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### Interview with Samron Emeka Mayor

*Samron Emeka Mayor, is the President of the Nigerian Universities Engineering Students Association, Rivers State University of Science and Technology Port Harcourt Chapter.*

**E-Newsletter:** *Sir, as the leader of the engineering students in your institution, what would you say about leadership and leading future engineers?*



Samron Mayor

**Samron:** Leadership is derived from the word 'lead' which literally means to direct, conduct, guide, instruct; especially by going in advance of people, animals or things. Leadership is the action of directing or instructing a group of persons towards achieving a certain goal. As the Executive President of the Nigerian Universities Engineering Students' Association, RSUST, I affirm that leadership is not just in an office; but in service. In order for a leader to excel and govern effectively, he/she must be able to exhibit and portray some of the following qualities: be visionary and executive, take responsibilities, good & effective communication skills, influential and authoritative but yet with a positive attitude, disciplined, able to develop trust, sporadic in thinking (i.e. improvise to a plan C, D, etc. especially when A & B is not working), produce/develop more leaders, above all, live by example with an unquestionable character. Your followers want to see you show, teach and direct the way and as such, a leader's life should be a mirror and a light. As a young leader, I further learnt that a leader should be accessible and available at the frontline when executing projects or adventures; this is because his/her presence is a morale booster. This means a leader should be 20% the boss and 80% a servant. A leader should be ready to be faced with lots of challenges if not careful can weigh him/her down; that is why a leader should be mentally, physically and spiritually sound. Finally, aspiring leaders should also know and note, if the motivator of your aspiration is just for personal benefits, then failure in your

regime as the leader has already begun. LEADERSHIP IS NOT IN AN OFFICE, BUT IN SERVICE. LEADERS ARE NOT JUST BORN, BUT ARE MADE ALSO.

**E-Newsletter:** *In the face of the current unemployment situation, what are your thoughts on entrepreneurship?*

**Samron:** The cause of the high level of unemployment in the nation which is as well part of the issues of the economy is lack of job opportunities; and every year, our universities, polytechnics and colleges are producing thousands of graduates from all sectors and disciplines into the labour market. The only way we as a nation can curb this issue of unemployment is when the youths and young graduates join in nation building by craving to be entrepreneurs. I did a survey and I found out that, another problem is that most undergraduates are craving & preparing to seek for jobs rather than job creators (employers). Their aim is to work in oil companies. As a young boy growing up, my futuristic thought wasn't too based on me seeing myself going to work in a company, although I didn't totally kick against it; I always have this mindset of producing a particular product that the masses would like and would purchase from me. If the majority has this perception of being self-made and branded, believe you me, the dying population of unemployed will be contained and reduced because there would be creation of jobs. Entrepreneurship training and seminars should be conducted very often, especially in schools, possibly more often in the secondary schools to equip and enrich the youths at the young and tender age on entrepreneurial skills.

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

## The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch

### General Meeting / Technical Evening

**Date:** Thursday 28th July, 2016

**Time:** 5:00pm

**Venue:** Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yards, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.

**Eminent Lecturer:** Engr. Onuoha C. Obeka, MNSE

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