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The Family of Late Professor Ardo Chimah Ezeomah

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF PROFESSOR ARDO CHIMAH EZEOMAH (10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1932 – 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025)

The University of Jos mourns the passing of one of its most distinguished scholars and administrators, Professor Ardo Chimah Ezeomah, who departed this life on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

Born on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1932, Professor Ezeomah was a pioneer in Educational Administration and Planning and a globally recognized authority in Nomadic Education. He joined the services of the University of Jos in 1976 as a Lecturer I, advancing to the rank of Reader in 1983 and full Professor in 1991. In his illustrious career with the University of Jos, he served as a Director and Head of Research at the Centre for Nomadic Education, Head of the Department of Arts and Social Science Education, Dean of the Faculty of Education and as a member of the University Governing Council.

As a visionary scholar, Professor Ezeomah conducted groundbreaking studies in educating mobile pastoralist communities. His PhD. research, "Investigation into Strategies for Developing Cattle Fulani Education in Bauchi State," laid the foundation for the National Commission for Nomadic Education (NCNE), where he served as the pioneer Executive Secretary in 1990. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he received the UNESCO/UNDP Paul G. Hoffman International Award in 1982.

Professor Ezeomah authored numerous books, monographs and peer-reviewed articles, prominent among his Publications is the Education of the Nomads: The Fulani of Northern Nigeria (1983). He served as an Executive Editor of the International Journal of Nomadic and Minority Education and equally consulted widely for UNESCO, UNDP, the British Council and other global organizations. His work profoundly influenced educational policy, curriculum development, and access to education for marginalized communities.

Beyond scholarship, Professor Ezeomah was a devoted husband, father of seven, mentor to countless students and academics, and a man of integrity whose life exemplified dedication, humility and service. His vision and leadership have left a lasting legacy in Nigeria, Africa and beyond.

The University of Jos joins the family, friends, colleagues and all who knew him in celebrating the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Professor Ardo Chimah Ezeomah.

May his soul rest in peace and may his contributions continue to inspire generations to come.

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