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## Interview with Engr. Chris Okoye FNSE on Local Content in Nigeria

*Engr. Chris Okoye is the immediate past chairman of the Road Infrastructure & Institutional Framework Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. He is a member of Council and currently the Chairman of the Local Content Committee of the Nigeria Society of Engineers. He has also been a member of several committees at the national level of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.*



Engr. Chris Okoye FNSE

capabilities, and all these are the things that are relevant for the sustainability in the practice of engineering in any country. I believe that in the past the Nigerian Society of Engineers was not as active as it should have been. It should have been the driver of these processes. I think they stayed on the side and allowed other institutions to do that when indeed they are the greatest beneficiary in the law. So I hope that they are now beginning to key in. We are now beginning to play our rightful role and I hope that with that platform that we have created we can now put all those things right on their crest and be able to deliver successfully for the benefit of the engineers and of course Nigeria as a whole.

**E-Newsletter:** *Talking about Local Content in engineering practice, what would you say about the participation of engineers in Local Content in Nigeria?*

**Engr. Chris Okoye:** Local Content is a very important tool for reclaiming the practice of engineering for engineers in Nigeria. I am not quite sure that there is any tool that is as powerful like what we now call Local Content Act or the Nigerian Content Act. The problems of course we have, is how that Act is going to be implemented or what we call the clauses in the Act and also to be monitored so that it can achieve its purpose for which the law was enacted. The amount of incoming revenue in Nigeria would be much better because we also remember that the Local Content Act or the Nigerian Content Act talks about value addition, it talks about competencies, it talks about capacities, it talks about

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much sir. We are very grateful for the time you shared with us.*



Engr. Chris Okoye FNSE & Engr. Otuench O. J.

## NSE PH Branch Industrial Visit Meeting to University of Port Harcourt on Monday 14th March 2011

On Monday 14th March 2011, the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch led by the Chairman Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE, went to the University of Port Harcourt on an industrial visit meeting. The NSE team were received by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Engr. Prof. Okoli, Engr. Prof. D. S. P. Abam FNSE, Engr. Prof. Ejezie FNSE, Heads of Departments and members of staff.



Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE, NSE PH Branch Chairman (standing) addressing the members during the meeting.



NSE PH Branch EXCO members (front row) & the Faculty of Engineering staff of University of Port Harcourt during the meeting.

**NSE 3-Day Mandatory Continuing Professional Education Course for Prospective Corporate Members held on Wednesday 16th-Friday 18th March 2011 in the Port Harcourt center.**



Engr. Chief O. O. Oruye, FNSE addressing the prospective members



Engr. Denis Dania addressing the prospective members

**Engr. E. C. Nwkorobia Mother's Burial Ceremony at Amiyi—Umuaka Njaba Imo State on February 24th 2011.**



2nd right: Engr. E. C. Nwkorobia (the bereaved). Inset: Nwkorobia's mum lying in state.



The Welfare Committee of NSE PH Branch paid Engr. Humphrey Amadi (Welfare Secretary) condolence visit on the death of one of his younger brothers.

L-R: Engr. Edward Orupabo (Welfare Sec), Engr. H Amadi & Engr. Mrs. Ohagwa



NSE PH Branch EXCO members & the Faculty of Engineering staff of University of Port Harcourt in a group photograph after the meeting



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