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### TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR EZEOMAH

I crossed paths with Prof. Ezeomah in the 1990s when I joined the staff of the University of Jos. He was already a Professor when I joined as a Lecturer 1, so the power distance precluded any intimacy. His seminal works in Nomadic Education, which led to his appointment as Director and Head of Research, Centre for Nomadic Education in the University of Jos, projected him to the national level with his appointment as Pioneer Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Nomadic Education.

When he returned to Jos, he was elected the Dean of Education and Senate representative on the Governing Council of the University. I got to know him more closely then given his relationship with a friend of my father, Professor Livinus Ukachi. We were also all together in Nzuko Mahadum Jos, a socio-cultural association of all staff of the University who self-identified as Igbo. He was a respected elder in the association and gave leadership.

He was a thoroughbred academic who left legacies in his field of academic endeavour. Now that he is gone the way of all mortals, I pray for the repose of his soul and the fortitude to all those who mourn him. Life is not about how long, but how well. He had the fortune of living long and well. Fare thee well, Prof Ezeomah

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Basil N. Okeahialam".