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Interview with Engr. Taiwo Olalekun, MNSE

Engr. Taiwo Olalekun, MNSE, is the Chairman the Nigerian Society of Engineers Apapa Branch.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, looking at the epileptic power supply, how do you think this can be improved?*

Taiwo: Over time, it has been a challenge really. Epileptic power supply and off course you will agree with me for those of us in major industrial cities like Lagos, Port-Harcourt and Kano, you see most of our industrial sectors have their own generating plants which not ought to be. Going into the renewable energy, we have so much sun and we are not tapping from it. For small homes uses and some industrial uses, we can generate power from the sun and I think the way forward is trying photo-voltaic panels. We can generate power from the desert wind. We can also generate power from offshore winds. The initial deployment may be expensive but if we see it as a major business, the prices should come down. Let us take a cue from the EU. The EU set a target for themselves as far back as 2003/2004. The target was to reduce carbon



Taiwo Olalekun

emission by 2030 and as I speak with you, most cities with in the EU are nearing that target. Just last year, Glasgow was awarded as the greenest city in the entire European Union. So we could also achieve that in setting targets. Yes, the initial cost of deploying renewable energy may be high. Let us take example from countries where people use PVs to cover their roof. People can generate power for their own use which I think is quite laudable and of course there should be political will on the part of the government. Everywhere, I think it is the government that drives development. There should be enabling policies, policies that are sustainable. Let us remove political overbearing in some of our policies. Let us look at sources where these things can be effectively deployed, then off course we can generate and send to the national grid. For individuals and cooperate organizations, government should give them incentives to let them generate and work out the modality in the area of tariff like its done elsewhere. Government should support people to generate into the national grid and get special tariff.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



Photo left: Engr. Chief M. D. Derefaka, FNSE, making a presentation on “Infrastructural Development in Reclaimed Areas in Rivers State” on Thursday 29th October 2015 at the NSE Port Harcourt Branch secretariat.



Photo right: NSE PH Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (middle), presiding over the General Meet-



Some member of the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch in a group photograph shortly after the 38th Inaugural Lecture of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt delivered by Engr. Prof. (Alabo) K. D. H. Bob-Manuel, FNSE (6th from left).



The Nigerian Society of Engineers National Engineering Games Cycling Competition

Date: Saturday 7th November 2015 **Time:** 7.30am

Venue: Behind Braithwaite Memorial Special Hospital, Old GRA, Port Harcourt

Categories (First 10 entries ONLY in each category):

1. **Male** Fellows/Corporate Engineers
2. **Female** Corporate/Graduate / Student Engineers.
3. **Male** Graduates/Students members

To participate, send FULL name/category/sex/age, NOT later than Wednesday 3 November 2015 by 2pm to 08037048430 (sms ONLY) or email to publici-



The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Presents

**NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunshine 2015

THEME:

“National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan 2014: Strategies For Implementation”

Venue: International Culture & Event Centre (Dome), Akure, Ondo State

Date: Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

Conference Registration

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| 1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015) | = N30,000 | 4. Graduates = N10,000 |
| 2. From October 1, 2015 | = N40,000 | 5. Students = N5,000 |
| 3. Spouses | = N10,000 | |



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