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DR. BENEDICT ADEKUNLE OLADELE

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kayode Oyebode Adebowale, mni, FAS , announces with deep regret, the transition of Dr. Benedict Adekunle Oladele, the immediate past Librarian of the University. The sad event occurred on Tuesday, 05 October, 2021. He was aged 68 years.

Late Dr. Oladele hailed from Kabba, Kogi State, Nigeria. He attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he obtained BLS (Library Science) with French and Sociology as electives in 1979. Thereafter, he attended the University of Ibadan where he obtained MLS (Library Science) in 1985 and obtained the Ph.D (Information Studies) in 2000.

Late Dr. Oladele, a Chartered Librarian served the institution as the University Librarian from 2006 to 2016, and was a member of the Nigeria Library Association and the American Society for Information, Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

He was a Fulbright Scholar who published extensively in local and international outlets, and had to his credit chapters in books, journals, articles and commissioned papers.

He was a member of the Nigeria Library Association (NLA) and the American Society for Information, Science and Technology (ASIS&T). Prior to his appointment in the University of Ibadan, he was the Institute Librarian, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, near Jos.

He had vast experience in Library Administration with his professional career spanning nearly three decades. He started his career as a Library Officer at the Kaduna Polytechnic in 1975 and also acquired experience as a Librarian in Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), Ibadan. While at CRIN, in addition to his regular schedule, Late Dr. B.A. Oladele was the Coordinator of the FAO Current Agricultural Research Information System (CARIS) Programme, 1984-1985 for the South Western States of Nigeria. He also worked as Librarian II at Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin (1980-1982).

He was happily married with children. His hobbies included lawn tennis, listening to music (classical and jazz), reading and monitoring global politics/economics with emphasis on crisis management and strategy enunciation.

May his soul rest in peace. Amen

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