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Adebisi of TOTAL E&P (l) & Engr. Ahme (r)



Sir Engr Erefa Tom-Jack of PHRC (r), Engr. Igoni (m)



Engr. Orumu (l) & Engr. Prof. Y. O. Beredugo



Engr. Enoch George (r)



Franklyn Nlerum, DG, BPP Rivers State (l) & Prof. Hart



Engr. Denis Dania & Gabriel Bitar of Stemco



Marco Pugartorio, GM Plantgeria Company Ltd.



Engr. (Wari Alabo) Jumbo (l) & Engr. Chief Larry Nyeche



Engr. Gershon of NAOC (l) & Engr. Akiakwo

## Interview with Engr. Mrs. Margaret Oguntala on Women in Engineering.

*Engr. Mrs. Margaret Oguntala is a chemical engineer. She joined NSE in 1995 and she is now the Chairman of Ikeja Branch of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.*

**E-Newsletter:** *What does it take as a woman to be the chairman of a branch in the mist of so many male engineers?*

**Engr. Margaret:** All it takes is just what it takes, hard work. You know in engineering, it is not that gender sensitive. I mean you will know that we have fewer women but the engineering profession is one where it doesn't matter whether you are a man or woman. All you need to do is to be a good engineer and so, I have been what I should be, a good engineer and a member of my branch and I did all I needed to do to prove myself as a good leader. That is just about it.



Engr. Mrs. M. Oguntala

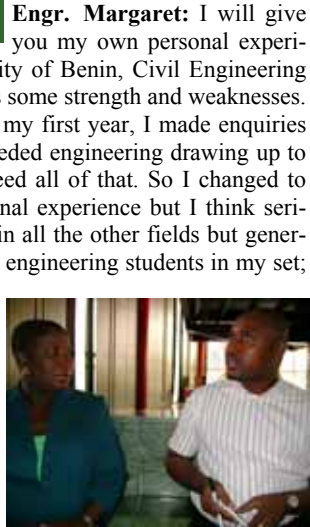
**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much. As the Chairman of the Ikeja Branch, what encouraging words do you have for other female engineers?*

**Engr. Margaret:** For upcoming female engineers I would say just do your work, do your bit but any environment in which you find yourself, try to make a mark by doing whatsoever task you are given. Do it well and don't think of the fact that you are a woman. As long as you see yourself as an engineer then there is no problem. The sky is your limit.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much. I could remember when we were in the university, in the faculty of engineering; there were more women in the chemical engineering department than other departments. Why is it that women engineers are attracted to the chemical profession, not mechanical, not electrical, they are always more in chemical engineering. That was my experience in the university. You were in the chemical engineering department; so what prompt you to go into chemical engineering?*

**Interview with Engr. Mrs. Oguntala... contd**

**Engr. Margaret:** I will give you my own personal experience. I was actually admitted in the University of Benin, Civil Engineering Department but you know each individual has some strength and weaknesses. I did not like engineering drawing and after my first year, I made enquiries and I was told that for civil engineering, I needed engineering drawing up to the 4<sup>th</sup> year and I just think I that did not need all of that. So I changed to chemical engineering. That is my own personal experience but I think seriously when I was in school too we had girls in all the other fields but generally really you are right. We had more female engineering students in my set; we had more in chemical engineering. I don't know why others went into chemical engineering. I wouldn't know why others chose chemical engineering but mechanical engineering is not more difficult than chemical engineering. Electrical engineering is not much difficult and you see that women in other fields of engineering prove themselves as good engineers. I am sure it could be some personal reasons and maybe due to counseling. I don't know but I am sure that there are several reasons why some women chose chemical engineering.



Engr. Oguntala & Engr. Otuneh

**E-Newsletter:** Thank you very much madam for the time you shared with us.

**Engr. George Okoyo Celebrates 50th Birthday**

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of POINT ENGINEERING LIMITED, Engr. George Okoyo celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday anniversary on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the Main Banquet Hall of Hotel Presidential Port Harcourt. The colourful occasion witnessed the massive turnout of distinguished personalities, captains of industries, major players and OD's of the Oil and Gas Industries and the full representation of his distinguished alumni and professional colleagues. The Nigerian Society of Engineers was fully represented by the Executive Members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch led by the Branch Chairman, Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni, MNSE. The Port Harcourt Branch Spouses led by the chairman's wife Mrs. Roda Igoni, added colour to the occasion as they thrilled the audience with melodious and lovely songs. It would be recalled that Point Engineering Limited sponsors Spouses programme in addition to the sponsorship of the Internet facilities at the NSE Port Harcourt Branch Secretariat .

Engr. George Okoyo, MNSE, graduated in Mechanical Engineering from the famous University of Benin, Benin City in the mid 1980s. Having worked briefly with some Oil & Gas industries, he chose to carve a niche for himself by making a POINT that Nigerians can do it, even better, by establishing POINT ENGINEERING LIMITED. It is obvious that in less than a decade since the establishment of POINT ENGINEERING LIMITED it has been positively making a POINT. Happy Birthday POINT!!!

**NSE PH EXCO Members during EXCO meeting on September 2nd 2010**



Engr. George Okoyo cuts his birthday cake with his family



NSE PH Branch spouses presents souvenir to the celebrant Engr. George Okoyo



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