The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research), Professor Babajide Alo, FAS,
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Duro Oni,
The Registrar and Secretary to Council, Dr. (Mrs.) Taiwo F. Ipaye,
The Bursar, Mr. Lateef Odekunle,
The University Librarian, Dr. (Mrs.) Olukemi A. Fadehan,
The Provost, College of Medicine, Professor Folasade T. Ogunsola,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,
Gentlemen of the Press,

We are here gathered this evening for our dear compatriot, and indeed, brother, whose turn it was to exit the stage on April 16, 2015, a fate which we all must have to suffer.

We are thus gathered to celebrate the life of Chief Lugard Aimiuwu, OON, DM, CNIM, FNIM, fnimn, FCIPM, FIOR, FIMC, (the Osayuwanoba of Benin Kingdom), to cherish our memory of him as a true kind-hearted and loving gentleman.

The Late Chief Lugard Aimiuwu was many things to many people in diverse ways. From which ever angle it is viewed, the sweet reminiscences and indelible footprints
he left on the sands of time shall forever be remembered with fond memories that continue to linger.

Chief Aimiuwu was a very rare asset, whose uniqueness could be attributed to his positive attitude, versatility and diverse exposure and background. A graduate of our Faculty of Business Administration and the first recipient of the Dr. Shodeinde Prize “for the best student in the university”, he combined an uncommon insight into the African psyche and traditional values with cutting edge professionalism in ultra-modern management disciplines.

He supported his alma mater, UNILAG, in various roles including serving as former member, UNILAG Governing Council (between 2001 and 2005) as well as President, UNILAG Alumni Association.

Chief Aimiuwu was an internationally renowned Transformation Strategist and Planner. His management career, within Shell and Unilever, mainly in Nigeria and also the United Kingdom, was in very competitive and contrasting market environments, and took him to over 200 overseas operations across continents. Career positions held include Marketing Planner, Chief Buyer, Supplies Controller, Planning Coordinator, Marketing Director, Sales Director, Personnel Director, Agribusiness Director, Projects Director, etc. The unmistakable imprints made in each position confirm his versatility.

He was the pioneer President and Chairman of Council of the Chartered National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria following a unification process, which he led, that successfully integrated the erstwhile irreconcilable factions. He was also the start-up President and Chairman of Council of the Nigerian Institute of Management
following the granting of charter status to the Institute, an organisation whose strategic transformation he led most admirably. He was also President, Insurance Directors’ Association of Nigeria (IDAN) and Chairman Soaps and Detergent Group, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria.

A professional to the core, he had considerable experience in the promotion and development of professionalism and best practice in Management, Marketing, HR, Logistics, and Planning with special focus on emerging markets. He was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management, on whose Governing Council he served. He was also a Fellow of National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria, Nigerian Institute of Management and Institute of Operations Research.

Chief Aimiuwu was a much sought-after resource person by professional institutes, the university system, the corporate world, both local and international, plus public sector institutions and organs. He served on federal inter-ministerial committees, chaired Federal Tertiary Institution Visitation Panels, rendered advisory and training support to private and public sector organs and executives, and chaired several community-based groups and project committees.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is this rare gem of inestimable value that we have just lost and we are gathered to celebrate. Death is the inevitable end for all and though it is the turn of Chief Aimuiwu, he, continues to live in our hearts and his works will continue to speak to us.

To the family, we pray that God grants you all the fortitude to bear this irreplaceable loss. Let us assure you of our support as you go through this trying period. We urge
you to take solace in his achievements and the immense respects these have brought him.

Adieu, Chief Lugard Aimiuwu, OON, DM, CNIM, FNIM, fnimn, FCIPM, FIOR, FIMC, the Osayuwanoba of Benin Kingdom.

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Vice-Chancellor
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