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Interview with Engr. Shehu Adedemi on Engineering Practice in Nigeria

Engr. Shehu Adedemi, is a Civil Engineer by profession. He graduated in 1964 and had his Masters in 1966. He has been practicing engineering since then. He went into consultancy after his retirement.



Engr. Shehu Adedemi

E-Newsletter: *What can you tell us about engineering practice in the country from when you started in the 60s?*

Engr. Adedemi: A lot has happened from the time we came in as young engineers. I came in in 1969 and at that time the practice was total. As a civil engineer you have to go through material testing lab, then you go into highway designs, you go into water reticulation design, you go into construction, you are posted to site to go and do supervision. So you have a total training which enables you to fit either in design of buildings, or construction of roads. During my own time we did more than two hundred projects, very good ones. Now the emphasis is no longer on the development of the occupation. People who are not qualified are getting jobs, some of them are not even engineers, that is why we have all these structural failures here and there. Even worse ones are happening on the roads. A lot of peo-

ple die because of failures on the roads. In building, everybody shout the structure has collapsed but roads are collapsing every day because of so many problems at the development stages. So I think it is to review some of the policies and bring back the way engineers were trained in the past.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir. What advise do you have for the stakeholders?*

Engr. Adedemi: First of all we must emphasis that there are lots of quacks in the profession. People who are supposed to be stakeholders; the clients who have the projects, the engineers who design the projects, sometimes you have a different engineer supervising the projects, these people must be well qualified. You must check that they are COR-EN registered and they are trained to carry out those projects. My advice is that government should not patronize quacks and give jobs to people who are not engineers. Engineering jobs should be given to engineers and they are abound all over the country. It is at so doing that you can develop local content for the development of local engineers, improvement in our infrastructures and economy as a whole.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you very much.*



Visit by members of the NSE PH Branch Welfare Committee to the family the late Sir Engr. Emelife left behind.



The burial ceremony of the father of Hon. (Engr.) Victor Amadi (2nd left) at Oboku-Ozuzu Etche.



Some members of the 2011 Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch



Some NSE PH Branch members and some spouses during the NSE Conference/AGM in Tinapa in December 2011

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