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NSChE EDO/DELTA ADDS 3 NSE FELLOWS TO ITS FOLD

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

* *Never give advice unless you have walked the walk, because anybody can talk the talk*

* *If you are willing to risk the usual you will have to settle for the ordinary*

* *All our dreams come true if we have courage to pursue them*



Group photograph of Fellows of NSE at the conferment ceremony

R-L : Engr. S. Idiata (FNSE), Engr. Abali (FNSE) (MD WRPC) , Engr Ariaga (FNSE) (EDO WRPC)

In recognition of their meaningful contribution to the advancement of Engineering and Technology , three members of Edo/Delta chapter of NSChE were among the conferees at the 8th Conferment ceremony of the Nigerian Society of Engineers . The award which is the highest status in the profession is an endorsement of their exemplary leadership qualities and human character traits which have endeared them to well-meaning people and the organization where they work . It is pertinent to note that the trio hold various enviable positions at the Warri Refining and Petrochemicals. With this award, the conferees have been enlisted into the board of fellows of the society .The event which took place at the Banquet hall of NAF Conference Centre , Abuja, witnessed a large turnout of friends and well-wishers of the conferees. A total number of 28 members of NSE were conferred with the fellowship award of the society . These individuals have distinguished themselves in different area of their lives ,particularly in Engineering Profession.

There's light at the end of the tunnel for Engineering Profession – Engr. S. Idiata (FNSE)

*The editorial crew of **The Transformer** met with Engr. S. idiata (FNSE), he shared with us his love for engineering ,a Passion that earned him a fellowship award. He also bared his mind on some the challenges facing the profession and his advice to younger Engineers . Below are the Excerpts*

Transformer: Can we meet you ?

Engr. Idiata: Thank you for the opportunity. I am happy the E-Newsletter letter-**The Transformer**, which is my brainchild is still thriving even years after I left office as the chairman of the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers Edo /Delta States Chapter.

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PHOTOSPEAKS

NSChE Edo/Delta takes career talks to Secondary schools



Group photograph of NSChE EXCO with staff and students of Ogbe Secondary school ,Effurun

It was a moment of joy for secondary school students as the exco members of Edo/Delta chapter of NSChE take career talks to Nehemiah International School and Ogbe Secondary School all in Delta State.

The career talk which was held at the schools' hall drew the attention of senior students (SS1-3) as the main audience.

In his presentation: **Chemical Engineering : An excellent career** ,Engr. Dr. Ohimor charged the students to be studious and make best use this time to start thinking about their future and pursue their dreams.

He , however ,highlighted that their influence from school guidance and counselors , parental advice and interest in some subjects as core factors that can influence them in making their best career choices.

He encouraged them to choose Chemical Engineering as they have many opportunities awaiting them upon graduation from university . He also admonished them to join voluntary organizations such as JET club, Red cross society and Debate clubs as this helps to shape their thought-process.

There was a donation of writing materials to both schools at the end of the event.

Expressing their joy, the school authorities and students thanked the entourage for finding time to share their wealth of experience with them and prayed God to bless them immensely.

Present at the event were Engr. Dr. Ohimor, Engr . Kingsley Osuala, Engr. Caroline Nwede , Mr Chinedu Anyalewechi and Mr. Wisdom. The event was a success.



Students of Ogbe Secondary school listening with rapt attention at career talk



Students of Nehemiah International school listening with rapt attention at career talk

This means that there is hope for the chapter and we hope it gets better by the year.

Yes, my name is Engr. Stephen Idiata, a fellow of the Nigeria Society of Engineer, and a fellow of the Nigerian society of Chemical Engineers.

Transformer: Recently you were given a fellowship award by the Nigerian Society of Engineers, how does that make you feel?

Engr. Idiata : Like any other professional, getting to the highest level as far as membership status of your professional body is concern, makes you feel fulfilled and I am happy to have gotten to fellowship level .This came 6 years after I was made fellow of the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers in 2012. It would have come earlier because I have been involved in the activities of the society since my graduation in 1990.

Transformer : Do you think Nigerian Engineers are doing enough to occupy their pride of place in the country?

Engr. Idiata : I think Nigerian Engineers are still striving to occupy their pride of place because they have not given enough and are still relaxing. Most of the western countries like USA, Germany and the likes got to where they are through Engineering and Technology. Unfortunately, Nigerian Engineers want to sit down with their God-given talents and allow it to lay low and wait for other professionals to ask them to take charge. Nobody will give you that chance if you don't take charge.

Transformer: It has been suggested in some quarters that Nigerian Engineers should engage in Politics so that they can influence the making of policies that will positively affect their profession. What is your take on this?

Engr. Idiata : I think without missing out words, that is the right thing to do. Like what I said before, if you don't take charge, nobody will give it to you. Like what is happening in this country today, you see intelligent ones pride themselves to be very busy with academics and their profession while they allow the touts and charlatans to take the front seats. Some did it out of being over conscious that is why many Engineers are not good business men because they are afraid of taking risks. At the local government councils in our states, touts of yesterday are the chairmen. Also, You hear a low level staff in textile industry is the chairman of a political party ,they will only give you what they have.

Mentorship in Chemical Engineering

Mentorship in chemical Engineering is a professional relationship in which a more experienced or knowledgeable chemical Engineer (mentor) guides or assists a less experienced or less knowledgeable Chemical Engineer or student in developing specific skills that will enhance the person's professional growth.

Benefits of Becoming a Mentor

- The chance to give back and to help colleagues
- The knowledge that the future of chemical engineering will be in safe hand
- The satisfaction that you have helped a fellow engineer on their career path
- An opportunity to develop a new skill for your CV and to reflect on your own experience from different perspective
- A chance to learn from next generation of engineers

Transformer: What more do we expect from you as a fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers?

Engr. Idiata: To whom much is given, much is expected. I know how it has been as a fellow of the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers. As far as there are problems confronting the profession, so also is the magnitude of challenges before me and any other fellow .That means, more efforts and more contributions.

Transformer: We know how busy you can be because of your position, can you share with us how you relax?

Engr. Idiata: Well, there is always a work-life-balance to stay alive. I must confess, it has been difficult for me unwinding because I have to satisfy my employer and my professional bodies. That in notwithstanding, I still make out time to relax with my family and friends because "all works and no play makes jack a dull boy". My hobby is reading.

Transformer:: What advice do you have for younger Engineers?

Engr. Idiata : My advice to young Engineers is that they should never give up no matter the pressure and challenges . I notice that the young Engineers because of the frustration of unemployment situation in the country, they tend to express regrets on the choice of their professions. I want to tell them that there is light at the end of the tunnel for Engineering profession. Every Engineer has the abilities to succeed irrespective of where you find yourself whether public service or private.