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## An Interview with Engr. Dr. Edet J. Amana, FNSE, President of Nigerian Academy of Engineering

*Engr. Dr. Edet Amana is the 6th President of Nigerian Academy of Engineering. His investiture took place at the Main Auditorium, University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State on June 10th, 2010.*

**Engr. Amana:** The Academy of Engineering is a think tank which comprises of very distinctive and celebrated Nigerian engineers; both at home and in diaspora. The aim and objective of the academy is to harness the engineering resources and technology in our country and in the world and to support the development of our nation. In doing so, we know that development everywhere in the world is built by engineering. In my address today (June 10th 2010) I talked about the seven wonders in the world, I'm sure you knew about that because we were all taught this in secondary school. All those seven wonders were engineering artifacts. The creations by engineers which was so fantastic that people called them wonders. So engineering has remained the motivating force in creating and developing the world and the message is that any country which want to develop, must appreciate that they must enthrone engineering as the driving force and put in place an enabling environment, legal frame work by which engineering input can be made to develop economy, to develop infrastructures and so on. Though you asked about me but what I'm talking about is the academy and I talk about the academy because I'm now the chief spokes man of the academy. About me, I'm a consulting engineer. I graduated from the Imperial College in London and after spending only two years in that college, I came top of the first-class honour list. It has baffled people but it did not baffle me because Nigerians always do it. Anywhere we go, we excel. I came first in the Imperial Col-

lege Honour list and I was invited by my lecturer to work in their firm. I have never had to apply for a job in my life. They always invite me because of my commitment to excellence. I'm a typical Nigerian, really; I'm not saying that I'm special, but I'm saying this to you because in our country we don't appreciate what we have; and so a lot of the things which should be done by local engineers and local contractors, are given to foreigners and they use our projects to train their own young engineers whereas we don't have projects yet to train our own. There is no consulting firm in Nigeria which has gotten up to a hundred engineers. That's a shame because in countries like Ghana, Ghana of yesterday, they have a policy in place and many local expert firms which were set up only about ten years ago have about two hundred engineers. It's a crying shame and the message which we are trying to get across is "this must change". In our country we must begin to depend on our own because that it is the only sustainable way to development.



Engr. Dr. Edet Amana, FNSE

**Engr. Amana:** We shall do all that we can to get this message across to the government; both the executive and the legislative arms of government; that they must enthrone engineering as the driving force in development. We are going to work at the endowment because if we don't do research we cannot develop. So, the academy is going to do all that it can to develop an in-depth research of our country. We hope during the period of my tenure to get a charter; to get the academy charter through parliament so that we will have official recognition as the driving force behind engineering and technology in our country. So we got a very good programme and by God's grace and the support of all stakeholders we hope to get there.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very sir for the audience you granted us.*

**Engr. Amana:** Thank you.



Engr. Dr. Amana and Engr. Otuench

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much Sir. For the period you are going to serve as the President of the academy, what are your expectations?*

### ENGR. ALEK D. MUSA, MNSE BOWS OUT OF TOTAL E&P LTD

Engr. Aleokhai Dauda Musa, MNSE, the Deputy Managing Director, Corporate Services, Total E & P Ltd, was on Friday 9th July 2010, hosted by TOTAL E & P Limited to a sumptuous dinner at the Atlantic Hall of Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt as he retires from TOTAL this month. A 1978 graduate of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Lagos, Musa hails from Ikabigbo, an Etsako community in Edo State. A brilliant product of Federal Government College and a GREAT AKOKITE!. Engr. Alek Musa, after graduation started his career in the Oil & Gas industry with Schlumberger as a Field Engineer. He joined Elf Petroleum now TOTAL E&P LTD



Engr. Alek Musa, MNSE on the dancing floor with his wife MARY at the sent forth party.

in 1981 as a Reservoir Engineer and rose steadily to become the Deputy Managing Director Corporate Services, the second black man to hold such highest and exalted position in TOTAL. He retires this month at the age of 57 years after 29 years of meritorious service in TOTAL and over 30 years of invaluable wealth of experience in the oil and gas industry. He is married to Mary his heartthrob and the union is blessed with two daughters and a son. The occasion witnessed numerous guests, captains of industries, MDs of Oil and Gas industries including Mr. Guy Maurice, the Managing Director of TOAL E & P Limited, Mr. G. Ugwoha. Managing Director of NDDC and Royal Fathers.



Engr. Alek Musa, MNSE retiring DMD (Corporate) & Mr. Guy Maurice, MD TOTAL at the sent forth party

**COREN** COUNCIL FOR THE REGULATION OF ENGINEERING IN NIGERIA  
Announces the

**19<sup>th</sup> COREN ENGINEERING ASSEMBLY**

**Theme: Nigeria@**  
**50: CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**VENUE:** International Conference Centre, Abuja  
**DATE:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, August, 2010  
**TIME:** 9.00am prompt

**Registration**  
Engineers & Technologists:  
N15,000.00 Pre Registration on or before 2nd July, 2010  
N20,000.00 after 2nd July, 2010  
Technicians & Craftsmen:  
N7,500.00 FLAT

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**The Nigerian Society of Engineers**  
Port Harcourt Branch  
Organizes a Workshop on

**Engineering Design Software Application**  
▶ CAESAR II ▶ PDMS

Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup>— Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010.  
Members = N60,000, Non-members = N70,000, Students = N50,000  
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**PORT HARCOURT 2010**

**The Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers**  
(A division of The Nigerian Society of Engineers)

Announces its

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual GENERAL MEETING & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Theme:**  
"MECHANICAL ENGINEERING - THE DRIVING FORCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT"

**Date:**  
20th - 23rd October, 2010

**Venue:**  
Alfred Diete Spiff Civic Centre, Moscow Road, Port Harcourt.

**Engr. Prof. J. A. Ajiienka now V. C. of University of Port Harcourt.**

Engr. Prof. J. A. Ajiienka, is the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt. Engr. Prof. Ajiienka is a Professor of Petroleum Engineering. He was the Director of Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), a joint venture between IFP School France and the University of Port Harcourt. He is a member of SPE, Institute of Petroleum (London), a COREN registered Engineer and a member of other professional bodies.



Engr. Prof. J.A. Ajiienka

**Call For Papers**

The Nigeria Institution of Mechanical Engineers invites Technical Papers from Engineers and member of the Public and Private Sectors of the Economy, the Universities, Research Institutes, Policy Makers and Defence Sub-Sectors for its 23<sup>rd</sup> National Mechanical Engineering AGM/International Conference holding at Alfred Diete Spiff Civic Centre, Port Harcourt.

**Submission of papers/ Important Dates and Dead Lines:**

Intending Authors are required to submit their papers to meet the following deadlines:

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2010:**  
Submission of full Paper.

**15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2010:**  
Notification of Provisional Acceptance.

**30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2010:**  
Submission of final Corrected Paper.

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2010:**  
Publication of Proceedings.

**Paper should be sent to these E-mail Addresses:**

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