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Interview with Engr. Ali Abdullahi, MNSE

Engr. Ali Abdullahi, MNSE, is the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Bauchi Branch.

E-Newsletter: *Looking at the power sector, is there improvement?*

Ali: Yes, there is improvement. In the last three to four months we can say there is improvement because the level of generation has increased.

E-Newsletter: *What do you think can be done to get power better, because the more power we have, the more businesses will grow?*

Ali: What can be done is the government should take power sector as a state of emergency because if there is no power, nothing can work. In all the developed countries, if you go there you will see that they have passed the issue of power problem or power shortage. We have to be like that if we want to have meaningful development. Power must be constant. What I would even add on this is that we should not be talking about we generate so-so megawatts of power. To consumers, it is meaningless. What we should be talking about is that within 7 days or within 24 hours, how many hours that could be guaranteed for power to the consumers. I think that is what we should be talking



Engr. Ali Abdullahi

about. You could generate megawatts, but along the line if there are problems, it cannot reach the consumer. On the distribution side, the distributing companies have to do a lot because actually, there are constraints because of the dilapidated infrastructures. They have to put their house in order. The transmission companies have to have the capacity of transporting the generated power, that is what we require.

E-Newsletter: *What do you have to tell the consumers of this power so that they cannot abuse the use of the power?*

Ali: The consumers should have discipline also in utilizing their own power that they consume. If you go to our neighbouring countries that even receive this power from us. If you go to Niger Republic, you will see that they don't even allow a common bulb to be switched on while no one is in the room. So we should imbibe that. Instead of generating more, if we reduce our consumption clearly it will also be adequate and we should be using energy bulbs instead of the normal traditional bulbs that we have been using so that we can conserve the energy because energy conservation is very important.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



Executive Committee meeting of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch held on Thursday 5th November 2015 at the Branch secretariat. The meeting was Chaired by the Branch Vice Chairman Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye, MNSE.



Group photograph taken at the Young Engineers/Future Leaders programme during the Nigerian Society of Engineers Conference and Annual General Meeting (Sunshine 2015) held in Akure Ondo State.



Group photograph taken shortly after Engr. Prof. Chris Ahiakwo (4th from right) was inaugurated as the 2nd Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Omoku Branch on Saturday 28th November 2015.



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