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## Interview with Engr. Battah Ndirpay FNSE on Cost Engineering.

**Engr. Battah Ndirpaya FNSE**, is a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. He is Mechanical Engineer. Engr. Battah is the Vice Chairman Valuation of the Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers.



Engr. Battah Ndirpaya FNSE

**E-Newsletter:** *What can you tell us about cost engineering in engineering practice?*

**Engr. Battah:** Cost Engineering is the branch of engineering that deals with estimation, control, scheduling. In fact it is management and it involves project management in totality.

**E-Newsletter:** *What do you have to tell engineers that are not aware of cost engineering?*

**Engr. Battah:** I will advice that all engineers should go and study cost engineering. Cost engineering is not first degree course. It is basically in practice and it is an area that is very huge and has lots of potentials. I advice that engineers from every discipline should come and study cost engineering and they will discovered that they will be very efficient in whatsoever that they are doing. What some engineers lack that is causing us problems of project failure and abandonment and that is because of lack of knowledge of cost engineering. If they can go into cost engineering and then be able to acquire the extra knowledge then they will

become engineers without boundaries.

**E-Newsletter:** *Is there an institution where they can go and study cost engineering?*

**Engr. Battah:** I will like to invite them to the Institute of Appraisal and Cost Engineers. That was why it came up to give that extra training so that we will be accredited and become cost engineers and they will have certificate to practice. The Institute of Appraisal and Cost Engineers is the place to go.

**E-Newsletter:** *For the young engineers, when do you think they will be qualified to go into cost engineering practice?*

**Engr. Battah:** Immediately they graduate, they should come and seek this extra knowledge on how to apply their discipline in cost engineering. So you have to be a graduate first before you can now acquire additional knowledge to expand you horizon. So that you can be able to get more work to do.

**E-Newsletter:** *Does cost engineering require any specialty or any engineer can go into it.*

**Engr. Battah:** Any engineer can do it. But you see the most important thing is that you will be able to get more knowledge to practice the discipline even in the cost engineering sector. It is basically about projects and projects have divers dimension of specialty. It is multidimensional. When you get the first basic training you will be able to apply it across board.

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

## NSE PH Branch EXCO Pays Courtesy Visit to the Executive Secretary of NCDMB.



In preparation for the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch 2nd edition of Nigerian Content Day Celebration which has been scheduled to hold from 26th -28th August 2013 in Port Harcourt, some members of the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board (NCDMB) Engr. Ernest Nwapa, FNSE, at the Revenue House Yenegoa, Bayelsa State on Thursday 20th June 2013.

**Photo left:** NSE PH Branch Chairman Engr. Denis Dania (6th from right) and Engr. Ernest Nwapa (5th from left)

### NSE PH Branch Technical Evening/General Meeting



L-R: Engr. Sam Nwankwo FNSE (lecture presenter), Engr. Denis Dania (Branch Chairman & Engr. Emmanuel doniboye (Secretary).

A cross section of NSE PH Branch members during meeting

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch held a Technical Evening/General Meeting on Thursday 27th June 2013 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt. The theme of the Technical Evening is Construction of Dams for Water Supply and Agriculture.

#### 6th Anniversary of NSE PH Branch E-Newsletter

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt E-Newsletter has reached 6 years in publication. The first publication was in July 2007. The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch would like to thank the recipients and readers of the publication from inception for their comments and contributions. The publication is still open to more comments and contributions from our numerous recipients and readers.

6 years and still counting, the E-Newsletter promises to bring you more information, updates and diversified engineering news.

As the 22nd COREN Engineering Assembly will be held on 20th—21st August 2013 and the Nigerian Society of Engineers Annual General Meeting will be held on the 9th—13th December 2013, be rest assured that the E-Newsletter will be published from the venues of these events as the events are held. Engineers and non-engineers who will not be able to attend these events will be kept abreast of the happenings as different engineering meetings.

From: *E-Newsletter Team*

#### NMGS Inaugurates President

The Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society inaugurated Sir Prof. So-Ngo Clifford Teme, FNMGS, as the 27th President of the Society on Saturday 29th June 2013 at the Main Banquet Hall of Hotel Presidential Port Harcourt. Engr. Prof. Joseph Aijenka, Vice Chancellor of University of Port Harcourt delivered a lecture to mark the inauguration ceremony. The Branch Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Denis .A. A. Dania MNSE, was among the numerous dignitaries and Professors who graced event.



Sir Prof. So-Ngo Clifford Teme, FNMGS

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