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TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR (ARDO) CHIMAH EZEOMAH

It is with profound respect and a deep sense of gratitude that I pay this tribute to late Professor (Ardo) Chimah Ezeomah, one of my earliest University teachers at undergraduate in 1976. He also taught me at masters level in 1983 and responded to my Ph.D seminars in the 1990s.

With glowing tribute, I make bold to say that Professor Chima Ezeomah's academic journey greatly inspired me and other countless students with clarity of thought, intellectual discipline and a passion for educational equity. His reputation as an astute researcher continues to ring a bell. As a prolific scholar, Professor Ezeomah published extensively in books and peer-reviewed Journals. That to me, was very inspirational. Professor Ezeomah also proved himself a professional of global repute by standing out through depth of insight, integrity of purpose, and a rare capacity for strategic thinking which many of us picked as enduring legacies.

I found Professor Ezeomah not only thorough in scholarship but exemplary in character as a disciplined, meticulous, compassionate and one committed to excellence. Having schooled under him, embarked on research endeavours with him as well as enjoyed a bit of travels with this unique personality as well as benefitting from his mentorship over decades, I remember his humility, passion for innovation and unwavering belief that education is a tool for liberation, inclusion and growth. Through it, he touched lives, bequeathed knowledge, strengthened systems and will forever guide policies, inspire scholars and illuminate the path for future generations. That is the consolation as I am now forced to say good night to my teacher, mentor, colleagues and unique friend, late Professor (Ardo) Chimah Ezeomah.

Rest in peace.



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