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Interview with Hon. (Engr.) Ibrahim Shehu Gusau Ph.D, on ICT

Hon. (Engr.) Ibrahim Shehu Gusau (Ph.D), is a member of the House of Representatives. He is representing Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency, Zamfara State in the National Assembly. Hon. Gusau is the Chairman House Committee on Information and Communications Technology. The E-Newsletter team had a chat with him in his office at the National Assembly.



Hon. (Engr.) Ibrahim Shehu Gusau Ph.D

E-Newsletter: *Sir, as the Chairman House Committee on ICT, what can you tell us about ICT in the country and where you think it will be in the next four years?*

Hon. Gusau: Been the Chairman House Committee on ICT, it is a brand new committee which has not existed before now but on the President's creation of the ICT Ministry, it became apparent that a new committee has to be put in place to oversee the ICT activities and as an oversight function. So we expect to extend ICT beyond reasonable expectations as oversight and see to it that penetration of ICT into different parts of localities in Nigeria is achieved in the period we are given.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, how do you think this will be achieved? How do you get the rural areas involved?*

Hon. Gusau: You see it is just a matter of working together and I think we are beginning to have a rethink between us, the ministry and the parastatals. It is all about working in harmony; in the sense that we know what they are doing and they know what we are doing. For example, our legislators will legislate on budget issues and make sure that oversights are carried out on what the parastatals under the Ministry of ICT say they want to spend their budget on. They in turn will make sure that it is done and you see, it is the matter of carrying every one along.

COREN President Receives National Honours

The President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engr. Mustapha Bulama FNSE, has been giving the national honour of **Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON)** by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Dr. Goodluck Jonathan.

Congratulations sir.



Engr. Mustapha Bulama FNSE, OON

Happy Eid-L-Kabir Barka De-Sallah

NSE PH EXCO Courtesy Visit to Rivers State Governor

On Monday 24th October 2011, the members of the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Governor of Rivers State Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi in Government House Port Harcourt. The executive committee members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch were led by the Branch Chairman Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE.



Executive Governor of Rivers State, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi



Some EXCO members of NSE PH Branch led by the Branch Chairman Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE.

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They will inform us of what they intend to do and we will sit down and have a look at it. We will have an agreement and see that it is viable. This is an important issue to be done in the country.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you very much sir. If we have the ICT infrastructure in place and we do not have enough bandwidth, it is going to be challenging. People cannot do video conferencing, voice conferencing and all that, how can the bandwidth issue be tackled? You know bandwidth is very expensive looking at the cost.*

Hon. Gusau: In a matter of weeks Nigeria, will launch another satellite. It is a communication satellite, so the bandwidth issues you are talking about will be a thing of the past because you will have so much you can play around with. It is not the matter of only capacity building, it is also a matter of registering the infrastructure. So with that Nigeria will have so enough bandwidth and believe you me this is going to be launched in December. So we are not talking about years to come or months to come, this is just next month. This is our hope and off course with a lot of bandwidth and capacities what will remain will be capacity building; making sure that a lot of qualified engineers are being produced to man the infrastructure. We are all



Hon. (Engr.) Ibrahim Shehu Gusau & Engr. Otunte Otuneh

aware that there is so much to do regarding ICT. It is at its cradle, it is just starting. So with all that Nigeria will go places.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

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The Chairman
ENGR. DR. ASINYETOOGHA HILKIAH IGONI, MNSE
Invites with pleasure

to the

**LAUNCHING OF
ENGINEERING RESOURCE CENTRE**

Special Guest of Honour
His Excellency,
Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi
Executive Governor, Rivers State

Chief Launcher: High Chief, Dr. O. B. Lulu Briggs, CEC, Moni Polo
Chairman: Engr. Mayne David West (Snr), Principal Partner, Pearl Consult
Chief Host: Engr. Chief Olumuyiwa A. Ajibola, INSE, President NSE

Date: Thursday 10th November, 2011 Time: 10.00am
Venue: Royal Banquet, Hall, Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt.

RSVP: Engr. Dr. H. Igoni, MNSE (Branch Chairman) (08023123471) | Engr. G. C. Ikeyiri, MNSE (General Secretary) (08032856649) | Engr. B. J. Benibo, INSE (Chairman, ERC Committee) (08023216940)

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The Chairman,
ENGR. DR. ASINYETOOGHA HILKIAH IGONI, MNSE
Specially invites

to the

Opening Ceremony of
**YEAR 2011
ENGINEERING WEEK**

CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCASION: ENGR. DR. A. H. IGONI, MNSE (Chairman, NSE Port Harcourt Branch)
KEYNOTE PRESENTER: HON. GEORGE TOLOFARI (Commissioner for Transport, Rivers State)

Date: Monday 7th November, 2011 | Time: 10.00am
Venue: Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo Secretariat, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Water-Works Yard, PH.

TOPIC: EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN NIGERIA: THE WAY FORWARD (NIGER DELTA CASE STUDY)

RSVP: Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni, MNSE (Branch Chairman) (08023123471) | Engr. G. C. Ikeyiri, MNSE (General Secretary) (08032856649) | Engr. Dr. A. A. Ujile, INSE (Chairman, Engineering Week Comm.) (08033398876)

FELICITATION
Engr. Imaobong Inyang, FNSE, has been appointed a member of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Board of Directors. He is the commissioner representing Akwa Ibom State. Engr. Imaobong, is an Executive Committee member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and the Chairman, Codes & Standards Committee of NSE.

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