The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac F. Adewole, FAS, regrets to announce the passing away of Prof. Ezekiel Adewale Oke on Friday 13 April, 2012.

Professor Ezekiel Adewale Oke was born on 15 June 1945. He had a B.A. Degree in Sociology from Georgetown College in 1968. Thereafter, he received M.A. (Sociology) and M.A. Anthropology from the University of Kentucky in 1970 and 1974 respectively. Professor Oke finally received a Ph.D. Degree in Anthropology in 1977 from the latter University. He subsequently returned to Nigeria to take up an appointment at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan.

Recognizing his scholarly worth, both the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine and the Department of Sociology of the University of Ibadan, Ibadan offered Professor Oke appointments. He decided to opt for the appointment in the Department of Sociology while he indicated his willingness to offer assistance and/or collaborate with the other unit whenever his services were needed. In this spirit of selfless service for the advancement of the University community and intellectual and scholarly development of students, it is noteworthy to state that Dr. Oke, as he then was, taught ANT 115 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology) and ANT 315 (Primates and Man) between 1985 and 1988 and 1987 and 1992 respectively at the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology which was then short of academic personnel in Anthropology. He did not collect any extra emolument from the University for the additional task.

Professor Oke won several fellowships and grants and he also served as Consultant and Principal Investigator to many international organizations. While undertaking undergraduate and graduate studies, Adewale Oke received the Georgetown College International Student Scholarship, University of Kentucky Graduate School Research Grant, University of Kentucky Research and Teaching Assistantship, Commonwealth of Kentucky Bureau of Health Services Research Fellowship and Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) National Sociology Honour Society, USA. Professor Oke also received the University of Kentucky, Community Medicine Post Doctoral Fellowship, University of Ibadan Senate Research Grant and he was a University of Ibadan/Pennsylvania Exchange Fellow. At various times, Professor Oke served as Consultant Anthropologist to the Academy for Educational Development (AED) Washington DC; Harvard Institute for International Development (ADDR, Nigeria), Cambridge, MA; World Health Organization (WHO) Diarrhea Diseases Control Programme, Nigeria; Federal Ministry of Information and Culture; United Nations Population Fund for Africa (UNFPA), New York; and the Principal
Investigator to the World Health Organization (WHO) on the Growing Crisis of Tuberculosis in Nigeria with particular reference to Oyo State.

He served the University in various administrative positions in the Department, Faculty and Hall of Residence. Prof. Oke served as Acting Head of the Department of Sociology from 1 November, 1991 to 1993. He later served as a substantive Head of the same Department from 2001 to 2003. He was appointed Hall Master of Tedder Hall in 2005 and also re-appointed as Hall Master of the same Hall in 2008.

Professor Oke is the author of `Introduction to Social Anthropology published by Macmillan, London. He also published numerous scholarly works both internationally and locally in reputable journals and edited volumes. He successfully supervised more than 10 Doctoral candidates, numerous academic and professional Masters projects and Bachelors long essays.

Professor Oke, no doubt, served our University and the global community creditably. His contributions were not only written in the books of the University and international organizations, but most profoundly in the hearts and minds of the many students he taught and touched in the 33 years of his career at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Oke and children.

**Burial Arrangements**

Tuesday 08 May, 2012 – Service of Songs – 5.00 pm at his residence, Plot 11, Block 9, Oke’badan Estate, Akobo, Ibadan

Thursday, 10 May 2012 – Lying-in-state – 9.00 a.m. at the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

- Commendation Service – 11.00 a.m. at Oritamefa Baptist Church, Ibadan

- Body leaves Ibadan for Ogbomoso immediately; Service of Songs at No. 37, Papa Ajao Street, Ogbomoso at 5.00 p.m.

Friday, 11 May 2012 – Funeral and Thanksgiving Service – 11.00 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, Ogbomoso. Interment follows immediately.

Entertainment of Guests at Recreation Club, Ogbomoso (Along Ilorin Road).

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