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PROFESSOR OLUMIDE ODELEYE TEWE

(26 April, 1950 – 27 November, 2019)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor A. I. Olayinka, FAS announces the passing of Professor Olumide Odeleye Tewe. The sad event occurred on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the age of 69 years. Prof Tewe was former Head of Department of Animal Science (1997-2000) and was until his glorious exit the Head of Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition Unit of the Department of Animal Science. He also served as Chairman of Business Committee of University of Ibadan Senate for a two year period from 02 January, 1996 to 1998.

Late Professor Tewe hailed from Ode-Erinje and was born at Okitipupa, Ondo State, Nigeria on April 26, 1950. He attended Ibadan Grammar School, Ibadan, 1962-1968 where he left brilliant marks and made many life-long friends. He passed the Entrance Examination to the University of Ibadan, Ibadan where he studied Agriculture with specialisation in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition (1968-1972) using the Federal Government scholarship. He was a scholar at the 'Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical' (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia (May 1974 – June 1975) as part of the Ph.D which he successfully defended in 1975. He also won the postgraduate scholarship of the University of Ibadan in 1972-1975. The distinguished Agricultural Biochemist, Nutritionist and Toxicologist began his academic career as Lecturer II in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition on 18 October, 1975, became Lecturer I in 1978 and was promoted from Senior Lecturer to Reader in 1982. He finally became a Professor in 1985 at the age of 35.

Late Prof Tewe won the Pfizer travel fellowship to Barcelona in Spain in 1986. Other scholarships he won were Cassava Biotechnology scholarship in 1996, International Society of Tropical Root Crops Travel Fellowship (1996), Cassava Safety Working Group, London, UK (1993) Wagenigen, Holland in 1994. Late Prof Tewe also won the Wenner Gren Foundation Fellowship, Stockholm, Sweden in 1995. Until his exit, he was a member of New York Academy of Science, Nigeria Society for Animal Production (NSAP), Nigeria Institute of Animal Science (NIAS), and Assistant Secretary International Society for Tropical Root (ISTRIC) African Branch and member of International Cassava Safety Working Group, Uppsala, Sweden (1992-1997).

He was invited in 1997 as Senior Scientist to visit and participate in a DGIS-sponsored scientific meeting on Cassava safety in the Netherlands. Professor Olumide Tewe was tagged a Mercantile Professor of Agriculture Biochemistry and Nutrition with special interest in Cyanogenic Glucosides and Food Toxicology. His records as an academic; Head of Department, father, mentor, and teacher of teachers and erudite researcher will continue to speak. You can hardly separate Olumide Tewe from cassava. His cassava researches and patents have made tremendous contribution in the animal feed industry. He also participated in several Federal Government committees for alternative raw materials, where he was Secretary. He successfully led the consultative research group instituted by the Poultry Association of Nigeria and NAFDAC to unravel the incidence of hazardous chemicals for preservation of imported frozen poultry products. Late Prof Tewe showed remarkable skill and relevance in the execution of various consultancy projects that are of direct relevance to the Development of Nigeria's Wildlife for meat production.

In 1981, Late Prof. Olumide Tewe was transferred to the then newly created Department of Wildlife & Fisheries in the then Faculty of Agriculture & Forestry in recognition of the contribution made by the wildlife component of the Department of Forest Resources Management. It was well documented that Prof Olumide Tewe played a major role in the collaborative academic programme in Wildlife Management since November 1975. Consequently, his consent was sought by Emeritus Professor S. S. Ajayi to transfer his service fully to the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Management as Associate Senior Lecturer in Animal Nutrition in 1981. Further effort was made but it was impossible to transfer him completely from Animal Science Department.

He was the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Bowen University, Iwo, in Osun state from April 2002 to April 2004, Nigeria. The Ondo State Government assigned Olumide Tewe as a part-time Consultant on Agricultural Projects by the then Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Agagu in October, 2003. From July, 2002 to November, 2004, Prof Tewe was appointed Consultant to Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations on Cassava for livestock feed in Sub-Saharan Africa. He served also as a Collaborating Scientist on Cassava for Livestock Feed to The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ibadan Centre). He also collaborated with The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan in November 1992. He collaborated with Centro Internacional de Agricultura tropical (CIAT), Cali, Columbia.

On the national scene, he was the coordinating consultant (part-time) Bayelsa State government Agricultural projects; member, Governing council, Adekunle Ajasin University Akungba, Ondo State; Coordinating Consultant Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) on Cassava programme at NDDC Headquarters in Port-Hacourt Nigeria. Late Prof O. O. Tewe was a member of the Governing Council, Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State from January 2004 to April 2007. He was a Consultant to Ondo State Government on Cassava Revolution and he coordinated the World Bank Assisted National Agricultural Research (NARP), Abuja between 1996 and 2000.

The University of Ibadan will miss him dearly.

Late Prof. Tewe is survived by his wife, his children and their spouses, grandchildren, siblings, nephews and nieces. He will be missed by his family, friends, students and colleagues.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

Burial Arrangement

Monday, 6 January, 2020:

Farewell Programme by Ibadan Grammar School Old Students' Association.

Time: 4.00pm at his Residence

Tuesday, 7 January, 2020:

Night of Tributes.

Time: 4.00-6.00 at his Akobo Residence.

Wednesday 8 January, 2020:

- Lying-in-State at Dept. of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture. Time: 1.00pm.

- Wake Keep at Immanuel Anglican Church, Ashi, Ibadan. Time: 5.00pm

Thursday 9 January, 2020:

- Lying-in-State at Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan. Ibadan. Time: 8.00am

- Funeral Service at Immanuel Anglican Church, Ashi: Time: 10.00am

Immediately after Funeral Service:

- Interment at Cathedral of St' James' The Great Cemetery, Ijokodo, Ibadan.

- Reception at International Conference Centre, 2nd Gate, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

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