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EMERITUS PROFESSOR OLUMUYIWA AWE, MON, FAS, FSAN, Fel. Roy, Soc.Arts, London (13 November, 1932 – 03 May, 2015)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor I. F. Adewole, FAS, announces with deep regret, the passing on of Emeritus Professor Olumuyiwa Akintola Olorunninyo Awe, a retired Professor of the Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on 03 May, 2015.

Prof. Awe was born in Esie, Kwara State on 13 November, 1932. He entered the prestigious Government College, Ibadan in 1946 and came out with distinction in 1951. He was admitted to the University College, Ibadan in the same year. During his undergraduate days, he was awarded College Scholarship in 1953, the College Prize for Mathematics in the 1953/54 session, College Prize in Physics and Mathematics, as well as the Faculty prize. He completed his undergraduate programme in 1956 in First Class Honours Division and was awarded an Ibadan University College Scholarship for Research at Cambridge University. He was admitted to Cambridge University in 1956 and completed his Ph.D in Ionospheric Physics in 1961.

Late Emeritus Prof. Awe joined the staff of the Department of Physics in 1960 as a Lecturer having returned to Nigeria after submitting his Ph.D thesis in Cambridge. He became Senior Lecturer in 1964. Between 1965 and 1969, he transferred his service to the University of Lagos, where he rose to the grade of Professor. He was appointed Professor of Physics and Head of Department at Ibadan in 1969, a post he held till 1975 when Headship became rotatory. He was later appointed Head of Department from 1980 to 1983. It is noteworthy that Prof. Awe combined Headship of his Department with Deanship of the Faculty of Science from 1971 to 1973.

Late distinguished Scientist's publications cover a wide range of areas – Ionospheric and Radio Science; Science, Technology and Development; Women in Science and Science Administration; and Secondary School Science texts.

He contributed immensely to popularizing scientific activities in Nigeria and was at one time or the other a member of delegate to many countries, like USA, India, Austria, Dakar, amongst others. He belonged to many distinguished societies as Foundation Fellow, Academy of Science; Fellow, Science Association of Nigeria; Fellow, Royal Society of Arts, London to mention a few. In recognition of his contributions to the development of the country, he was conferred with a National Honour: Member, Order of the Niger (MON) in 1983.

Late Emeritus Prof. Awe retired from the services of the University of Ibadan in 1991 and was appointed Emeritus Professor of Physics in 1993 – the post he held until his death on 03 May, 2015.

He contributed to the eradication of Cultism in the University both as member and Chairman of the University's Anti-Cultism Campaign Committee. Until his death, he was available in the Department for consultation by postgraduate students in his area of specialization.

Late Emeritus Prof. Awe is survived by his wife, Prof. Bolanle Awe, children and grandchildren, his academic colleagues (who will certainly miss him). May his soul rest in peace.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Service of Songs

Date: Tuesday, 09 June, 2015

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Venue: The Lord's Temple, FOCEM House, 1, Fadeyi Street, Agbowo, Ibadan

University's Lying-in-State

Date: Thursday, 11 June, 2015

Time: 8:00 -9:00 a.m.

Venue: Trenchard Hall

Commendation Service

Date: Thursday, 11 June, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Chapel of the Resurrection

Wake-Keep

Date: Thursday, 11 June, 2015

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Venue: Saint Michael's Primary School Field, Esie, Kwara State

Lying-in-State

Date: Friday, 12 June, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Venue: Church Hall, Saint Michael's Primary School Field, Esie, Kwara State

Funeral Service

Date: Friday, 12 June, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Saint Michael's Primary School Field, Esie, Kwara State

Internment and Outing Service follow immediately.

Reception at St Michael's Primary School Field, Esie, Kwara State.

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