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ILEMOBADE FAMILY DONATES BOOKS TO FUTA

In furtherance of the pursuit of knowledge and in fulfillment of the last testament of Late Professor Albert Adeoye Ilemobade, the second substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure his children have made a donation of over 2000 books, journals, plaques and memorabilia to the University Library recently named after him. Presenting the items to the University on behalf of the family, one of the sons of the Late patriarch Professor Adeshola Ilemobade who admitted that it was a great pleasure making the donation emphasized that the gesture was not a mere ceremony, but a fulfillment of a directive contained in a section of their father's last testament. He noted that his father never disconnected from FUTA even after his retirement from active service hence desired his continuous contribution to knowledge even in death. Disclosing that some of the books donated were over 30 years of age, Professor Ilemobade described them as useful materials for reference and called for their preservation. He described many of them as rare publications that may not be found on book shelves again, ownership of which he quickly pointed out would further draw attention to FUTA as an archive of knowledge.

While assuring the University of Commitment to long term relationship, Professor Ilemobade disclosed the family's decision to hold an annual memorial lecture in the University in honour of the late Don to continue his academic legacy. The Ilemobades enjoined the University Management to set up a special section in the Albert Ilemobade Library to display the donated items to make them visible and accessible to patrons. Speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Academic), Professor Olatunde Arayela thanked the family for the donation. He noted that it was a rare privilege to

fulfill one's wishes after death and commended the long existing synergy between the family and the University. He emphasized that the books would be very relevant to the University, particularly to staff and students of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, the School under which the late Professor garnered and shared experience in FUTA. Arayela promised support for the family's annual memorial lecture and prayed God to continue to be with the family.

Receiving the books on behalf of the University, the librarian, Dr. Belau Gbadamosi said that the items would be infused "to support programmes in the area of Animal Health, Breeding and Animal Science in general". He appreciated the gesture which he termed donation of the totality of Late Professor Ilemobade to FUTA Library. Present at the donation was Mrs. Ayokanmi Ayuba, Mr. Adeseni Ilemobade, both children of the deceased and members of the University Management team.