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Quarterly Dinner 5th July 2010: Fellowship celebration of Engr. Tele Ikuru, FNSE, (Deputy Governor of Rivers State) and induction of new members.



Group photo of Fellows of the branch & Tele Ikuru (in white) & his wife Dr. Mrs. Minna Ikuru.



Line up of inductees



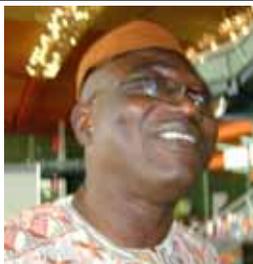
Some senior members of the branch

Interview with Engr. Dr. Tunde Olatunji, FNSE On Professional Development in NSE

Engr. Dr. Tunde Olatunji, is presently in charge of Professional Development in NSE. He attended University of Alberta in Edmonton and got a Ph.D. Before then, he got B.Eng in Civil Engineering from the University of Benin. He was in Lagos for professional practice, and now, he is in NSE headquarters. He was the secretary of Port Harcourt branch, Chairman Ikeja branch and recently National Chairman, Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers. He has been in the service of NSE for quite some time.

E-Newsletter: *On the issue of professional development, what machinery does NSE have in motion to see the improvement in the area professional development that affects its members?*

Engr. Tunde Olatunji: There was a time it was done by just publishing; doing chart courses as workshops for the year; which sometimes may not be held, some will be held. But today, when I came on board, I requested for a comprehensive plan from the president, Engr. Kashim Ali (immediate past president). He gave me the authority to go on; then I introduced a continued education plan for different categories of Engineers. We have what we call the mandatory continuous professional education, for young engineers who are still in the process of acquiring experience, updating and so on; and it helps to make up whatever deficiencies they had from school, and then move them up to the latest technology in that plan; then we also have the



Engr. Dr. Tunde Olatunji

areas. We also have the Executive Mandatory Continuing Professional Education which is for the executives who don't have much time, we also want to update their knowledge, and also we have the international courses, for those who like to have international certificates that is recognized worldwide; so these are the four categories which we have, and we just got approval, and we are building up a comprehensive programme, so that the engineer in NSE will be assured that in whatever level he is, whatever is his interest, the professional society will assist in making sure that he has the programme which is required.

E-Newsletter: *Let's digress a little; in the area of capacity building, how much has NSE put in, for Engineers in Nigeria?*

Engr. Tunde Olatunji: We are not going to limit ourselves only to theoretical knowledge, we are also going to go into entrepreneurship education. We are going to go into management, development, and apart from

the core development, because you know knowledge is power, if you have the knowledge and you have information, then you will build capacity. But for the engineer, you must have information and knowledge for you to direct, because you must know why the engineers must know why. So the "why" is what we are concentrating on that is what education is all about. At a level, at a higher level, we emphasize on the importance of 'why' more; It is when you know why, and then you can now say "how"? Then for the engineer, if you know the why, you know we have been trained in the area of 'how', and then you can now direct them, you will learn from them, and they will learn from you. That is the way capacity is built all over the world. You interact; interaction between the engineers, technologists, technicians, and craftsmen. We are going to encourage it. I have just heard now that one of the best ways the Chinese developed their technology was to train so many million technicians. I think its good information.

E-Newsletter: *Ok sir, our last question is: what advice do you have for the young engineers that are coming up, the ones in school?*

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Engr. Tunde Olatunji: They should have more interest in getting information. I found out that most young engineers want to grow overnight; it is never done anywhere in the world; even where the technology or everything is easy, we think in overseas countries, it is not possible. We have to learn to grow. They should take time especially those who are complaining that they have no job, seize that opportunity to develop yourself, get enough information, get enough exposure, interact with the senior ones, even though they are not ready to pay, just say let me just come to your office and work with you and learn. I have taught so many young ones like that; I will say “well you don’t mind coming to my office, well come to my office, transport well I can give you if you don’t have transport, but if I give you an assignment and you do it, and it brings money, you will get an allowance”; they should get informed and interact with these senior engineers, especially if they know any particular engineer who has a lot of project and who is busy, they shouldn’t just go and say give me money, I want to work for you, you say, “let me just be part of your business, let me just come, sit down and learn”; so with that, I think they can overcome. Some of them have gotten the best jobs right from my office, some I don’t even see or know where they are again. This is my advice for the younger ones: seek knowledge, seek information, that is the power, you don’t need the money. Money will finish, but the knowledge and understanding you have will stay with you forever.

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



Engr. Dr. Tunde Olatunji & Engr. Otuneh, Otunte John

NSE PH Branch EXCO visit to the Secretary to the Rivers State Government Magnus Abbey (5th from left) on Thursday 22nd May 2010.



NSE PH Branch EXCO visit to Engr. Denner (2nd right) of NAOC on Wednesday 19th May 2010.



The Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers (IACE) would be hosting its annual conference on the 30th June—2nd July, 2010 and the theme is *“The Nigerian Engineer In Valuation and Cost Engineering Practice”*

Venue: Raw Materials Research & Development Council Auditorium, Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

Time: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Conference Fees:

Members	-	N25,000.00
Non-members	-	N30,000.00
Students/Spouses	-	N5,000.00

Members would be inducted and certificates issued to deserving members during the conference. Endeavour to register early by paying.

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Organizes a Workshop on

Engineering Design Software Application

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▶ PDMS

Date 21st—25th June 2010.

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