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Interview with Alhaji Bature Umar Masari

Alhaji Bature Umar Masari, is the Director General of Small & Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN).

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what is SMEDAN about?*

Bature: SMEDAN is the acronym for Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria. We are into development of micro, small and medium enterprises all over the country. SMEDAN was set up by government to oversee the development of the entire micro, small and medium enterprises sub sector of the nation's economy. We coordinate the sector, identify with entrepreneurs in every part of the country, prepare them and make sure they develop their skill and capacity for their own benefit and for the benefit of the nation's economy. Anywhere you go to across the world, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) play a leading role in economic advancement and development. They also provide the bulk of employment opportunities in every country you go to in addition to helping immensely in the fight against poverty and help in economic empowerment and bridging the gap of inequality between the haves and have nots. There is an area that normally should insure maximum utilization of local resource and that is what SMEDAN is doing. We are in every part of the country and every local government area in the country and we have a compendium of all the available opportunities that are there for entrepreneurs to tap into in every local government area in the country. We are encouraging Nigerians as individuals and as groups.



Alhaji Bature Umar Masari

E-Newsletter: *For people who are starting up small businesses, how can they key into what SMEDAN does?*

Bature: For a small business man or woman in every locality, we as an agency have been able to open offices in every state in the country so that more Nigerians will be able to reach out to the agency and gain from our wealth of experience and expertise in the area of enterprise set up and sustainability. If you want to reach out to SMEDAN and enjoy our services, all you have to do is locate our office in your state, approach our personnel there, tell them whatever you want and they will advise you, they will mentor you and they will guide you so that you will achieve maximum benefit of the services SMEDAN is offering.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, do you have any word of advice to small businesses that are yet to tap into the benefits of SMEDAN?*

Bature: Small businesses that are yet to tap into the benefit of the agency need to reach out to the agency. If you know what you are today, you might not know what you will become tomorrow and for you to ensure that your tomorrow is good you need to be properly guided. We were employed by the government to guide entrepreneurs all over the country to be able to develop their skill and capacity better than where they are currently. So reach out to SMEDAN in your state and tell them your needs and they will advise you. If you are a business owner and your business isn't formalised and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission, ensure that you make your business formal because there are opportunities for formalised businesses.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



Engr. Emeka Nnadi (left) making a presentation on "Delivering Effective & Result Oriented Engineering Projects" the a NSE Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting/ Technical Evening Chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE, (left in photo left) on Thursday 28th May 2015 at the Branch secretariat.





The 61st General Assembly of European Council of Civil Engineers was held in Naples, Italy, on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th May 2015. The theme of the conference was titled: Artistic and Monumental Heritage for Restoration, Preservation and Enhancement. The conference was attended by delegates from various engineering organizations from various part of the world. The President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations Eng. Marwan Abdelhamid (middle photo right) & Eng. Advil Al Hadithi, were present.



Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers

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2015 National Technical Conference

Theme: Engineering Valuation, Cost Engineering & Engineering Economy Perspectives in the implementation of the National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan.

Date: Tuesday, 9th June 2015

Venue: Merit House, 22 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

Conference Fee: N20,000



On Tuesday 19th May 2015, representatives of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. B. T. D. George, FNSE, (Chairman, Nigerian Content and Career Development Committee) and Engr. Ofogu Azuka, MNSE (Publicity Secretary) delivered a lectured on Engineering to the 2015 "Batch A" National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members at Nonwa/Gbam orientation camp in Rivers State.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Presents

**NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Sunshine2015

THEME:
"National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan 2014: Strategies For Implementation"

Venue: International Culture & Event Centre (Dome), Akure, Ondo State
Date: Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

Conference Registration

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| 1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015) | = N30,000 | 4. Graduates = N10,000 |
| 2. From October 1, 2015 | = N40,000 | 5. Students = N5,000 |
| 3. Spouses | = N10,000 | |



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