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## OBITUARY

### **PROFESSOR JOHNSON OLANIYI AYOADE (1943 - 2023)**

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, mni, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Johnson Olaniyi Ayoade, a distinguished retired staff of the Department of Geography, Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Monday, 16 January, 2023. He was aged 79 years.

Late Professor Johnson Olaniyi Ayoade was born on 10 October, 1943 in Ijebu-Jesha in Ori-Ade Local Government Area in the present Osun State, Nigeria. He attended Ijebu-Jesha Grammar School, Ijebu-Jesha (1957-1962) and obtained the West African School Certificate (Division One) with seven distinctions and a credit in 1962. He gained admission into the University of Ibadan, Ibadan (preliminary class) in 1964 and graduated in June 1968 with a B.Sc. (Hons) degree (Second Class Upper Division) in Geography (with Geology and Statistics as minor subjects). He was Geography master, Ijebu-Jesha Grammar School (June – December 1968). Johnson Olaniyi Ayoade proceeded to the University College London in 1968 and obtained his Ph.D. (London) degree in Climatology in 1971. He was a beneficiary of the Cocoa Scholarship (1965-1968), University of Ibadan Scholarship (1968-1971) and Commonwealth Scholarship (1969-1971).

He was a Demonstrator, Department of Geography, University College London (1970-1972), and a Lecturer and Head of Geography section, School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1972-1974).

Late Professor J. O. Ayoade joined the services of the University of Ibadan on 28 December 1973 as a Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Geography. He was promoted to Lecturer Grade I with effect from 01 October 1976, and promoted to Senior Lecturer with effect from 01 October 1978. He was promoted to the grade of Reader with effect from 01 October 1981 and to the grade of Professor with effect from 01 October 1984.

He retired from the services of the University of Ibadan on 01 October 2009 after a total of 36 years of active academic service, of which he was a full professor for 25 years. He also served the university on contract appointment (2012-2019). During his period of active

service, Late Professor Ayoade served the university meritoriously as Dean, Faculty of the Social Sciences (1995-1997) and Head, Department of Geography (2002-2005). He was Chairman of the Senate Curriculum Committee for two terms (1990-1994).

Late Professor Ayoade served in different capacities within and outside the shores of Nigeria. He was Honorary Research Fellow, University of Birmingham, U.K. (1981-1982); Professor, Department of Agrometeorology and Water Management, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (1993-1994); Professor of Physical Geography, Department of Environmental Science, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana (1998-1999) and Head, Department of Geography and Planning, Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos (2008-2009). He served as External Examiner to different universities including Delta State University, Abraka, Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti, University of Port Harcourt and Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island.

Late Professor J. O. Ayoade was an erudite and prolific scholar of international repute in his fields of specialization and research interests (Meteorology and Climatology, Hydrology and Water Resources, and Environmental Planning and Management). He had over 85 book-and-peer-reviewed journal publications, including nine (9) globally read tertiary books in his field of specialization which were solely authored by him. These include *Tropical Hydrology and Water Resources*, Macmillan, London, 275pp. 1988; *Introduction to Climatology for the Tropics*, John Wiley and Sons, Chichester, U.K. 258pp. 2003 and *Introduction to Agroclimatology*, Vantage Publishers, Ibadan, 2002. In addition, he had over 50 conference/workshop papers. He supervised 13 Ph.D. students in the field of Climatology.

He was a member of the Association of Nigerian Geographers, Institute of British Geographers, Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.

Professor J. O. Ayoade was married to the Late Mrs. Josephine Alaba Ayoade and he is survived by three children and family.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

**Burial arrangements:**

The family has scheduled **Thursday, 09 February, 2023** for his funeral programme.

**Venue:** Chapel of the Resurrection, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

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