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Interview with Engr. Taiwo Elegba FNSE, on Capacity Building

Engr. Taiwo Elegba FNSE is the General Manager, Capacity Building, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB). He is the Immediate Past Chairman of NSE Victoria Island Branch.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, please can you say more on Capacity building as regards to your assignment?*

Engr. Taiwo: I'm in charge of capacity building and we are building capacity in all ramifications; Human, Infrastructure and Manufacturing and also Institutional. Presently we are trying to capture electricity capacity in Nigeria. It involves human and manufacturing. We move around. For example we are aware that there are some docks along the Niger coast that are lying down there and we still have people taking their ship out servicing. We want to bring all these docks to a serviceable state. We also look at industries, all these small fabrications and manufacturing companies, what they need and what they are lacking. We sit down with them and discuss and fashion out ways to improve their capacity. Now in human development, we also train some lectures and people working in the industry; fitters, welders, divers; such people. We are



Engr. Taiwo Elegba FNSE

doing all that. Then at the end of the day, we are putting the J Key system into place, which is information system, that is a huge data bank system we keep very close to us while we capture the human capacity in manufacturing, industry, etc and bring it in here so that if a company may need an engineer or any other staff, they need to advertise. Then we need to check the system, "do we have this kind of material, no we don't have it". If we have it, we will see it over the system and we will then direct the people to that place, "this gentleman is capable in doing this thing. Go and do it".

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NSE PH EXECUTIVES VISITS RSUST VC & DONATES TO THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ENGINEERING



RSUST VC Prof. B.B. Faka (left) stressing a point while the Branch Chairman Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni looks on

Members of the NSE PH Branch EXCO during the visit



Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE, gets Distinguished Alumni Award at UNIBEN

It was an hour of glory for Engr. Prof. Howells I. Hart, FNSE, as he received the prestigious Award of Distinguished Alumni of the University of Benin Alumni Association (UBAA at the University of Benin, main Auditorium of UNIBEN, on Friday 19th November, 2010

Engr. Prof. Hart, FNSE alongside the Governor of Lagos State, Sen. Babatunde Fashola (SAN) among other distinguished Alumni Members received the prestigious Awards. The Awards were jointly presented by the President of UNIBEN Alumni Association worldwide, Barrister Richard Ohonaruogbo and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Benin, Prof. Osuyuki Godwin Oshodi, represented by Prof. J. O. Onibere, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics.

Engr. Prof. Hart was the 164th student of the University of Benin (Then as Midwest Institute of Technology (MIT)) and graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (B. ENG) Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1976 with only seven others. He had his master Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Oklahoma State University, and PHD in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Thermo fluid, from the University of Nigeria Nnsuka. He rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Mechanical Engineering. He is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt.

Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE, FNIMEchE, has been a source of pride to the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Port Harcourt Branch. He has held so many positions/ offices both at the Rivers State Government and in the Nigerian Society of Engineers, and even as the Deputy Vice Chancellor of RSUST, in which his services have been self effacing and outstanding epitome.

The Branch Chairman, Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni, MNSE, the Executive and entire Members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Port Harcourt Branch heartily congratulates Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE on this well deserved Award.



Engr. Prof. Howells Hart, FNSE with the Prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award of UNIBEN Alumni Association

The Service of Songs for the father of Engr. Frank Opigo, FNSE



Engr. Frank Opigo FNSE

NSE PH Branch Condoles Engr. Imaobong Inyang FNSE

The PH Branch of NSE condoles the Immediate Past Chairman of Eket Branch and member of NSE National Executive Committee, Engr. Imaobong J. Inyang FNSE on the death of his father-in-law. The Branch attended the burial ceremony in Luyor Gwara on Saturday, 27th November 2010.



Engr. Imaobong J. Inyang FNSE (2nd left) and Engr. Edward Orupabo MNSE, Welfare Secretary NSE PH Branch (right)

That will even help. If we don't have in that system what is required then approval can now be given to that company to out source such qualified personnel. We would then put in place as soon as we can to develop that capacity in Nigeria. We must have a plan on that basis.

The board is the one monitoring the performance of the people in the oil industries, and the servicing companies. We ensure that they are actually abiding by the law. How do we do this? When they have any project to do, we ask for the plan. We want to see their Nigeria Local Content Plan and where they really have genuine cases we can sit down and look at how we can overcome that problem. That is what we are doing now.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much Sir. Our last question is what measure do you have in place because it is a two way thing. You and the stakeholders. What word do you have for our readers so that stakeholders can actually help you to help them as to help the system?

Engr. Taiwo: When you say stakeholders, I believe all of us are stakeholders; the companies, Boards, the general public and engineers specifically. We are all stakeholders. The thing is that everybody must be on ground. There was an advert that the Board sent out that people should submit their capacity, what they can do, their qualifications, what they have been doing, they should submit to us, so that we can put in our data base. So that we can know that somebody somewhere in Port Harcourt, in Bonny when we are looking for such a person we will get him. Then also are so many small and medium size industries in Nigeria that are in the oil industry and we don't even know their capacity and companies are saying that they can't do this, they can't do that. It is because of all these things we made that advert in the paper .

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much. We are very grateful for granting us this interview on a very short notice.



Engr. Otuench & Engr. Taiwo

The burial of NSE PH staff - Mr. George Pronen



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