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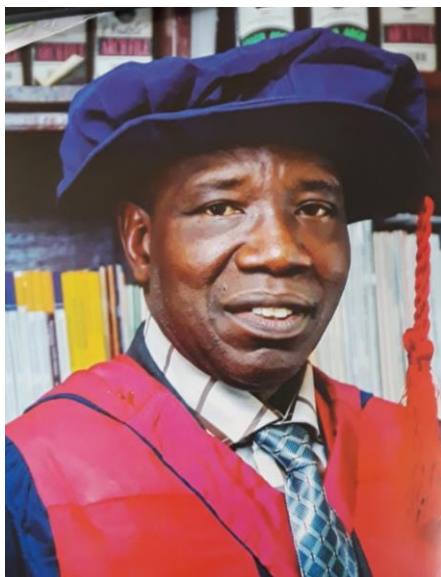
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*Editorial*

## **An Icon Exits the Ivory Tower**

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Prof. Oladosu Akanbi Ojengbede has taken a glorious exit out of the University of Ibadan having attained the age of 70 years creating a huge vacuum that may be difficult to fill.

Prof. Ojengbede was born on 09 December 1949 into the family of Pa Ganiyu Ojengbede and Madam Ojuolape Ojengbede. He attended St. Peter's Primary School (1956-1960) and later proceeded to Ilesha Grammar School in 1961. He started his course in Medicine at University of Ibadan in 1967. He bagged the Bachelors of Medical Science (Anatomy) with 2nd Class Upper Division (1972) and the MBBC (1974). A consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecologist, Prof. Ojengbede has to his credit highly rated Fellowship of International College of Surgeon (FICS). He has served University community in various capacities as Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Provost of College of Medicine (1994-1998) and Acting Vice Chancellor of University of Ibadan (December 1995 – March 1996). He was an active member of the UI Research Foundation.

Prof. Ojengbede is a man of amazing grace and a shining star. Indeed, his sheer determination, patriotism and prudence are the linchpins that underpin his success. In his profession, his imprints are phenomenal. The commencement of Masters Programmes in Reproductive Biology in University of Ibadan is among his numerous achievements. He was recognised with the international prestigious Martin-Peterson award by the American College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists. The internationally respected Royal College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologist also conferred on him the highest honour of the College. He has trained several doctors, nurses and birth attendants.

Prof. Ojengbede is a philanthropist, active sportsman, dutiful researcher, exceptional gynaecologist, diligent team-leader with a peculiar way of solving conflicts and restoring hope. Prof Ojengbede became the relentless leader of Chicago-Ibadan Partnership as Principal Investigator of the NIH Fogarty International Center D43 training program in chronic non-communicable diseases across lifespan in 2012 which transited to Ibadan D71 grant in 2017. He chaired the Joint Steering Committee for the 4-Way Collaboration between Novartis Biomedical Research Consortium, University of Chicago, Lagos State University and University College Hospital, Ibadan. His religious, social and community lifestyles are quite interesting.

Prof. Ojengbede is leaving the university as a fulfilled fellow with legendary achievements having his both biological and academic children doing excellently well globally. As you step aside on attaining the mandatory retirement age, we wish you happiness, longer productive life, good health and prosperity. We trust that you will continue to serve humanity as you have been doing consistently at the local, national and international levels.