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## Merry Christmas

### Interview with Er. Tan Seng Chuan, Vice President of WFEO

*Er. Tan Seng Chuan is the Chairman of the World Engineers Summit 2013 Steering Committee, Past President of Illuminating Engineering Society and Vice President of WFEO.*



Er. Tan Seng Chuan

**E-Newsletter:** *Please can you tell us about the engineering challenges in Singapore?*

**Er. Tan:** The challenges I think we face is that we do not have enough engineers coming into the industry. So we try to encourage more engineers, more students to pick up engineering and more especially, we need quality students to study engineering; that is what we need in the industry because the economy in our region grows very fast and we have shortage of engineers.

**E-Newsletter:** *What can you say about engineering education in higher institutions?*

**Er. Tan:** We have many ways of training engineers. You can go by the Polytechnic or you can go by the University. We have created the chartered engineers for those working in engineering environment and are willing to study engineering, they can go by that roll. There are various ways for people who wish to study engineering. One of the roles of World Engineering Summit is to

inspire students who are studying engineering. We are trying to change the perspective of the students for them not to only look at the traditional engineering, which is Civil, Structural, Mechanical; we are trying to make them look into the climate change which is an issue in some countries and a major global issue. So we are trying to get more people to look at climate change issue and provide solutions to combat the issue.

**E-Newsletter:** *For the new generation that want to embrace engineering, what do you think will be their perspective in multi-tasking?*

**Er. Tan:** As an engineer, I think you have to be multi-tasking. You are not to look at just doing mechanical or civil but you have to look at the industry. You need to be familiar with different kinds of disciplines or familiarize yourself with what the industry needs. Engineers have to be equipped with different skills. Although you may be trained as a civil engineer for instance, you can do Environmental Engineering and you can also do Process Engineering. For climate change, there are various opportunities such that a Civil Engineer can do Environmental Engineering and come up with innovative solutions to the climate change. So engineers need to be multi-tasking.

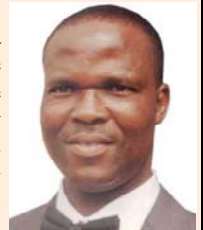
**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you sir.*



In the just concluded National Engineering Games (NEGG 2013), the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch participated in the Football tournament and won the silver medal. Photo left shows the branch football team and the branch chairman Engr. Denis Dania FNSE (2nd right) with their prize.

## Season's Greetings

The Chairman, Engr. Denis A. A. Dania FNSE, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch heartily extends the compliments of the season to



you. Have a *Merry Christmas* & a *Happy New Year*.



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



The Nigerian Society of Engineers  
Council and entire members  
invite



to the **pre-inauguration**  
**International Workshop on NSE, Infrastructures and PPP:  
Prospects for Africa**  
in honour of  
**Engr. Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi, FNSE**  
The **29<sup>th</sup>** President  
of Nigerian Society of Engineers

Special Guest of Honour:  
**Engr. Prof. Chinedu Nebe, FNSE**  
Hon. Minister for Power, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Special Guest:  
**Engr. Emeke Muomah Ezech, FNSE**  
Director - General, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)

Chairman:  
**Engr. Mustafa Balarabe Shehu, FNSE**  
President, Nigerian Society of Engineers

**Date:** Thursday 9th & Friday 10th January, 2014  
**Venue:** National Engineering Centre, off National Mosque, Labour House Road, Central Business Districts, Abuja.  
**Time:** 10:00am

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On Friday 20th December 2013, Engr. Prof. Miebaka Josiah Ayotamuno, celebrated his 50th birthday anniversary. Prof. Ayotamuno is the Chairman of the Environmental Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch. He is also the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nkporlu-Oroworukwo, Port Harcourt. Photo above shows Prof. Ayotamuno and his spouse Mrs. Augusta Ayotamuno cutting the 50th birthday cake.



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**Cocktail/ Cultural Nite**  
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**Date:** Friday 10th January, 2014  
**Venue:** Julius Berger Shooting Range, Jabi, Abuja.  
**Time:** 6:00pm


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Late Engr. S. A. Itopa FNSE

Engr. Samuel Asuva Itopa, FNSE, (Past Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Warri Branch 2005-2006), was confirmed dead on Friday 13 December, 2013 at about 1730 Hours in a private hospital in Sapele, Delta State, about 38 Kilometers from Warri. Engr. Itopa was returning with his spouse and two sons from the just concluded International Engineering Conference that was held in Abuja from 9 to 13 December 2013. He was travelling with his family to Warri in his Toyota Hilander.

According to his eldest son's account, the incident occurred at about 1600 Hours on Friday 13 December 2013, close to Opuraja junction about 20 kilometres to Warri. While they were on the journey, a pothole jerked the vehicle out of control and they ended up in a ditch inside the bush. Help came when Engr. Itopa was already unconscious and his wife though conscious could not help herself as she sustained multiple fractures on her left leg.



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**Presidential Inauguration Ceremony**  
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Special Guest:  
His Excellency, **Dr. Olusegun Rahman Mimiko**  
Executive Governor, Ondo State

Special Guest of Honour:  
His Excellency, **Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR**  
President & Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Date:** Saturday 11th January, 2014  
**Venue:** African Hall, International Conference Centre, Abuja.  
**Time:** 10:00am

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