May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

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