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### **OBITUARY**

#### **HIGH CHIEF (NTUFAM) (DR.) ITA EKANEM-ITA JP, OON**

With deep regret but with gratitude to God for a life well spent, the Council and Management of the University of Ibadan announce the transition to eternal glory on Thursday, 03 September, 2009, of High Chief (NTUFAM) (DR.) ITA EKANEM-ITA, a former Registrar and Secretary to Council of the University of Ibadan (1982 – 1994).

High Chief Ekanem-Ita attended the University College, Ibadan, from (1960 – 1963); Columbia University, New York, U.S.A.(1972-1973) and University of London Institute of Education, (1989). He obtained a B.A. (Hons) History (Ibadan), a Masters Degree (Columbia), a Certificate in University Administration (London) and was honoured with a Doctor of Literature degree by the University of Calabar.

High Chief Ekanem-Ita was a Government, a Rockefeller Foundation and a British Council Scholar.

He joined the services of the University of Ibadan as a Graduate Assistant/Administrative Officer in 1963, was promoted Assistant/Senior Assistant Registrar (1968 -1975), became a Deputy/Senior Deputy Registrar (1975-1982) and was the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Senate, Congregation and Convocation from 1982 to 1994.

The late High Chief Ekanem-Ita was a member of the American Association for Higher Education, Washington; Association of Commonwealth Universities; International Association of World Universities and the International Committee of University Administrators.

He was a member of the FG/NUC Panels on University Administration Review; a Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Councils of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka (1997-2000) and Cross River State University of Technology (2000 – 2003). Some other national assignments included membership of the Constitution Drafting Committee (1975-76); and membership of the Visitation Panel to Rivers State University of Science and Technology (1995-1996 and 2005-2006).

A traditional title holder, late High Chief Ekanem-Ita was the Ada-idaha-ke-Eburutu; Etonwed Efik Eburutu; Mkpisong Ukara Ekondo Efik; Ikpamfum Calabar and Ntufam of Qua Nation, Calabar.

High Chief Ekanem-Ita who was nick-named 'Registrar Emeritus', held the record of being the longest serving Registrar in any Nigerian University, a position he held for twelve years!

High Chief Ekanem-Ita who passed on after a protracted illness, is survived by a son and a host of relations. May God receive his soul. Amen!

## Burial Arrangement

Wednesday, 14 October, 2009 - Opening of Mourning House at his residence,  
ITASTAR LODGE, Plot 248, Etta Agbor  
Layout, Calabar

Friday, 16 October, 2009 - Service of Songs at Duke Town  
Presbyterian Church, Calabar. 6.00 p.m.

Saturday, 17 October, 2009 - Funeral/Memorial Service at Duke Town  
Presbyterian Church, Calabar. 12.00 noon

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