SAD NEWS - PROFESSOR FRANCIS KOFI AMPENYIN ALLOTEY

We are deeply saddened to inform you about the death of Prof. Francis. K. A. Allotey, Professor of Mathematical Physics. Prof. Allotey passed on at 9:10pm yesterday in Accra.

Professor Francis Kofi Ampenyin Allotey was born at Saltpond, Ghana. He was educated at the Roman Catholic Elementary School, Saltpond, Ghana National College, Cape Coast; the University Tutorial College, London; Borough Polytechnic (now called University of South Bank), London; Imperial College of Science and Technology, London and Princeton University, USA.

Professor Allotey was appointed lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and rose through the ranks to become the first Ghanaian Full Professor in Mathematics and Head of the Department of Mathematics in 1973. He held numerous positions at KNUST; from Head of Department to Pro-Vice Chancellor. He was a Founding member of African Institute for Mathematical Sciences and became the President of the Ghana Centre until his demise.

He was appointed by the Secretary-General of United Nations to be among a group of 12 international experts commissioned to advise United Nations in Nuclear Weapon.

He held a number of National Appointments: Chairman and Member, Ghana Atomic Energy Commission and; Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR): Chairman; member of Council, Ghana Telecom University College and Member, Ghana UNESCO Commission, Chairman, Accra Institute of Technology.

He was the first to introduce the theory of electron-hole scattering resonances effect on soft X-ray spectroscopy in metals. This effect has been observed experimentally.

Professor Allotey won a number of Local and international Awards including the Ghana Academy of Arts and Science Prince Philip Gold medal in 1973.

He was an Honorary Fellow, Ghana Institution of Engineers; Fellow, Academy of Science for the Developing World; Founding Fellow and Vice President, African Academy of Sciences; Chartered Fellow of the British Computer Society (BCS): Honorary Fellow of Institute of Physics (U.K); Founding Fellow and President, Ghana Institute of Physics; Founding Fellow and Chairman, Ghana Institute of Information Technology; President of Society of African Physicists and Mathematicians and others.

Further information on the funeral arrangement will be shared with you in due course as the family meets to deliberate.

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