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Interview with Engr. Dr. Olusegun Ajayi FNSE on Power System Engineering in Nigeria

Engr. Dr. Olusegun Ajayi FNSE was born on the 28th August, 1939 and he had his education between Lagos and Abeokota and briefly at Ibadan. He graduated in 1964 from the University of London King's College and had his PhD in 1968. Engr. Dr. Ajayi started work at the University of Lagos in 1968 and retired in 1987 as an associate professor and then went into consultancy. Engr. Ajayi has consulted in quite a number of electrical projects and the biggest is the Aluminum Smelting Company in Ikot Abasi. He also consulted on some high rise buildings in Marina in Lagos. Engr. Dr. Olusegun Ajayi FNSE was the president of the Nigerian Society of Engineers in 1995.



Engr. Dr. Olusegun Ajayi FNSE

competent engineers at the end of the day. I am not boosting, quite a number of the engineers that graduated between 1969 up still the time I left the university, I am sure that more than 60% of them ended up in NEPA or ETF for the simple reason that while we were teaching we also make sure that we give them one day off to go and work with the technicians, technologist in ECN at that time. They take them on, they go round the power sub-stations, they go round transmitting lines etc, to make sure that at least they can appreciate what we are talking about in the lecture room. Some of them rose to become Directors in NEPA and quite a number of them are still there and most prominent amongst them anyways is Engr. Shomolu, who is a past president of NSE and also was a special adviser to the former President of Nigeria. The first time I took him and his classmates to Kainji, they have just completed Kainji at that time.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

E-Newsletter: *Sir, briefly, what can tell us about the power system engineering in Nigeria.*

Engr. Dr. Ajayi: That is something of a concern to the Nigerian Society of Engineers and to all engineers because we should all be ashamed that this is a situation in which we have had very little issues. I was in close relationship with the former ETF because when I started lecturing I noticed that most of the students were afraid of electricity and you can not be a good electrical engineer if you are afraid that you are going to be electrocuted. Part of our own job as a lecturer is to give the students confidence and they should know exactly what they are doing and they should do it right because in electrical engineering if you make one mistake it may lead to crises but if you are able to get your students to know exactly what to do and do it right the result is that you are going to have



Engr. Dr. Ajayi & Engr. Otuneh

NSE Port Harcourt Renovates Secretariat

The Nigerian Society of Engineers, Port Harcourt Branch, has embarked on the renovation of the secretariat at Water Works Yard No. 3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt. The project arose from the need to adequately accommodate the growing number of members and guests who attend the branch functions in recent times.

The project, which is being handled by the Building Maintenance and Property Development Committee on direct labour basis, will on completion add over eighty square meters of additional seating space to the main hall. It will also feature two additional offices and a kitchenette. This will be complemented by a re-modelled facade and a completely new aluminium-clad roof.

The Committee had earlier constructed a cobbled-stone parking area in the secretariat.

According to the Chairman of the Committee, Engr. A. E. Okezie MNSE MNICE, the project will be completed in the first week of June. He regrets the inconvenience to the exco and members as well as the secretariat staff who have temporarily relocated to the ICT Centre.



NSE PH Branch secretariat undergoing expansion



The Executive Committee members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch in March 2011 EXCO meeting at the branch secretariat, Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt. The meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE.



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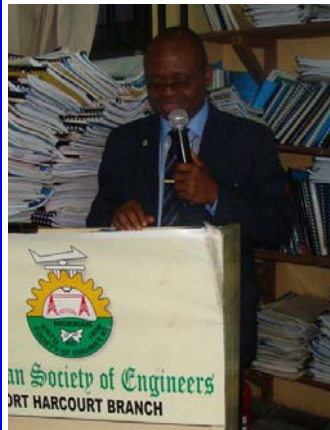
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Symposium on Water Supply in Rivers State

On Thursday 31st March 2011, a symposium on Water Supply in Rivers State was held in the Prof. T. C. Nwodo E-Library of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt.

The speakers at the symposium were Engr. Chief M.D. Derefaka FNSE, Executive Director (Engineering), Niger Delta Basin Development Authority and a past chairman of the branch who spoke on **“The Challenges of Potable Water Production and Distribution in Rivers State”** and Engr. Rev Loveday Nwafor who spoke on **“An Overview of Water Supply Status in Rivers State”**

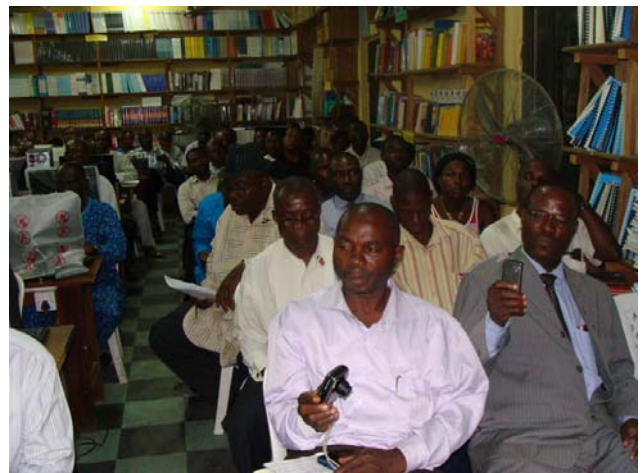
In his presentation Engr. Derefaka said for a proper and effective water supply in the whole of the state a lot of considerations must be taken. The issues such as the institutional strengthening of the RSWB and the development of the Rivers state Urban Water Policy in line with the Federal Governments policy on Water should be put in place. In other words, the state government should immediately put machinery in action to commence the proposed reform programme. If these are implemented all the other factors such as getting funding partners, PPP partners and the commercialization of water supply will now be effectively carried out.



Engr. Rev Loveday Nwafor MNSE



Engr. Chief M.D. Derefaka FNSE



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