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Interview with Engr. B. J. Benibo FNSE, on NSE PH Branch proposed Engineering Resource Center.

Engr. Basoene Joshua Benibo FNSE, is a past chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch. He served as the chairman of the branch from 2006 to 2007. Engr. Benibo, is currently the Chairman of the proposed Engineering Resource Centre Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch.



E-Newsletter: What can you tell us about the Engineering Resource Centre? Engr. B. J. Basoene FNSE

Engr. Benibo: It was actually during my tenure as the branch chairman that the idea of the Engineering Resource Centre came to my mind and I decided to present it to the Port Harcourt branch and the concept was accepted. Actually the idea came to me when I discovered that there are experienced and knowledgeable engineers who were passing away with their knowledge through death. Then it came to my mind if there is any

way these knowledge can be passed on from one person to another and these gurus can in one way or the other drop or pass on their knowledge to the young ones, it will be in the interest of everybody. I took someone particularly for example who is the most valuable person of our branch, our own Engr. Prof. Y. O. Beredugo FNSE. I was saying if this man goes away one day, will he go away with all his knowledge and nobody will benefit from it? There should be a way we can store his knowledge. That was how the engineering resource center came to my mind. How we can store his knowledge and retrieve it at any point in time when we need such knowledge. So the branch went on to plan how the resource centre will be achieved. That was basically the starting point. The second aspect that really pushed us to think about the engineering resource center was when the then President of this country, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, challenged engineers to have a local content development center and I felt that our engineering resource center will be the special place and it will do a lot of good to Nigerian engineers who will be trained on local content development.

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch elects new EXCO for 2012



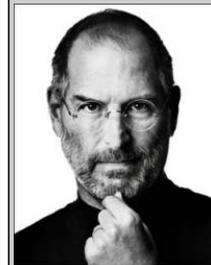
Engr. Denis Dania MNSE
Chairman elect

The Nigerian Society of Engineers, Port Harcourt Branch had its Annual General Meeting on Thursday September 29, 2011. The Branch Chairman, Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni, MNSE in his opening speech said that the occasion of the Annual General Meeting gives members the opportunity to review the activities of the Branch for the past one year. Highlights of the AGM were the presentation of the Secretariat report on the activities of the Branch for the past one year by the General Secretary Engr. Goodluck C. Ikenyiri, reading of the audited account of the Branch for the past accounting year July, 2010 to June, 2011 by the External Auditor and the election of new members of Executive Committee for the year 2012. The Branch Chairman elect, Engr. Denis A. A. Dania, MNSE in his post election speech, thanked

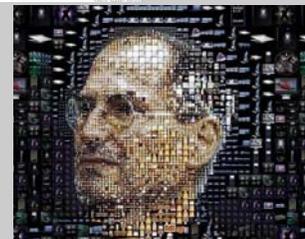
every one for the confidence reposed in him and pledged on behalf of the elected EXCO members to continue with the good works of his predecessors in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.

Steve Jobs: 1955–2011

“Thanks Steve, you changed us”



“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.”



“Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me... Going to bed at night saying we've done something wonderful ...that's what matters to me.” – 1993

S/No	Name	Position
1	Engr. Denis A. A. Dania mnse	Branch Chairman
2	Engr. Kombo Theophilus Johnson mnse	Vice Chairman
3	Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye mnse	General Secretary
4	Engr. Mrs. A. C. Ohagwa mnse	Assistant General Secretary
5	Engr. Chief Gibson Belief mnse	Treasurer
6	Engr. Agnes C. Adimelechi mnse	Financial Secretary
7	Engr. Otunte John Otuneh mnse	Membership Secretary
8	Engr. Edward Cromwel Orupabo mnse	Publicity Secretary
9	Engr. Precious Bob-Manuel mnse	Technical Secretary
10	Engr. Mrs. Chinwe Okoronkwo mnse	Assistant Technical Secretary
11	Engr. Humphrey Amadi mnse	Welfare Secretary
12	Engr. Onwuasomba Victor Okechukwu mnse	Internal Auditor

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We are striving to put the entire idea together and by the special grace of God we are almost at the point of constructing the Engineering Resource Centre with our objective clearly stated and gradually we are seeing the vision coming up. In a very short time, on 10th November 2011, we shall be launching fund to carry out the construction of the Engineering Resource Center here in Port Harcourt. We use this opportunity to invite corporate bodies, government and the general public to attend the function and to also assist in the development of this project because it will really enhance the knowledge of Nigerian engineers, develop the human capacity and actually make us achieve our aims and objectives as engineers.

E-Newsletter: *What do the engineers, stakeholders and the general public stand to benefit from this Resource Centre?*

Engr. Benibo: Let me give you some highlights of the Engineering Resource Centre; the primary objectives of the Engineering Resource Centre are to achieved but not limited to the following: Centre for Nigerian Content Development, Centre for continuous training and retraining of engineers and allied professional to meet emerging and contemporary challenges, Center for Oil and Gas industry man power requirement, Centre for information on modern technologies and software application, Center for digital literacy and Information & Communication Technology, Centre for documentary and documentation of engineering techniques in special projects execution, Centre for study and training in HSE, QA/QC, EIA with special facilities, Centre for exploring engineering feats, Centre for teleconferencing and outsourcing of technological knowledge, Centre for research on the challenges of our changing world, Centre for bridging academia and industry. There are so many things that will be gained from the centre. Take for example the traffic rules that motorists are lacking in this country. This will be played and replayed at the Centre for motorists to understand traffic rules, road markings, road signs and all that. These are some of the things the centre will do and it will impact on the public . So we included the aspect of training Nigerian engineers and retraining them to upgrade them in their knowledge and challenges of technology and emerging technologies. The Engineering Resource Centre will be in a position to transfer knowledge from advanced countries and wherever the knowledge is and disseminate it among the Nigerian engineers.

especially for government. Engineering knowledge is vast, as soon as there are innovations the centre will source for resource persons and bring them to the centre to train professionals on the innovations There will be distant learning programme; telecommunication system which will assist those who cannot come to the engineering resource center. This will afford even the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) to learn right from their offices. The CEOs will not need to come to the center to learn what is current. All the need to do is to connect to the Engineering Resource Centre from their offices. So these are the things that would be made available when the centre will be completed.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you very much sir.*

NSE PH Branch Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2011 at the branch secretariat.



NSE PH Branch EXCO members in a meeting on Thursday 6th October 2011 at the branch secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the branch chairman Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE (middle right).



Engr. B. J. Benibo FNSE & Engr. Otunte Otuneh



Exit Of A Rare Engineer

Engr. Eric Eweleh Ilegbodu (12th August 1944—3rd September 2011), Age - 67 years, passed on, on Saturday, 3rd September 2011. He will be buried on Saturday 15th October 2011 at his home town Ewohimi in Edo State. Until his death, he was an active member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch. There will be service of songs at his residence #7B New Woji Layout, Woji, Port Harcourt on 12th October 2011.



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