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Merry Christmas

Interview with Engr. Charles Akindayomi

Engr Charles Akindayomi, is the Vice President of the Association of Consulting Engineering Nigeria (ACEN).

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what is your view about the building and infrastructure industry?*

Charles: I think the building and infrastructure industry is actually expanding and progressing. Some people came and said they have been working on buildings and infrastructure and they asked us the codes that we are using. Majority of us are still using the British and American codes, but people that are coming now are saying that they want to change the codes so that we can adapt to Nigerian codes. That's fair enough. It will require a lot of work and once we have that mind and enthusiasm to look into that we will do so. We can use it to enhance the delivery in the industry because our clients now are expecting so much from us. People are now looking at things like environmental issues, reduction of fossils that we are using here so that the future generation will have something to depend on for their own successors. Our building and infrastructure industry is fantastic and evolving. The amount of construction this year was enormous, though we have a bit of a



Charles Akindayomi

down turn. No matter what we do people will continue to build till the end of the world, so we confidence that no matter what we do we have an industry to depend on and it is left to us to satisfy our clients and customers requirements.

E-Newsletter: *What is the role of ACEN in this?*

Charles: ACEN basically is to support the constructing industries in terms of their businesses, the environment, getting jobs and also in terms of trying to bring them together to form a formidable construction firm for them to be able to do some of the projects that are actually eluding us now. A lot of us are small consultancy firms. From what the ACEN President has said, we have to look at the possibility of getting firms to collaborate, they don't necessarily need to merge together but they can form a vehicle to collaborate within themselves in order to be able to put in bids. That should be one of the first big role of ACEN and we are going to face that squarely in order to be able to create an enabling environment for our member firms to drive.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



The Executive Committee meeting of The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch was held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at the Branch secretariat. The meeting was Chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE.



R-L: Engrs. Alexis Akwukwaegbu, Ofogu Azuka, Mrs. Chinwe Okonkwo, F. C. Ogolo, FNSE, Emmanuel Idoniboye, Victor Bandele, Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE, Precious Bob-Manuel, B. T. D. George, FNSE, Francis Nemieboka, Richard Ogona & Otunte Otueneh during the visit of the NSE PH Branch EXCO visit to Victor Bandele in his office on Thursday 10th December 2015.



The Chairman of the Nigerian Content & Careers Development Committee of the NSE Port Harcourt Branch, Engr Bentley T. D. George, FNSE and the Secretary, Engr Ofogu Azuka, MNSE on behalf of the NSE PH EXCO, visited the NYSE camp at Nonwa Tai on Tuesday, 8th December, 2015 and met with the Camp co-ordinators and Engineering graduates. They were briefed on the mission and goals of the NSE and how they can get actively involved in the society and leverage on its benefits.



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