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Happy Easter

Interview with Engr. Ezekwesili Onah, FNSE, on Civil Engineering

Engr. Ezekwesili Onah, FNSE, is the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Enugu Branch and a member of the national Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.

E-Newsletter: *What can you tell us about civil engineering practice in the country?*

Engr. Onah: Civil engineering practice in this country is in diverse areas; road, water, highway, structure, and more. It embraces all these and opportunities are abound for civil engineers to showcase their talents in these fields. However, these opportunities are yet to get to the indigenous engineers properly and that is why some of us clamor for the extension of Nigeria Content that is domicile in the Oil and Gas sector to be extended also to the construction sector. With that indigenous civil engineers and contractors can have access to high profile engineering projects. It is said that "we obtain perfection only by practice". Without practice we cannot attain perfection. You are bound to make mistake here and there but with time you will attain the level of proficiency which government think we do not have the capacity for but you and I know that we have such capacity only that we have not been given that opportunity to fully exhibit our proficiency in those areas. We need access to funds,



Engr. Ezekwesili Onah

access to equipment and then access to opportunities where we can showcase our proficiency.

E-Newsletter: *What advice do you have for the young ones who go into civil engineering without really understanding what the profession is all about?*

Engr. Onah: My advice to them is to know that in civil engineering practice and in engineering as a whole, if you make a mistake, it may kill in thousands and if you design wrongly it could kill in hundreds and thousands. Medical doctors bury their mistakes inside the theater and a lawyers would tell you that we had a bad case but for an engineer, you have nowhere to hide your inefficiency because once you make mistake there will be a public outcry. If you design a building and it collapses, you will be held responsible. Nobody would want to know if the fault came from you or not. For those aspiring to study civil engineering in particular, they should make up their mind and they should also devote sufficient time to their books and they should also know that they have not gone to study history.

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Investiture of Engr. Chief Faithful Abbi AbbiyeSuku, FNSE, as the 4th Chairman of NiMechE Port Harcourt Chapter.



Engr. Chief AbbiyeSuku FNSE taking his oath of office while his wife Lady Stella Idubamo AbbiyeSuku looks on.



Engr. Chief AbbiyeSuku FNSE (right), administering the oath of office to the Executive Committee members.



World Engineering Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure,
2nd - 7th November 2014, Abuja-Nigeria.
Theme: *Development of Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa*
<http://www.wecsi2014.org>





The Immediate Past Chairman of NIMechE Port Harcourt Chapter Engr. Goodluck Ikenyiri decorating Engr. Chief Faithful Abbi AbbiyeSuku FNSE, FNIMechE, KSC, as the 4th Chairman.



Engr. Chief AbbiyeSuku signing his oath of office before the National Chairman of NIMechE Engr. Prof. Adisa Bello FNSE, FNIMechE (right)



Guests at the inauguration of Engr. Chief F. A. bbiyeSuku FNSE as the 4th Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers (NIMechE) Port Harcourt Chapter on Thursday 17th April 2014 at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch secretariat.

They have come to study a course which is both practical. If they are in secondary school, they should study those qualifying subjects that will enable them to study engineering like mathematics, technical drawing, physics and chemistry. When they get admitted into the university, they should sit down and get the rudiments, the basics of every aspect of their courses and that will help them as they grow professionally. They should also try as much as possible to attach themselves to practicing engineers so that they will learn from their experiences.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

**The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Port Harcourt Branch
Spouses Forum**

"CAPTURE THEM YOUNG": This Exhilarating Easter Package for our Children includes: Health Talk, Career Talk, Sex Education, Swimming, Spelling Bee, Virtue Dancers etc.
Date: Monday 21 April 2014
Venue: Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yard, No 3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.
Time: 10.00am



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