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Registrar and Secretary to Governing Council,
Fountain University,
Osogbo,
Osun State, Nigeria.

Dear Registrar,

REFERENCE ON PROFESSOR AGBAJE LATEEF: RE: APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR

I write at the instance of Professor Agbaje Lateef, an applicant for the position of Vice Chancellor of your institution. Professor Lateef is well known to me; having known him the past 30 years, precisely since 1992. During his undergraduate studies he took a university required course in my Department at the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso. He became my colleague 24 years ago, when he was employed as a Graduate Assistant in 1998. He rose through the ranks and became a professor in 2013. Over these 30 years, I had the opportunity of monitoring, mentoring and leading him in academic, administrative and community service contexts in my capacities as a professor, Chairman Committee of Deans and Provosts, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of our University. I therefore refer him from these contexts.

Professor Lateef is a painstaking researcher and a matured academic. He is an amiable, intelligent, dependable and a public-spirited person. He is a good team player and effective leader. He is endowed with skills and courage to be able to take decisions technically and on merit, which he had demonstrated over the time in his several responsibilities as Head of Department and member of the University Governing Council as well as in his handling of sensitive university assignments. Furthermore, he is emotionally stable and physically fit.

Professor Lateef's educational qualifications, career experience, administrative skills and leadership qualities put him as a fit and proper person for the position he has applied for. He has what it takes to manage a complex and growing institution like the Fountain University. It is my humble opinion that, if given the opportunity, he will perform creditably. I therefore humbly recommend Professor Agbaje Lateef for appointment as Vice Chancellor of Fountain University. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor R. O. Rom Kalilu.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, LAUTECH (2006 – 2008).