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Interview with Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo, President Association of Consulting Engineers Nigeria (ACEN)

Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo attended University of Lagos and graduated in 1973. He worked in the television sector until 1978 and then went into consultancy. He has been in consultancy since 1978. He is ACEN President.



Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo

E-Newsletter: The theme for this year's conference is "Engineering is Development A Multi-Dimensional Framework for National Development." Why did ACEN choose this theme for this year's conference?

Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo: Well, there are two reasons that just happened to coincide. One was that sometime last year, we launched a book that was written by the immediate past president of ACEN, Engr. Bayo Adeola. It was called Engineering is Development; and also, this year happens to be the fiftieth anniversary of our nation, so we thought as Engineers, where have we been? Where should we be? What should we do? If we look at the history of our nation, as engineers we have made a lot of contributions, but we have not done as good as we should. So what we said was that let us look at how engineering can be used to develop every nation; and then we went back in history, and we saw that every nation that has neglected engineering has not done as well as it should be, but those nations that looked at engineering the way it should be looked at, have done very well. The Chinese leadership out of thirteen of them, nine are engineers and they are doing very well. In a survey that was done in the UK, it was said that the second most influential Briton throughout the last century was a man called Brunel. He was an engineer. We said to ourselves we as engineers let's get down together, let's look at engineering, how it can move forward, but also realizing that we need other parts of the economy of the nation to aid this development; that is why it is called multi-dimensional.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much. Sir, the last question is; what do you have to tell our readers, Nigerians and the Engineering family about actualizing development through engineering?

Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo: One of the things that we hope to do with this conference is to come up with a framework. A framework that will give guidelines on how engineering can be used; having done that, we will then begin to implement those guidelines. We don't just do it and issue a communiqué. We will issue a communiqué. That communiqué will give details of what we want to do and how we are going to do it, and then we will begin implementation. One of the things that should come out of this conference immediately like I said, is that we need to strengthen our process of advocacy; we need to get closer to the government. That is one of the things we are going to be doing straight up.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much sir for granting us audience.

Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo: Well, that's why am here. Thank you



Engr. Otunte Otuneh & Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo

DOUBLE HONOURS TO ENGR. OKOROMA

We join the family and friends of the OKOROMAs to congratulate our amiable colleague **Engr. George Chukwulewa Okoroma, JP, FNSE, MASCE, MIDiagE, MNIM** on his elevation and award of the FELLOWSHIP of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and resent appointment as a Justice of the Peace (JP) by the Rivers State Ministry of Justice. Engr. G. C. Okoroma, who is the GMD of Gambeta Groupe, is the Principal Partner of Gapec Consultants Limited. He is a Council Member of the Association of Consulting Engineers Nigeria (ACEN), and a Director of GPDC Limited.



Engr. George Okoroma JP, FNSE

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEAR NOBLE ENGINEER!!!

NSE PH Spouses Forum

The "Spouses Forum" of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch held a seminar for her members on Saturday 13th November, 2010 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo Secretariat. The topic of the seminar was: Issues on Breast and Cervical Cancer. The seminar was well attended.



Mrs. Rhoda Asinye-Igoni
Chairperson,
NSE PH Branch Spouses Forum

**Association of Consulting Engineers Nigeria
2010 Annual Conference/Annual General Meeting**

The Association of Consulting Engineers Nigeria, held her Annual Conference / Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Ladi Kwali Hall of Sheraton Hotels and Tower, Abuja on 8th November to 10th November 2010. The theme of the conference is **Engineering is Development - A Multi-Dimensional Framework for National Development.**


The conference was well attended by consulting engineers, practicing engineers, barristers, architects, non-engineers and the international community. Several papers were presented by seasoned professionals.



L-R: Engr. O. A. Ajibola (NSE President), Engr. Mustapha Bulama (COREN) President, & right Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo (ACEN President).




Donald Duke (former Governor of Cross River State & Engr. Ebele Okeke (former Head of Civil Service of Nigeria)



The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Announces its
INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 'ABUJA 2010'

Date: 6th - 10th December, 2010
Venue: Conference Venue: International Conference Centre, Area 11, Garki, Abuja
Conference Hotel: NICON Luxury, Area 11, Garki, Abuja

Theme:
Engineering Response in Combating the Effects of CLIMATE CHANGE in Africa



HIGHLIGHTS

- Presidential Cocktail
- Courtesy Visits
- Opening Press Conference
- Plenary Sessions
- Concurrent Technical Sessions
- Welfare/Business Development Nite
- Exhibition
- Young Engineers Forum/Technical Sessions
- Aso Nite
- Spouses Activities
- Annual General Meeting
- Annual Dinner/Dance
- Closing Press Conference/Communique

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird (On or Before 31 st October, 2010)	-	N20,000.00
After 31 st October, 2010	-	N25,000.00 or \$200.00
Students	-	N1,500.00
Spouses	-	N5,000.00

ENQUIRIES

<p>Engr. A.A. Babu FNSE Chairman, Conference Planning Committee Email: aababu2010@yahoo.com Tel: 0803118088, 08052082555</p>	<p>Engr. Ahmad K. Anshu, FNSE Executive Secretary Email: nseconf@nse.org.ng Tel: 09-4731006, 0803186120 0802234729, 08053679150</p>
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WELFARE COMMITTEE VISITS ENGR. OTUENEH & FAMILY

As part of the commitment of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch towards the welfare of its members, the Welfare Committee on behalf of the Executive Committee visited the Publicity Secretary of the Branch, Engr. Otunte Otuenh and his family to rejoice with them on the birth of their son, Master Ataisi Samuel Otuenh.



L-R: Engr. Edward Orupabo (Welfare Secretary), Engr. Mrs. A. Ohagwa (Financial Secretary), Mrs. Ijeoma Otuenh & Engr. Otunte Otuenh.



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