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Professor Adedotun Oluwole Phillips, FNES (17 July, 1941 - 13 December, 2020)

The Acting Vice- Chancellor, Professor A. B. Ekanola, MNAL, fsp, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Adedotun Oluwole Phillips, a retired staff in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Sunday, 13 December, 2020.

Late Professor Phillips was born on 17 July, 1941 in Kaduna, Kaduna State, Nigeria. He obtained B.A. (Hons) in Economics First Class in 1963, M. A (Econs.) in 1964 and Ph. D. (Economics) in 1968 all from University of Manchester, Manchester, England.

He joined the services of the University of Ibadan in the Department of Economics as an Assistant Lecturer with effect from 01 October, 1965. He was promoted Lecturer with effect from 01 October, 1966. He was promoted above bar on Lecturership with effect from 01 October, 1969. His appointment with the University was confirmed to retiring age with effect from 26 November, 1969. Late Professor Phillips was promoted Senior Lecturer with effect from 01 October, 1972 and to the grade of Professor with effect from 01 October, 1976. Late Professor Phillips transferred his services to the Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research (NISER), Ibadan, with effect from 1 November, 1986.

Late Professor Phillips served in different capacities within and outside the shores of the country. He was appointed the Head of Department twice; first, in acting capacity between 01 October, 1972 and 31 July, 1973 and later as substantive Head between 01 October, 1979 and 31 July, 1981.

He also served the University meritoriously as Chairman, Board of Management of the University Guest House; Dean, Faculty of the Social Sciences, 1981-1983 and Chairman, Committee of Deans, 1982/83.

He served the wider academic community outside University of Ibadan at various times: as an Associate Lecturer, Institute of Administration, University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo

University), External Examiner at the University of Ife, University of Lagos, University of Maiduguri, Ahmadu Bello University and University of Benin.

He was visiting Fellow at Princeton University, USA. He was a Schofield Scholar at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom. He was also a Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan, USA.

He was the President of the Nigerian Economic Society 1981 to 1982 and Fellow of the Nigerian Economic Society (FNES).

His various services outside the University system include: Director of Research, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos between 1983 and 1984; Director, National Bank of Nigeria, Limited; Director, National (later Phoenix) Motors Limited; Member, Western State Economic Advisory Council; Member, Western State Committee of the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Board; Member, Decimal Currency Board; Member, National Economic Advisory Council; Chairman, East Central State Internal Revenue Committee; Member, Nigerian Financial System Review Committee; Commissioner for Finance, Ogun State Executive Council; Member, Presidential Committee on Revenue Allocation; Chairman, Nigerian Industrial Development Bank Limited until January 1986; Chairman, Federal Civil Service Review Panel, 1985.

His international professional positions included: Member, Executive Board of International Federation Institutes for Advanced Studies (IFIAS); President, International Social Council and President, International Federation of Social Science Organisation (IFSSO).

He consulted for the World Bank, United Nations Agencies, Commonwealth Secretariat among others.

Late Professor Phillips wrote and published on various aspects of economics and of the Nigerian economy and society, particularly the fiscal, financial, industrial, income distribution, public enterprise, rural development, planning, civil service and international aspects. He had over one hundred publications in books, journals and academic conference papers.

Late Professor Phillips is survived by Mrs Emogene Phillips, Mrs Abiola Phillips-Olawore, Mr. Oluwole Phillips, Mrs Adebola Falade, Mrs Ayotunde Gibbs, and Mr. Adebowale Phillips, and many grandchildren.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

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