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Interview with Engr. Patrick Edema on Road Design & Construction

Engr. Patrick Edema, is the Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers (NICE) Port Harcourt Chapter.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what can you tell us about the internal roads in our city?*

Engr. Edema: Well, I will say that government has tried to rehabilitate some of the roads but there is a slight problem. Something basically is wrong in the design of some of the roads. In some built up areas when roads are rehabilitated to serve the people, in some cases the people in certain environment complain because their properties may not be useful to them during and after the construction work because their premises may experience flooding after rain fall. Some of the rehabilitated roads are raised so high to the level of the fences of some premises. I think there is problem with the redesign of such roads and they were not given to competent persons to handle. It is not easy to pull down a storey building and start afresh.

E-Newsletter: *What do you think can be done to stop this*



Engr. Patrick Edema

kind of occurrences?

Engr. Edema: The problem we face in a place like the South is not the rain, what we face is drainage problem. In an attempt to make sure the roads are free from water they are raised up. The roads have to be redesign to maintain a level that will be useful to the people and then proper drainage that will take water to a good discharge point should be constructed. That is just the solution and that needs the services of competent consultants. If you tell some contractors to design and construct roads, you will be giving them blank cheques.

E-Newsletter: *What advice do you have for clients' of road projects?*

Engr. Edema: Competent consultants should be used on road projects. There are registered competent firms. The clients should not just call anybody from the road side.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

Engr. Celestine Cliffe, FNSE, making a presentation on "Building a Sustainable Business in a Fast Changing World" before the commencement of the 2014 Annual General Meeting and of NSE Port Harcourt Branch.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch 2014 Annual General Meeting/Election and Technical Evening was held on Thursday 25 September 2014. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (middle, photo right). The 2015 Executive Committee members were elected during the meeting.



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





On Tuesday 23 September 2014, the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch led by the Chairman, Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE, visited the bereaved family of late Engr. Mrs. Agnes C. Adimelechi, MNSE, who passed -on, on Thursday 11 September 2014. There will be Service of Songs on Wednesday 1 October 2014 by 6.00pm at The Church of Nativity, the Catholic Church, off Elimbgu Road, Oroigwe, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area. She will be laid to rest on Friday 3 October 2014 at her home town, Obile-Ohaji in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State. Late Mrs. Agnes Adimelechi, served as the Branch Financial Secretary and Chairman Career Development Committee at various times



Civil & Environment Engineering students of the Federal University of Technology Akure, Ondo State, paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson FNSE (sitting middle in white cloth), at the Branch secretariat on Wednesday 24 September 2014.



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