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PROFESSOR VIDAL ANI NOTTIDGE (14 December 1937 – 2 December 2016)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor A.I. Olayinka, FAS, announces the passing on of Professor Vidal Ani Nottidge, FMCPaed, FWACP, FRCP (Lond), FRCPC (UK), former Acting Head, Department of Paediatrics, former Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences and former Deputy Provost, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. A retired Professor of Paediatrics, University of Ibadan and a retired Honorary Consultant Paediatrician, University College Hospital, Ibadan. Professor Nottidge died on Friday, 2nd December 2016 at 79 years.

Professor Vidal Ani Nottidge, FMCPaed, FWACP, FRCP (Lond), FRCPC (UK), was born on 14 December 1937 in Calabar, Cross River State. He attended St Patrick's College, Calabar, 1952-1957 and the University College Ibadan, graduating with MBBS (London) in 1964. A brilliant scholar, Prof Nottidge was awarded the undergraduate scholarship of the Eastern Government of Nigeria from 1959-1964. He obtained the Diploma in Child Health (Ireland) in 1971 and Membership of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom in 1974. He obtained the Fellowship of the West African College of Physicians in 1980 and the Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical of Nigeria in 1981. Prof Nottidge became Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London) and Fellow, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, (United Kingdom) in April and June 1988 respectively.

A distinguished academic and renowned Paediatric Neurologist, Late Professor Nottidge began his academic career as Lecturer I, in the Department of Paediatrics, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan and was also appointed Consultant Paediatrician, University College Hospital, Ibadan on 1st June 1976. He was promoted Senior Lecturer in 1979, Reader in 1987 and rose to become a Professor on 1st October, 1993. He was acting Head, Department of Paediatrics June 1988-June 1989, Dean Faculty of Clinical Sciences, August 1996- July 2000, and the Deputy Provost, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan August 2000 – July 2002.

Late Professor Nottidge was National Secretary, West African College of Physicians 1986-1989; National Secretary, University of Ibadan Alumni Association 1986-1989; Member, Board of Trustees, Wellcome Nigeria Fund, June 1988-1994; Member, Board of Trustees, Bassir-Thomas Biomedical Foundation, 1994-2004 and member, Development Committee, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, December 1999-July 2002.

Late Professor Nottidge made remarkable contributions to the field of Paediatric Neurology both nationally and internationally. Having served meritoriously, he retired from the services of the University of Ibadan on 30 September, 2003.

May his soul rest in peace, Amen.

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