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Interview with Engr. Ibrahim Usman on

Engr. Ibrahim Usman, is the Vice President of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) North West Zone.

E-Newsletter: *Talking about standards and implementation; what are the actions that are taken in country?*

Engr. Ibrahim: Well I must say we are extremely lucky in the sense that the European Union having understood the importance of standards has voted 20 million Euros to the Nigerian Government to be used for setting up what they called Nigerian Quality Infrastructure. This is a body which is supposed to create for the Nigerian people what is called the Nigerian Standards Board. The idea of the Nigerian Standards Board is to ensure that from now onwards Nigerian goods and services do not have to be certified by foreigners. Once we have our own Nigerian Standards Accreditation Board it will be affiliated to the International Accreditation Boards of ILAC and IAF and that means if any goods or services are certified OK in Nigerian by the Nigerian Accreditation Board it will be acceptable worldwide and that in turn will simplify the cost of doing business for Nigerians. Not only that, it will give us



Engr. Ibrahim Usman

opportunity also to make our goods and services competitive overseas.

E-Newsletter: *What will be the role of MAN to promote this and to ensure that this becomes a reality?*

Engr. Ibrahim: We are very lucky. As the Vice President of MAN, I have been included on the steering committee. There is a steering committee set out by UNIDO. UNIDO is the one actually driving the issue of Nigerian Quality Standards and they appreciate the fact that MAN plays a key role because we are the major stakeholders. We are the ones producing goods and creating employment. So MAN is now going to be "almost" I will say, in the driving seat because we are going to participate actively in ensuring that our interest are protected. The key issue there is for us to be able to select which type of goods and services to be certified first. We have to understand that there are several thousands and thousands of goods and services that must be certified eventually but we must pick the ones which are most important, the ones that will generate employment; the ones that will save life and the ones that will also give us competitive advantage when it comes to exporting our goods and services.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



R-L: Engr. F. C. Ogolo FNSE, Mrs. Ogolo, Engr. Chief O. O. Oruye FNSE, Barr. Mrs. Oruye, Engr. Babagana Muhammed FNSE (representative of the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers), Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson FNSE (Chairman, NSE Port Harcourt Branch), Mrs. Margaret Dania, Engr. Denis Dania FNSE and representative of Engr. Ogbaka Eke, during the NSE Port Branch Dinner and Induction of new members held on Saturday 13th December 2014 at the Branch secretari-

Nigerian Society of Engineers 2014 Engineering Week: Monday 8th December—14th December 2014



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch 2014 Engineering Week Opening Ceremony was held on Monday, 8th December, 2014 at the Branch secretariat. Keynote Address on “Sustainable Development in the Niger Delta” was delivered by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Engr. Prof. Joseph Ajenka, FNSE.

L-R: Engr. Dr. S. Amachree, Engr. Prof. Joseph Ajenka FNSE, Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson FNSE (NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman), Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart FNSE & Engr. Denis Dania FNSE



L-R: Engr. Prof. Joseph Ajenka FNSE, Francis Oriakhi FNSE, Engr. Nwadike Jones FNSE & Mrs. Jones at the Dinner.



Some inductees during the Dinner and Induction of new members



APWEN Port Harcourt Chapter Chairman, Engr. Mrs. Anthonia C. Ohagwa (3rd from left front row) & some APWEN Port Harcourt Chapter members during a Career Talk held at Holy Rosary Girls Secondary School, Port Harcourt on Thursday 11th December 2014 as part of the NSE PH Branch 2014 Engineering Week.

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church, Aggrey Road Port Harcourt on Sunday 14th December 2014, to mark the end of the 2014 Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch 2014 Engineering Week. The members were led by the Chairman of the Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson FNSE.



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