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PROFESSOR IFEANYI PRINUEL ONYEONORU (1961 – 2024)

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode O. Adebowale, mni, fspsp, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Ifeanyi Prinuel Onyeonoru, a Professor of Workplace Relations with specialization in Industrial and Employment Relations in the Department of Sociology, Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan. He was aged 62.

Professor Ifeanyi Prinuel Onyeonoru was born on December 18, 1961, to the family of late Mr. Abel Mjinonye Onyeonoru and Mrs. Alice Mgbechikwere Onyeonoru of Obizi, Amakama in Umuahia South Local Government Area, Abia State.

He obtained his First School Leaving Certificate (with Distinction) from Atu Government School, Calabar, the school he attended between 1967 and 1972. From 1974 to 1979, he attended Hope Waddell Training Institute and obtained his West African School Certificate (with Division 1). He then proceeded to the then Imo State University (now Abia State University), Okigwe, where he studied Sociology. In 1986, he was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree (B.Sc) in Sociology. Between 1986 and 1987, he participated in the compulsory National Youth Service (NYSC) in Benin in the then Bendel State. Having completed the national service, he applied and was admitted to the postgraduate programme of Industrial Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan and obtained M.Sc and Ph.D in Industrial Sociology in 1988 and 1994 respectively. Professor Onyeonoru joined the staff of the University of Ibadan as an Assistant Lecturer in 1994 and rose through the ranks to the position of a professor in 2007. Professor Onyeonoru has to his credit over 70 policy briefs and research-based papers published in reputable scholarly journals, both local and international.

Apart from his enviable record as lead speaker at many conferences, workshops and seminars and consultant to many local and international organizations, Professor Onyeonoru served the University of Ibadan, the local and global academic community in various capacities. He was external examiner to the University of the Western Cape, Rhodes University, University of Fort Hare, University of South Africa and University of Johannesburg, all based in South Africa. On the local scene, he served as external examiner to several universities, including Obafemi Awolowo University, Nnamdi Azikiwe University and the University of Calabar, just to mention a few. He was a consultant to the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity, International Labour Organisation (ILO), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the European Commission,

Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and Centre for Research on Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), University of Oxford. He was a British Council Visiting Scholar at the University of Ulster, United Kingdom in 2003 and Visiting Lecturer, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.

Professor Onyeonuru held numerous administrative positions within and outside the University. At various times, he was member, Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee for Junior Staff, Council Committee for the Establishment of Business School in the University of Ibadan, Committee on Expansion of Admission Requirements for Distance Learning Programme of the University of Ibadan, Chair, Curriculum Committee (Sub-Committee) on Credit Transfer in the University of Ibadan, Sub-Dean (Postgraduate), Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan, Director Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CEPACS), University of Ibadan, Head of Department, Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan and Director, Career Development and Counseling Centre, University of Ibadan. Shortly before his death, he was appointed the Head of Department of the newly established Department of Employment Relations and Human Resource Management.

He supervised and graduated many students, including scores of M.Sc and M.Phil students and 24 doctoral candidates, most of whom are academic staff in Nigerian universities.

Professor Onyeonuru was happily married to Inibokun Rebecca Onyeonuru and blessed with beautiful children.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

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FUNERAL PROGRAMME

Days & Time	Events and Venue
Monday, 02 December, 2024 Time: 5:00pm	Night of Tributes and Songs: <i>Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.</i>
Tuesday, 03 December, 2024 Time: 12.00 noon	Day of Tributes: <i>The Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan.</i>
Tuesday, 03 December, 2024 Time: 5.00pm	Christian Wake Keep & Service of Songs: Rhema Chapel Akobo, Omolayo Street, Akobo, Ibadan.
Wednesday, 04 December, 2024 Time: 8.00am	Lying in State: <i>Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.</i>
Wednesday, 04 December, 2024 Time: 11.00am	Commendation Service: <i>Rhema Chapel, Bodija, Plots 42 – 44, Mechanici Village, Oju-Irin, Bodija, Ibadan.</i>
Friday, 06 December, 2024 Time: 9.00am	Lying in State: <i>Agbaroji's Compound, Obizi, Amakama, Umuahia, Umuahia South Local Government, Abia State.</i>
Friday, 06 December, 2024 Time: 10.00am	Funeral Service: <i>Outer Agbaroji's Compound, Obizi, Amakama, Umuahia, Umuahia South Local Government, Abia State</i>
	Interment follows immediately at the same venue

Sunday, 08 December, 2024
Time: 10.00am

Thanksgiving Service:
*Assemblies of God Church, Amakama, Umuahia, Umuahia South Local
Government, Abia State*