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AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BRANCH CHAIRMAN ENGR. B. M. OGARIAWO ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ENGINEERING PROFESSION TO THE SOCIETY

E-Newsletter: Can you tell us a brief history about your life and how you came into the engineering profession?

Chairman: My name is Engr. B. M. H. Ogariawo. I attended primary school in Twon Brass in the then old Rivers State, now in Bayelsa State. Later I proceeded to St. Stephen College, where I obtained West African School Certificate in 1982. I gained admission into the University of Port Harcourt to Study Civil Engineering and I graduated from there in 1989. I was employed by the Rivers State government 1991 to work with the Ministry of Works in the year 2000. I was posted to the ministry of health as a development engineer. It has been an interesting experience being an e n g i n e e r .



Engr. B. M. Ogariawo

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. What has been your contribution as a civil engineer to the engineering profession and as an officer and now Branch Chairman of the society?

Chairman: As an engineer working for government we are involved in many development projects in the state. Some landmark projects I was involved include; Azikiwe Road dualisation project, Olusegun Obasanjo Road dualisation project and some designs that were used in the road networking of both the rural and urban areas in Port Harcourt. I have also been involved in the supervision works on health facilities like hospitals in Opokuma, Ngo, Eberi and the new Braithwaite Memorial Hospital project.

Talking about Nigerian Society of Engineers, I have in my little way played some roles having served the Branch in various capacities since my early year as a member. I served as a publicity secretary and a member of the program and publication committee at the national l e v e l .

E-Newsletter: As a Branch Chairman, what is your ambition for the Chapter?

Chairman: ICT is now the prevalent tool for development. I have therefore made a pledge that I will try as much as possible to encourage ICT among engineers. There are so many engineers who did not have the opportunity while in school because of the non existence of the

technology in Nigeria. Yesterday, I had a discussion with an organization- Cost Tech on organizing a two-week workshop on AUTOCAD Training as well as other programs for engineers all over Nigeria. I will also try to get companies to help reduce the cost by sponsoring the workshop in order to make the fee that will be charged affordable for all categories of engineers. The more engineers become ICT compliant the easier our engineering jobs and the better for our country Nigeria.

E-Newsletter: What strategy do you have to integrate engineers who do not have the zeal for acquiring this new knowledge?

Chairman: We carry out Campaign whenever we are on Industrial visits to companies, educating them on the importance of ICT. For this up-coming workshop, e-mails will be sent to as many engineers as possible. However, ICT has been set as a standard by NSE for all those who intend to be members of the professional body. It is important for engineers to note that the desire to acquire an additional knowledge should be there. Every engineer must have that desire because the profession is not static; it grows and is becoming more and more sophisticated.



Engr. Dr. Ujile interviewing Engr. Ogariawo

E-Newsletter: On the failure of infrastructures, we heard of building collapse, roads going bad, our jetties going bad, what plan(s) do you (engineers) make to change this trend?

Chairman: As we address the failures and lapses, the values in our society must be addressed first. How come construction works carried out in the 1950s, 1960s and even 70s are still strong today but those done in the 80s and 90s are failing? This is because there is no longer a sense of value. The right personnel must be involved for standard work in any engineering project. Where a structural engineering work is to be done, a structural engineer should be looked for. But you find out that people in other to cut cost, employ non-professionals especially at the design stage.

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OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE (OTC) 2008 IN HOUSTON TEXAS (MAY 5 TO MAY 8 2008)

The theme of OTC 2008 is "WAVES OF CHANGE". Countries all over the world participated in this year's conference. Nigerian engineers, entrepreneurs, politicians, oil and service

ing companies attended and some exhibited and showcased their capabilities at the conference. The Group Managing Director of NNPC, Engr Yakubu Yar' Adua, Minister of State for energy and some Senators from Nigeria attended the conference. A cross section of Nigerians is shown in the photos. Members of NSE also attended. The photograph shows from left, Engr. Dr A A Ujile MNSE, Engr Prof. H I Hart FNSE, Engr. (Mrs) Mayen Adetiba FNSE, Engr. Iro FNSE.

