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A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR CHIMAH EZEOMAH

Professor (Ardo) Chimah Ezeomah assumed duty at the University of Jos as lecturer I in the Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education on 1st September 1976. He was thus among the pioneering staff of the University who consistently remained and rose to be a professor. Through his career, in addition to excellence in teaching and research, Professor Ezeomah served the University and the larger community in several other capacities. He was Head, Department of Arts and Social Science Education, Dean of Faculty Education and Director, Centre for Nomadic Education. In all these, late Professor Ezeomah left footprints of landmark achievements that helped to stabilise the Faculty of Education.

This widely published scholar, immensely contributed to bringing the Faculty and the University into lime light, especially in the field of Nomadic Education. He was Chief Technical Adviser on UNDP/UNESCO programme on education of Nomadic families and consultant to UNESCO on Education of Nomads in Anglophone Africa. His expertise persuaded the Federal Government of Nigeria to appoint him as the pioneer Executive Secretary, National Commission for Nomadic Education, 1990-1995. Little wonder therefore, that the late Professor was a recipient of UNDP/UNESCO best research award in 1982, among several others.

Before his retirement from the services of the University of Jos, Professor Ezeomah was undoubtedly an academic giant, a mentor par excellence, a moral compass, a beacon of knowledge and exemplary scholar. He pursued these virtues with vigour and cultivation of character and relentless service to humanity. He treated everyone with respect most especially

his students and research population, the Nomads. Although Professor Ezeomah might have gone silent now, his words, deed and values continue to resonate loudly. Among others, his numerous published works remain timeless references whose impact remain immeasurable.

We mourn our former great teacher, supervisor, a mentor, a father figure and a professional colleague. Yet, we celebrate a life richly lived and purposefully spent. Rest on dear Professor (Ardo) Chimah Ezeomah. You ran the race of life worthy of a crown; having taught, served and made a significant positive difference. We celebrate a pillar of wisdom and repository of knowledge. The Faculty of Education, University of Jos will forever locate your name in the annals of academic excellence and lasting legacies.

May your soul rest in peace with the Lord, Amen.

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