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Happy Easter

Interview with Engr. S. O. Udeh, on Electrical Engineering

Engr. S. O. Udeh is an electrical engineer with about thirty years experience. He has spent all his working career with Power Holding Company of Nigeria in trying to see how to improve power generation, transmission and distribution in the country. Currently he works for National Integrated Power Project (NIPP).



Engr. S. O. Udeh

E-Newsletter: *Considering your wealth of experience as an electrical engineer for about thirty years, what can you tell us about electrical engineering practice in the country?*

Engr. Udeh: We are improving but the unfortunate thing is that the environment is not very friendly for the kind of pace that the engineer would have liked it to move in the country because the engineer does not have the political power to be able to achieve things faster but all the same we are making progress.

E-Newsletter: *What advice do you have for the younger engineers that are coming up? What lessons do they have to learn?*

Engr. Udeh: This is a very interesting issue because I have hap-

pened to have been on a panel where we try to recruit young engineers; but sadly, quite many of them knew nothing. They went to school; they did study engineering or they pretended to have studied engineering. So basically my advice to the young engineers is, if anybody wants to be an engineer, you most first of all sit down, understand what engineering is all about, study it, when you leave school please for Christ sake keep a low profile so that you can learn engineering. The classroom engineering is not the same as the practice but you need to balance the two. It is easier for you after going to school to have the practical experience and work with older engineers for a while; undergo training, train yourself and that will make you are better engineer. Not money first; money comes after you have done your training.

E-Newsletter: *Sorry sir, don't you think the economic situation on some of them could be a reason why they want to fast track rather than getting the experience and proceed?*

Engr. Udeh: Well the economic situation may not be the reason. The simple fact is that if an engineer is well brought up, he makes money when he knows engineering but if he wants to make money before he knows engineering, that won't last and he cannot discuss engineering and he cannot be a proud engineer. So my advice again here is, the young engineers should learn the work and forget financial benefit for the meantime, after that they will be tired of making money.


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

NSE PH Branch chairman Engr. Denis Dania MNSE (right), Najy Khalil (2nd right), Machrod Egbuwe (2nd left) and Engr. Alek Musa (left) during the inauguration of NSE PH Branch Business Luncheon/Engineering Collaboration Committee on 28th March 2012.



NSE PH Branch chairman Engr. Denis Dania MNSE (left), Engr. Kombo Johnson (middle) & Engr. A. H. Igoni during a Technical Evening on Engineering Procurement of Goods, Works & Services and IACE on Thursday 29th March 2012 at the Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, PH.





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EQUIRIES
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Engr. Precious Bob-Manuel, msc
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Engr. Chief Awoyesuku Jack, presenting a paper on Engineering Procurement of Goods, Works & Services during a technical evening at NSE PH Branch secretariat on 29th March 2012 .



Engr. Richard Ogona, making a presentation on Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers (IACE) during a technical evening at NSE PH Branch secretariat on 29th March 2012 .




NIEEE PH Chapter members in a meeting on Wednesday 28th March 2012. The meeting was chaired by Engr. B. T. D. George FNSE.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch was fully represented at the burial ceremony of Late Simeon Semenitari Abam, the father of Engr. Prof. Datoru P. S. Abam, FNSE, MNI, JP, Past Chairman NSE PH Branch. The former Executive Secretary and a Past Chairman of the Branch Engr. Fyne .C. Ogolo, FNSE, Engr. I.Z.S. Akobo MNSE also a past Chairman, Engr. Prof. Ayotamuno, MNSE Chairman Committee on Environment, Engr. Humphrey Amadi Welfare Secretary, Engr. Belema Owobokiri, and a team of other engineers from the branch were led by the Branch Chairman Engr. Denis . A. A. Dania MNSE to the burial ceremony held at the large family compound of Engr. Prof. Datoru. P. S. Abam at Abam-Ama in Okrika, Rivers State on Saturday 7th April 2012. Pa Abam who was a great mathematician and a renowned teacher left behind a worthy legacy both for his children and the general public, by his philanthropy and dedicated service to humanity and society while he was on earth. May his Soul rest in Peace. Amen



Late Pa Abam



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