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### Interview with Victor Ikehukwu Arimah

*Victor Ikehukwu Arimah, is the President of Nigerian Association of Engineering Craftsmen (NAEC).*

**E-Newsletter:** *What is NAEC about?*

**Victor:** The National Association of Engineering Craftsmen (NAEC) is an engineering body was created by an act. It was under decree 55 of 1970 and later amended in 1998 under decree 22 and amended as an act in 2004 for practising engineering personnel in the craftsmen cadre. NAEC is mainly for those that passed through vocational technical colleges and those practising with trade test qualification. We are recognised by government and we are not union as people may say. We have up to 8000 plus registered members all over the nation while in COREN we are 2000 plus and we have more registrations coming in.

**E-Newsletter:** *What do you have to say to those that are not registered with NAEC?*

**Victor:** What we are trying to do is to incorporate people that are scattered outside and to have a centre where people (electricians, mechanics, welders etc.) can register as to know the



Victor I. Arimah

importance of this body and their jobs. Most of these people are doing the jobs they do because there are no jobs. By the time you sensitise them, they will understand the importance of the job they are doing. That is the reason why we have our branches in all the states. We are trying to get everyone together and get them have sense of belonging. Presently, we have lots of quacks practicing in the profession. The issue of collapse buildings, poor construction works, use of unrated cables to do electrical wiring and you see buildings catching fire; these are part of the things we are trying to eradicate. We want them to come so we can sensitising them on best practices.

My advice to them also is that there are benefits in registering as craftsmen. Presently we have been going on radio and other media to sensitise people and tell them the benefit of becoming registered members. As far as we are concerned, by the time we succeed in getting the integration we are talking about, those that are on their own who are registered with NAEC, we will integrate them to handle projects we will be getting. In as much as the law of COREN has empowered us to stop any project which is been executed by non registered members we will continue to do so.

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



The Executive Committee meeting of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch was held on Thursday 4th September 2014 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt (the branch secretariat). The meeting was Chaired by the Branch Vice Chairman Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye MNSE.



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The Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson MNSE (middle), the Technical Secretary of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Promise Jumbo MNSE (left) and the participants at the 3-Days Workshop on Effective Management & Finance for Business Growth that was held on 26th—28th August 2014 at the Branch secretariat.



**R-L:** The President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi FNSE, Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart FNSE (Past Chairman, NSE Port Harcourt Branch), Chairman of NSE Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson MNSE and Engr. Denis Dania FNSE (Immediate Past Chairman of NSE Port Harcourt Branch), in the office of the NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman during the brief visit of the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers to the Branch secretariat on Friday 29th August 2014.

National Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Highway Engineers Engr. Isa Emoabino, FNSE (4th from right), Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Highway Engineers Port Harcourt Chapter Engr. Nwadike Jones FNSE (4th from left), National Executive Committee member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. Denis Dania FNSE (3rd from left), Chairman of the Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers Engr. Chief Giandomenico Massari FNSE (middle), Engr. Chinyerem Wamuo FNSE (back row left) during the Annual General Meeting/Conference of the Nigerian Institution of Highway Engineers held on Thursday 21 August 2014 in Abuja.



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