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**PROFESSOR ABIMBOLA OLUGBEMIGA OSOBA
OTUNBA TAJOGBOYE OF IJEBU LAND, OTUNBA MULERUWA OF OWU-IJEBU
16 JULY, 1934 – 02 MARCH, 2018**

Professor A. I. Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Abimbola Olugbemiga Osoba, a staff of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Medicine. The sad event occurred on Friday, 02 March, 2018. He was aged 83 years.

Late Professor Abimbola Olugbemiga Osoba was born on 16 July, 1934 in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, After his early elementary education, he attended CMS Grammar School, Lagos and thereafter proceeded to the United Kingdom in 1952 for higher studies. He graduated with Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in 1958 and M.A. in Microbiology from Trinity College, Dublin and thereafter proceeded to Queen's University, United Kingdom to read Medicine and graduated in 1964 and MD with honours in 1975. He was appointed Professor of Medical Microbiology, University of Ibadan in 1978 (first to be so appointment) and Consultant Microbiologist to University College Hospital, Ibadan. He was the First Director of the Special Treatment Clinic and Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses Research and Teaching Laboratories of the University College Hospital, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. He was widely regarded as father of Venereology in Africa.

Professor Osoba was Head of Department between 1982-1986 and wrote almost 300 scientific papers on Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology published locally and internationally. He was at various times Visiting Professor at John Hopkins University, USA. In 1987, He voluntarily retired from the services of the University of Ibadan to take up medical appointments at Royal Wolver-Hampton Hospital and Birmingham Hospital in the UK. He was appointed Consultant and Head of the Division of Microbiology at the Armed Forces Hospital, Riyadh (1987-1995) and from 1996-2006, He became Head of the Department of Microbiology and Deputy Director of Pathology at the King Khalid National Guard Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

He was one of the first Foundation Fellows of both National Postgraduate Medical College of Pathologists and West Africa Postgraduate Medical College. Professor Osoba was a Professor of high repute, having trained many Medical Microbiologists at home and abroad.

A teacher of teachers, mentor of mentors, an author of well acclaimed book on sexually transmitted infections, well known researcher and excellent clinician. He was an academic giant as he continued to mentor younger generations of Pathologists even in retirement after his fruitful sojourn in Saudi Arabia.

He bagged chieftaincy titles in Ijebu Ode and Owu Ijebu and was patron of many societies in Ibadan and Ijebu Ode. He was brilliant, gentle, humble and hardworking. Indeed, he served his family, church, community and nation faithfully and diligently.

He is survived by his wife - Prof Nike Osoba (Nee Ashiru), children (both biological and academic), grandchildren and extended family. He will be sorely missed.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.Amen.

Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

Tuesday, 01 May, 2018

5p.m-6p.m: Service of Songs by Societies at Pentorise Housing Corporation Roundabout, Bodija, Ibadan.

Wednesday, 02 May, 2018

9a.m-11a.m: Lying in State, Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan

12noon-1p.m: Activities by University College Hospital

2p.m: Lying in State at his Residence, 31 Arigidi Street, Bodija, Ibadan

5p.m: Service of Songs by Cathedral of St. James the Great, Oke-Bola, Ibadan at Pentonrise Events Centre, Housing Corporation Roundabout, Bodija, Ibadan.

Thursday, 03 May, 2018

10a.m: Commendation Service, at the Cathedral of St. James the Great, Oke-Bola, Ibadan and later at Samuel Taiwo Osoba Anglican Church, Imepe, Ijebu-Ode.

Lying in State at his Residence, Housing Corporation Estate, Igbeba, Ijebu Ode.

Friday, 04 May, 2018

5p.m: Christian Wake-keep, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Italupe, Ijebu-Ode
Interment at Irewon Cemetery, Reception follows immediately at Adeola Odutola Hall, Ijebu-Ode.

Saturday, 05 May, 2018

10a.m: Funeral Service, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Italupe, Ijebu-Ode.
Interment at Irewon Cemetery, Reception follows immediately at Adeola Odutola Hall, Ijebu-Ode.

Sunday 06 May, 2018

10a.m: Outing Service, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Italupe, Ijebu-Ode.

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