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PROFESSOR JULIUS SUNDAY OGUNTOYINBO

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor A. I. Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Julius Sunday Oguntinyinbo, a retired staff of the Department of Geography. The sad event occurred on Friday, 5 February, 2016. He was aged 85 years.

Professor Oguntinyinbo, who was a pioneer, contributed significantly to the discipline of Geography, not only at the University level but also at the secondary level. He obtained a B.A. degree of the University Durham, United Kingdom in 1958, M.Sc. of the University of McGill, Canada, in 1964 and a Ph.D. of the University Ibadan in 1972. He taught Geography at his Alma Mater, Government College, Ibadan, before joining the service of this University. He rose through the ranks and was promoted a Professor in 1976.

Professor Oguntinyinbo served the University and the community in various capacities. He not only served as the Head of Department but was also Dean of the Faculty of the Social Sciences from 1979 to 1981. He was a Master of Sultan Bello Hall of Residence from 1977 to 1978. His service to the Nigerian Geographical Association was also remarkable; he was the editor of the Association's journal from 1978-1980. He served the nation outside the academia as a member of the National Atlas Committee and as Chairman of the Ogun State Land Use and Allocation Committee.

The distinguished geographer apart from his service to Nigeria, also served the world at large. He was a member of the World Meteorological Organization's Working Group on the Impact of Climate on Agriculture and of Agriculture on Climate. He also served on the editorial board of the Journal of Climatology, and of the Journal of Urban Atmosphere.

Late Professor Oguntinyinbo had a very distinguished career. He was the first climatologist in the African continent. He mentored several climatologists and several geographers. His services to the University and to the community will be enduring.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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