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### **PROFESSOR MOBOLAJI BASIR OGUNSANYA (15 June, 1949 – 15 April, 2015)**

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor I. F. Adewole, FAS, announces with regret, the death of Professor Mobolaji Basir Ogunsanya, former Head, Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Wednesday, 15 April, 2015 after a very brief illness and has since been buried according to Muslim rites.

Late Professor Ogunsanya was born on 15 June, 1949. He hailed from Oyo in Oyo State, Nigeria. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School, Oyo 1955-1960; Oranyan Grammar School, Oyo, 1962-1965; Awe High School, Awe, Oyo 1966 and the University of Ibadan from 1971-1974 for his first degree.

Also, he attended the same University between 1978 and 1981 where he obtained his Master's and Doctorate's degrees in Educational Management with specialization in Personnel Administration.

Late Professor Ogunsanya started his career at the University on 18 December, 1981 as Lecturer II. He was promoted Lecturer 1 in 1983 and Senior Lecturer in 1986. He became a Professor of the University of Ibadan on 01 October, 1996.

During Professor Ogunsanya's career at the University, he served in various capacities. He was the Director of the Centre for External Studies (CES) now Distance Learning Centre (DLC), (1994-1996); Hall Warden, Obafemi Awolowo Hall (1983-1986); Faculty of Education's Representative on the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, (1983-1986); Sub-Dean General (Education), 1983-1985 and Member of Senate of the University of Ibadan from 1990 until his death.

Furthermore, he was a member of the Governing Council of the College of Education, Ila Orangun, (1987-1990). Late Professor Ogunsanya served as Head of Department of

Educational Management twice, first as Acting Head, from 1990-1992 and later as Substantive Head from 2004 to 2007.

The distinguished Professor was a member and Fellow of several learned societies. These included, Fellow: Nigerian Association of Educational Administration and Planning (NAEAP); Fellow, Social Studies Association of Nigeria (SOSAN). Also, he served as an External Examiner to several Universities in Nigeria and outside, such as University of Ilorin, Ilorin, University of Benin, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, University of Port-Harcourt and Universities in Botswana, Sierra-Leone and India.

The late Professor Ogunsanya was a deeply committed academic, teacher, researcher and mentor. He was well respected by colleagues, admired by undergraduate and post graduate students in both the Department of Educational Management and in the Faculty of Education. He taught all the full-time lecturers currently in the Department of Educational Management. In his spiritual life, he was active at the University's Central Mosque. He was sociable, which made him to relate exceptionally well with contemporaries and colleagues. He was a wonderful father and husband who will be deeply missed by all.

May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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