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HRM PROFESSOR WILLIAMS WARIPASMO OGIONWO (08 September, 1937 – 05 January, 2010)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olufemi A. Bamiro FNSE, FAS announces the transition of HRM Professor Williams Waripasma Ogionwo, on Tuesday, 05 January, 2010.

Professor Ogionwo was born in Opokuma, Yenagoa Province on 08 September, 1937. He attended St. Andrew's (CMS) Primary School Warri (1945 – 1950); Urhobo College, Warri (1951 – 1956); Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology (1957 – 1959); University of Nigeria Nsukka (1960-1961); The Royal University, Lund, Sweden (1961 – 1967); University of Leeds, England (1967 – 1969). He obtained the Cambridge School Certificate in 1956; General Certificate of Education (Advance Level) in 1959; Filosofie Kandidatexamen (B.Sc.) in 1963; M.Sc. in 1965; Filosofie Licentiatexamen (Ph.D.) in 1967 and another Ph.D. in 1969.

Professor Ogionwo joined the services of the University of Ibadan as a Lecturer II in the Department of Sociology on 17 January, 1970; promoted Lecturer I with effect from 1 October, 1973; Senior Lecturer from 1 October 1975, and Professor in 1979.

The late Professor of Sociology served the University as the Head of Department from 01 August, 1986 until 1989; Faculty Representative on the Appointments and Promotions Committee (Junior Staff) 1975-1978; Chairman, Senate Sub-Committee on "Rules and Regulations" for the University Community (1973); Senate member on Building, Works and Sites Committee (1973 – 1974); Senate member on Library Committee (1972 – 1974) among other duties.

Professor Ogionwo, a one time Secretary to the Government of Rivers State transferred his services to the University of Port Harcourt in 1990.

An erudite Scholar, Professor Ogionwo won many scholarships, published many books and contributed to many scholarly publications at local, national and international levels.

May His Soul Rest in Peace (Amen).

Funeral arrangements as announced by the Family are as stated:

Wednesday, 10 March, 2010

Service of Songs at his residence No. 36, Birabi Street, GRA Phase I, Port Harcourt at 5 p.m.

Friday, 12 March, 2010

Lying in State at Bayelsa State Traditional Rulers Council Hall in Yenagoa at 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Wake-keep at his residence in Opokuma at 12 noon.

Saturday, 13 March, 2010

Interment at his compound in Igbainwari Town at 11 a.m.

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