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### PROFESSOR JONATHAN OHIORENUAN OSIKI

(18<sup>th</sup> March, 1962 – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019)

Professor A. I Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Jonathan Ohiorenuan Osiki, a staff in the Department of Counselling and Human Developmental Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.

Late Professor Osiki was born on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1962 in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria to the family of Akhenamen Osiki (also called Aizoba) of Ulleha, Owan-West Local Government, Edo state. His academic journey began at the College of Education, Igueben, which was an affiliate of the University of Benin, Edo State, Nigeria, from 1980 to 1983. Thereafter, he obtained a Professional Teachers' License Certificate-National License of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria). In September 1985, Late Professor Osiki gained admission to the University of Ibadan to study Counselling Psychology in the Department of Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education. He graduated from the University of Ibadan in August 1988 with a Bachelor of Education (Educational/Counselling Psychology). He immediately pursued his postgraduate study in the same Department and University, where he bagged a Master of Education (M.Ed).

(Educational/Counselling Psychology) in 1990 and a doctorate degree (Ph.D) in Counselling/Clinical Psychology in 1997. His love for reading widely, made him to enroll in the School of Public Health, Medical University of South Africa (MEDUNSA) Campus, Pretoria, now affiliated to the University of Limpopo, South Africa, where he obtained a second doctorate degree in Public Health (Dr.PH) in 2013.

Late Professor Osiki, began his academic career at the Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, United States of America, as a Researcher in Psychology from October 1995 to April 1996. In 1997, he was appointed as a Lecturer (Grade II) in the Department of Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He was promoted Lecturer I in October 2000, Senior Lecturer in September 2003, Associate Professor in October 2006 and Professor in October 2009.

Late Professor Osiki, served in different capacities within and outside the shores of the country. Within the Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, he was appointed as Chair of Postgraduate Matters, Department of Guidance and Counselling from June 1997 to June 1998; Faculty Representative on Career Board, Faculty of Education, from June 1997 to September 1999; Chair of Admission for Undergraduate, Department of Guidance and Counselling, from May 1997 to June 2005; Director of Counselling Clinic, Department of Counselling, for 10 years (May 1997-March 2006); Business Editor, Faculty of Education from August 2001 to July 2003; Sub-Dean (Postgraduate Studies), Faculty of Education from August 2003 to July 2005 and Head of Department of Guidance and Counselling, for a 4-year term (01 August 2013 to 31 July, 2017).

Outside the shore of Nigeria, he was appointed as the Head of Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, National University of Lesotho, Lesotho from February 2009 to February 2011. He served as an Exchange Scholar at the Savonia University

of Applied Sciences, School of Health Care, Kuopio, Finland (at the instance of the Medical University Campus of the University of Limpopo, Pretoria, South Africa). He also served as External Examiner to various Universities in Nigeria and abroad.

Late Professor Osiki was an erudite scholar and a connoisseur in the field of Counselling Psychology, Clinical and Health Psychology, Mental Health Counselling, Guidance and Counselling Education, Educational Psychology and Behavioural Social Sciences (Public Health). His vast knowledge in these areas of Psychology saw him successfully supervised to completion 15 Ph.D. theses, numerous M.Ed., MPP and B.Ed in the Department of Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Furthermore, Late Professor Osiki was an ardent member of the Counselling Association of Nigeria, (CASSON), Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM), Advocate for Youth International Organization, Women Research and Documentation Centre (WORDOC), Association of Psychology in Sport and Human Behaviour, International Federation of Psychotherapy, Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA), International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE), France, and Association of Professional Counsellors of Nigeria (APROCON).

Until his demise, he was a Professor in the University of Ibadan, Department of Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education and also a Research Consultant to the National Universities Commission (NUC), Universal Basic Education, Nigeria, Education Sector Analysis, Federal Ministry of Education, Nigeria, UNICEF and the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC).

Late Professor Osiki is survived by his wife, Felicia Osiki and four children: Dr. Abigail, Engr. Izijesu, Prisca and Praise, and a son-in-law, Vincent Oniga.

May his soul rest in peace, Amen

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