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PROFESSOR ENO LAZARUS INANGA (18 April 1939 - 31 May 2019)

Professor A. I Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Eno Lazarus Inanga, a staff in the Department of Economics, Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Friday, 31 May, 2019.

Late Professor Inanga was born on 18 April, 1938 in Abak, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria to the family of Elder Lazarus Inanga and Mrs. Sarah Inanga of Ukpom Edem Inyang, Ibagwa P.A of Abak Division, Akwa Ibom State. His academic journey began at the Primary School in Ukpom Edem Inyang. He thereafter proceeded to Q. I. M. Secondary School, Etinan between 1952 and 1956 where he obtained the West African School Certificate (First Division) in 1956. He also attended Government Teacher Training College, Uyo, between 1957 and 1958 where he obtained Teachers' Grade II Certificate in 1958. He gained admission to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1961 to study Accountancy and graduated in 1965 with a B. Sc. in Accountancy, Second Class Upper Division. He proceeded to the London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London) in 1966 for a Master's degree where he graduated in 1968 with M. Sc. (Lond.) with specialisation in Accounting and Finance.

He was a Research Assistant and Part-Time Lecturer in Accountancy at the University of Nsukka between 01 June, 1965 and June 1966. He was also a Lecturer in Accounting at the Institute of Administration, University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) OAU, between October 1968 and 1972. He joined the services of the University of Ibadan on 01 October, 1972. He was promoted above bar on Lectureship with effect from 01 October, 1974. His appointment with the University was confirmed to retiring age with effect from 01 October, 1975. He was promoted Senior Lecturer with effect from 01 October, 1976 and to grade of Reader with from 01 October, 1978. Finally, he was promoted Professor of Accounting and Business Finance with effect from 01 October, 1983. Late Professor Inanga retired from the services of the University of Ibadan on 01 January, 2003 having served the University for 30 years and 3 months.

Late Professor Inanga served in different capacities within and outside the shores of the country. Within the University of Ibadan, he was elected and served as the Dean of the Faculty of the Social Sciences from 01 August, 1987 to 31 July, 1989. He was appointed the Head of Department of Economics for three years from 01 August 1994 to 31 July 1997. He was the Treasurer of Association of University Teachers from 1974 to 1977; Treasurer, Staff Club from 1975 to 1976; Member of Senate from 1975 to 1978 and from 1981 to 2003. Late Professor Inanga was a member of Staff School Board of Governors from 1974 to 1977. He was a member of Housing Allocation Committee between 1975 and 1977 and later served as its Acting Chairman between 1977 and 1978.

He was a member of the Board of External Degree Programme between 1973 and 1977; a member of the International School Board of Governors, and of the School's Appointments and Promotions Committee between1977 and 1978. Other areas that Late Professor Inanga served as member meritoriously included: Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Schools of Basic Studies between 1976 and 1978; University Vehicle Loans Committee between 1977 and 1982; Staff Disciplinary Committee, between 1985 and 1987; Board of Directors, University Bookshop (Nigeria) Limited between 1982 and 1988; Board of the University Consultancy Services Unit between 1987 and 1989; and the Board and Executive Committee of the Postgraduate School now Postgraduate College between 1982 and 1986.

Beyond the University of Ibadan, late Professor Inanga served other Universities and institutions in various capacities:External Examiner in Accounting and Quantitative Methods, University of Benin in different programmes between 1977 and 1987; University of Lagos between 1977 and 1984; University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) between 1977 and 1995; University of Nigeria in different programmes between 1977 and 1985, Ahmadu Bello University between 1981 and 1985; and Ogun State University (now Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), between 1988 and 1989.

Late Professor Inanga was an examiner in Accounting between 1981 and 1984, and Chief Examiner in Accountancy between 1984 and 1994 for the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN). The Institute awarded him a Certificate of Honour in November 1994 for his meritorious service.

Outside the shore of Nigeria, late Professor Inanga served other Universities in various capacities: Visiting Senior Lecturer in Accounting, Department of Management Studies, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, between 1979 and 1980; Visiting Professor of Accounting and Finance, The Netherlands International Institute for Management (RVB), Maastricht between 1989 and 1991. He was also an Examiner in Management Accounting and Financial Accounting Theory for the M.Sc. (Accounting Examination, University of the West Indies, Jamaica between, 1980 and 1981.

He sat on the Editorial Boards of several peer-reviewed journals, including: the NASMET Journal of Management Education and Training; Nigeria Journal of Business Administration; The Nigerian Management Journal; Ilorin Journal of Business and Social Sciences; Advances in Business Studies; and Afro-Asian Journal of Accounting.

Beyond the fore walls of Universities, late Professor Inanga served in various capacities including Commissioner for Works and Transport between July and November 1978 and Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources between November 1978 and September 1979 in the old Cross River State. He was the Secretary and Member of Council of the Nigerian Association of Schools of Management Education and Training (NASMET) between 1980 and 1983. He was the President and Chairman of Council of the Nigeria Association of Schools of Management Education and Training (NASMER) between 1983 and 1985. He was the Foundation Chairman of the Governing Council, Akwa Ibom State College of Education between 1991and 1992. He was a Member of the Board of Directors, Unipetrol (Nigeria) Limited between 1985 and 1991. He was also a Member of the Board of Directors, Law Union and Rock Insurance Limited between 1988 and 1989; a Member of the Programme Committee, The Chris Ogunbanjo Foundation and Member of Governing Council, Centre for Democratic Studies between 1990 and 1993.

Late Professor Inanga had over 100 publications to his credit including seven (7) books. He was an ardent member of various professional organisations including the Nigerian Economic Society, Nigerian Accounting Association, American Accounting Association, British Accounting Association and European Accounting Association.

When Late Professor Inanga retired from the services of the University of Ibadan, he was appointed Emeritus Professor of Accounting and Finance in the Research Institute for Management Science (RVB) in Maastricht, The Netherlands, now known as Maastricht School of Management (MSM).

Late Professor Inanga was survived by his wife, Amorelle Inanga, two (2) sisters (Alice Udoh and Ekomobong Udofia), four (4) children (Jason, Javin, Jada and Joshua) and five (5) grandchildren (Glen, Katherine, Enoete, Adiaha, and Ekamma).

His body was interred in The Netherlands on Friday, 7 June, 2019.

May his gentle soul rest in peace, Amen.

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