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The University of Technology, Jamaica family is deeply saddened at the passing of our former colleague, Professor Winston Davidson on Sunday, November 19, 2023 following a period of illness. Professor Davidson who was Professor of Public Health and Health Technology, served the University as an Adjunct Professor from April 17, 2007- to April 30, 2009, and as Consultant Public Health Educator from March 2008 - February 2009. He most recently served with distinction as Head of the School of Public Health and Health Technology from May 1, 2009 - December 31, 2020, before his retirement from the University on March 31, 2021.

Prof. Davidson, was a highly regarded public-health specialist and had to his credit, a distinguished forty-plus year career as a medical doctor, telemedicine pioneer researcher and public health academician, to which the University was a tremendous beneficiary. Prof. Davidson has contributed significantly to health care in Jamaica, particularly in the areas of reorganizing the Ministry of Health into levels of Care, specifically: Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Health Care delivery systems.

Under his leadership as Head of UTech, Jamaica's School of Public Health and Health Technology, both student and faculty populations have increased, which resulted in the introduction of the Master of Public Health and the commencement of the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Health and Safety, as well as other graduate courses of study.

Prof. Davidson has distinguished himself in community involvement and has served in a number of public service capacities including as Chairman of the Bureau of Standards and Vice Chairman, Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission.

Among his many awards in recognition of his significant contribution to the development of Jamaica was the Commander of the Order of Distinction for Services to Medicine in 2003.

The University of Technology, Jamaica faculty, staff and students extend sincere condolences to the family, friends and associates of Professor Davidson and pray that God will provide the strength and comfort that is needed during this challenging time of loss.

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