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## PROFILE ON THE LATE EMERITUS PROFESSOR EMMANUEL AYOTUNDE YOLOYE, NNOM

## (23 October, 1929 – 27 November, 2016)

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A. I. Olayinka, FAS, announces the passing on of Emeritus Prof. Emmanuel Ayotunde Anthony Yoloye, NNOM, a former Director of the Institute of Education at the age of 87.

Emeritus Professor Emmanuel Ayotunde Yoloye was born on 23 October, 1929 in Aiyede-Ekiti. He was the third child of Reverend and Mrs Daniel Agbefidiya Yoloye of Ijebu-Jesa. Fondly called Tunde Yoloye, he attended St Matthew's School Ijebu-Jesa (1935), St Andrew's School, Usi-Ekiti (1936-1942) and King's College, Lagos (1943-1956). He attended the University College, Ibadan where he obtained a B.Sc. Degree in Chemistry Second Class Honours in 1956 and later Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), London, in 1959. He later proceeded to the Teachers College, Columbian University, New York between 1962 and 1965 where he bagged M.A (1964) and Ph.D. (1965). Professor Yoloye's fields of specialisation are Psychology (Measurement and Evaluation), Chemistry and Science Education and was actually the first indigenous team leader of West African Examination Council (WAEC) Examiners for Practical Chemistry Examination. He was a Science Teacher at Christ's School, Ado Ekiti (1948-1949); Clerk, Chief Secretary's Office, Lagos (1949-1951) and Science Master, CMS Grammar School, Lagos (1956-1961).

Late Emeritus Prof. Yoloye was appointed Assistant Lecturer in University of Ibadan in 1961 and promoted to the rank of a Professor in 1971. He was Head, Department of Education (April 1975 and June 1976); Dean, Faculty of Education (August 1975 and July 1977); Director, Institute of Education (April 1975- July 1980) and (August 1986- March 1988) and Director, International Centre for Education Evaluation (ICEE) 1973-1985. After retirement from the University, he founded Amoye Institute for Educational Research and Development where he was the Director since 1990 till the time he gave up the ghost on Sunday, November 27, 2016.

Late Emeritus Professor Yoloye was a member of many national and international academic and professional bodies. Some of these included Nigeria Psychological Society (President, 1973-1978); Nigerian Careers Council (Chairman, 1967-1985); Science Association of Nigeria (Foundation Fellow, 1974) and Science Teachers Association of Nigeria (Secretary, 1961-1962 and Foundation Fellow). Others are American Psychological Association; American Educational Research Association; International Association of Applied Psychology and Nigerian Academy of Science (Foundation Fellow 1976, Treasurer, 1982-1984 and Vice President, 1985). He was also a member

of Research Review Advisory Group, World Association for Educational Research and Nigerian Academy of Education.

He was a Member of the Executive Committee for Science Education Programme for Africa (SEPA), (1971-1975); Vice-Chairman of Western Council (1973) and Member of Executive of Association of Teacher Education in Africa (ATEA) (1974). He was Member, General Assembly (1977-1988) and Member, Standing Committee of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). He was also a Member, Council of the International Association for Educational Assessment IAEA (1974-1976). Professor Yoloye was the Chairman, African Curriculum Association (ACO) (1976-1986) and the Grants Committee (1990-1998) and Member, Advisory Board 1991-2000 for African Forum for Children's Literacy in Science and Technology (AFCLIST)

Late Emeritus Professor Yoloye served in some United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) bodies. He was a Full Member of the Governing Board of UNESCO's Institute for Education in Hamburg (1979-1986) and also a Member of Council of Consultant Fellows of the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) UNESCO (1980-1991)

Late Emeritus Prof. Yoloye was a recipient of local, national and international awards/scholarships. He was on full boarding and tuition scholarship in King's College, Lagos (1943-1948) and won Departmental Prize in Chemistry, University College, Ibadan (1956) and the Afro-Anglo American Fellowship to study at Teacher's College Columbia University, New York (1962-1965). He was elected a member of Kappa Chapter of Kappa Delta-Pi on November 21, 1963, later honoured with a distinguished Alumni Award of Teachers' College, Columbia University on 16 September, 1987.

He was appointed Emeritus Professor of the University of Ibadan in June 1990. He received the Science Teachers' Association of Nigeria Award for Distinguished/Sustained Service to Science Education (DSSE) in 1997 and was also inducted into the Educators' Hall of Fame (ASIA/AFRICA Edition) Cairo, Egypt in 1998. Emeritus Professor Yoloye was awarded the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) in 2012 by former President Goodluck Jonathan.

Late Emeritus Prof. Yoloye published 15 books and monographs, as well as 53 articles and chapters in reputable journals and books. He had 11 unpublished articles. Prof. E.A. Yoloye took part in many national and international assignments. Some of these are leaders of Science Group at the 'National Workshop on Primary School Curriculum' in 1971; Member of Faculty at 'International Seminar for Advanced Training in Curriculum Development and Innovation' organized by I.E.A. in 1971 in Granna, Sweden. He also represented the Western Council of ATEA at the Curriculum Innovation Workshop by the Eastern Council of ATEA in Nairobi, Kenya, 1973. He was a visiting Professor at the University College, Cardiff Wales (1973) and he represented the University of Ibadan at the Seminar on National Policy on Education held in Lagos in June 1973.

Late Emeritus Prof. Yoloye was an Education Consultant for Sierra Leone, Kenya, Tanzania, Mauritius and Ethiopia. He was also at Experts' Meeting on Curriculum Evaluation, Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany, in September 1974. Prof. Yoloye directed the training course on Educational Research for ACO in 1976.

He was the Chairman, Oyo State Postgraduate Scholarship Board between 1976 and1979 and Vice Chairman of Implementation Committee on Free Education in 1980. He was the keynote speaker at World Education Research Association Conference-Helsinki, Finland (August 1982). He served as Chairman Governing Council of Oyo State College of Education Ilesa (1988), Task Force on Survey of Technical Assistance on Education in Nigeria (1982-1987), National Primary Education Commission (NPEC) 1990 and Co-Chairman African Science and Technology Education Conference (ASTE 95).at the Science and Technology, University of Durban, Westville, South Africa.

Late Emeritus Professor Yoloye endowed the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500, 000) only for the best M.Ed. candidate in the Institute of Education, University of Ibadan. Until September 2016, he had been providing advisory role to the Institute.

He married his heartthrob Victoria Olufunke Yoloye on March 8, 1959 and the union is blessed with four sons. He is survived by a wife, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

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