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### **PROFESSOR ADEKUNLE AMUWO (15 October, 1956 – 9 May, 2015)**

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor I. F. Adewole, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Adekunle Sam Amuwo, a retired Professor of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. The sad incident occurred on Friday, 9 May, 2015 at Ota, Ogun State.

Born on 15 October 1956, late Professor Amuwo graduated from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, with B.Sc. degree (Second Class Honours, Upper Division) and M.Sc. degree in Political Science in 1978 and 1980 respectively. He proceeded to the University of Bordeaux, Talence, France, where he obtained, with Distinction, Ph.D. (*Doctorat de Troisieme Cycle*) degree in Political Science in October, 1984.

Late Professor Amuwo began his academic career at the University of Ibadan as Lecturer II in 1984. He was promoted to the grade of Lecturer 1 in 1987, Senior Lecturer in 1990, Reader in 1995 and Professor in 1998.

Late Professor Amuwo served the University in many capacities. He was Sub-Dean (Undergraduate Affairs), Faculty of The Social Sciences, University of Ibadan from August 1988 to July 1990. As Sub-Dean, he also served as the Chair of the Faculty Planning Committee. He was Acting Head of Department of Political Science, from 1 May 1997 to 30 April 1999.

While on sabbatical-cum-leave-of-absence from the University of Ibadan at the University of the North, South Africa, he was Chair, Department of Political Science from April 2000 to April 2003. He voluntarily retired from the University of Ibadan in 2004 to become the Executive Secretary, African Association of Political Science (AAPS) in Pretoria, South Africa, a position he held from October 2004 to March 2009. He was appointed Professor of Political Science/International Relations and Academic Coordinator, School of Politics, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Durban, South Africa, April 2009 to December 2010. He moved to Dakar, Senegal, serving as Senior Analyst, West Africa, International Crisis Group, January 2011 to February 2013. Between March 2013 and February 2014, he was International Consultant on Conflict, Governance and Development.

Late Professor Amuwo was a recipient of numerous academic and professional awards and honours. He was Visiting Research Fellow, CEAN/IEP Bordeaux (1991), IFRA/French Embassy, Lagos, Visiting Research Fellow at CEAN/IEP, Bordeaux (1999) and Archie Mafeje Senior Research Fellow, Africa Institute of South Africa, Pretoria (2004), to mention but a few. He was Editor of *African Journal of Political Science* (AJPS)/*Occasional Paper Series* (OPS)/*The AAPS Newsletter*, 2004-2009. He was also a member of numerous professional associations including the Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA), Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) and International Political Science Association (IPSA).

Some of Late Professor Amuwo's mostly single authored, over 80 publications, have appeared in some of Social Science best journals, that is, *Africa Development*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Review of African Political Economy*, and *L'Afrique Politique*. Late Professor Amuwo was fluent in the Yoruba language, his mother tongue, English and French languages.

May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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