We have used the opportunity in Houston Texas to encourage other engineering graduates from Nigeria who are yet to register with NSE to do so. Many of them have responded positively. Others who have not shown interests on the activities of NSE were also admonished. In fact Engr. Mrs. Mayen Adetiba helped in this direction.



NSE 50th Anniversary Zonal Celebration. Port Harcourt Zone Programme of Activities.

Date/Time	Activities	Venue
22nd May, 2008		
1600 Hours	Arrival of the President & his entourage	PH Airport, Omagwa
1800 Hours	Interaction with Port Harcourt Branch Members	NSE Secretariat
23rd May, 2008		
0900 Hours	Presidential Interview	NSE Secretariat
1100 Hours	Courtesy Call on Deputy Governor/Governor of Rivers State, Elf	Deputy Governor/Governor of Rivers State Office, Elf Office
1400 Hours	Unveiling of Jubilee Bill Board	UTC Junction, Park 'n' Shop
1530 Hours	Press Conference	
1630 Hours	Public Lecture/ Award Night	NSE Secretariat
24th May, 2008		
1000 Hours	Presidential Interviews Continue	NSE Secretariat
1300 Hours	Courtesy Call on VC RSUST& Interactive session with Engineering students	Rivers State University of Science & Technology
1800 Hours	Dinner	LEMACO Hall & Gardens. #24/26 Ada George Road, Port Harcourt.
25th May, 2008		
Departure of the President & his entourage.		

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

*PORT HARCORT CHAPTER
PRESENTS*

4-DAY PRACTICAL WORKSHOP

ON

**ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGEMENT USING
PRIMAVERA SOFTWARE**

FOR: ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

**DATE: 26th —29th MAY, 2008. TIME: 9:00AM-4:00PM.
VENUE: IT CENTRE, NIGERIA SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS,
#3 BENARD CARR STREET, PORT HARCOURT**

COURSE OUTLINE

Planning activities.
Creating your plan in Primavera Project Planner.
Scheduling Project Tasks.
Creating resource pool and assigning resources (labour/material) to task.
Managing resources.
Calculating cost and budgeting.
Optimizing the schedule.
Updating a project and recording progress.
Organizing and summarizing reports.
Defining Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).
Defining Group Bands.
Resolving resource over-allocation.
Tracking project.
Distributing Project Information.
Maximizing Project Information etc.

N/B: N40,000.00 per participant (covers cost of Workshop Materials and Refreshment).

NSE PH BRANCH CHAIRMAN LOSSES DAD

The Branch Chairman of NSE PH Engr. Bateim Max Ogariwo's dad Venerable Max Harrison Ogariawo passed on to glory on Tuesday 6th May, 2008 at the age of 85 years.

**2008 ENGINEERING WEEK ACTIVITIES/FIRST
QUARTER DINNER**

Date: 24th May, 2008, **Time:** 1830-2130 hours,
Venue: Lemaco Halls & Gardens, 24/26 Ada George Road, Port Harcourt.
Special Guest of Honor: Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, Executive Governor of Rivers State.
Other guests of honor have been invited as well. Members and organizations are requested to use this time to send in advertorials and sponsor the activities of the dinner.

NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!

All members of NSE PH should pay their **annual branch dues** of **N4000** and **compulsory levy** of **N5000** towards the Engineer Resource Center to **UBA ACC. NO: 0802080000194**

(Port Harcourt main Branch).

Also pay **National Annual Subscription** of **N5,500.00** directly to **AFRIBANK ACC No. 142022215613** & forward all tellers to the secretariat for reconciliation.

All payments should be made at the Bank

UP COMING EVENT:

The Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers:
International Annual Conference & Exhibition.
Date: 25th & 26th June, 2008.
Venue: Abuja, Nigeria.
For more details please visit www.iacenig.org

