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PROFESSOR JOSHUA DADA ADENIYI (06 January, 1940 – 02 April, 2016)

The Vice Chancellor, Professor A. I. Olayinka, FAS, announces the transition of Prof. Joshua Dada Adeniyi, former Head of Department, Department of Health Promotion and Education, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. The sad event took place on the 02 April, 2016 in Ibadan, after a protracted illness.

Late Professor Adeniyi was born on the 06 January, 1940. He began his tertiary education at the School of Hygiene, Ibadan 1958 – 1961. He later proceeded to the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), 1963-1966; The School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA 1973 – 1975 and The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, USA 1977-1979.

Late Professor Adeniyi started his career in the University of Ibadan as Community Organiser in the then Department of Preventive and Social Medicine in 1968. He became Senior Health Officer in 1971. Prof. Adeniyi was appointed Lecturer II in 1975. He was promoted to the rank of Lecturer I in 1977, Senior Lecturer in 1981, Reader in 1984 and Professor in 1987.

During his life time, Prof. Adeniyi served the University in various capacities before he retired from active service. He was Project Leader, African Regional Health Education Centre, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, 1980; Sub-Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences and Dentistry, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, 1989-1990; Head, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, 1993; Head, Sub-Department of Health Promotion & Education and the African Regional Health Education Centre, 1995-2001; Head, Department of Health Promotion and Education, 2001-2002; and Dean, Faculty of Public Health, 2002-2004.

Prof. Adeniyi was a recipient of several scholarships, travelling fellowships and awards such as Western Regional Open Competitive Scholarship, distinguished alumnus Award, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, USA, Academic and Travelling Fellowship from WHO; Ford Foundation; Department of Health Education and Welfare, The State of New Jersey Health Department USA; Centre for Health Education, Cologne, Western Germany; The Health Education Council, London and the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil etc.

Late Professor Adeniyi was a member of many national and international professional bodies which included African Chapter of the International Union for Health Education (IUHE), Royal Society of Health, London, Nigerian School Health Association, American Public Health Association (APHA), Society of Professional Health Educators (SOPHE), USA., Board of Trustees, International Union for Health Education. He was also a member of several editorial boards of learned journals and a host of national and international expert committees and panels on public health.

Late Prof. Adeniyi was an outstanding scholar; he had to his credit well over 72 articles in peer reviewed journals, 13 publications as books or chapter in books, co-authored over 22 technical reports and several consultative reports. He was the Chief of Party, USAID AEDC-Change/Nigeria, 2010-2011.

Prof. Adeniyi retired on 30 September, 2005 and until his demise, was an Adjunct Professor/Associate Lecturer in the Department of Health Promotion and Education, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan.

Prof. Adeniyi was locally and globally recognised as scholar per excellence, mentor of mentors, visionary leader and father figure to several public health practitioners. He was an embodiment of humility and a faithful friend to all who interacted with him. Prof Adeniyi was teacher of teachers, distinguished researcher and outstanding consultant in community development for health.

In recognition of his numerous great achievements, Prof. Adeniyi was honoured with two chieftaincy titles namely the *Agbaakin of Kisi*, Oyo State and the *Abese of Apomu* in Osun State. He was conferred with the national honour of the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON).

He was happily married with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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