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Interview with Engr. George Eze on Quality in Engineering

Engr. Sir George Eze, MNSE, is the *Chairman, Engineering Collaboration*/ Business Luncheon Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what can you tell us* about engineering collaboration?

Engr. Eze: Engineering collaboration is an aspect of engineering that could be Engr. Sir George Eze referred to as cascading lessons learnt



and also partnering with other engineering practitioners to ensure Engr. Eze: My advice to anybody who is involved in project that there is improvement and cross-hybridization of engineering ideas especially the application of engineering as a profession. We felt it could bring improvement in engineering profession if we partner with the industries and even the military to harmonise ideas on the application of engineering for developing the society and for a larger gain of humanity. To the developed nations, this level of collaboration is not new but in our nation the collaboration has not really boomed, it has not materialised to the level for the gains all. There is no collaboration between the universities, the industries and even the government. I made a trip to Houston E-Newsletter: Thank you sir. to attend a conference in the past and I discovered that there is a huge collaboration between the universities and the industries. I was surprised on the huge amount the industries are massively investing in the universities to ensure this collaboration works fine.

E-Newsletter: What can you tell us about quality in engineering project?

Engr. Eze: With experience, emphasis has been on delivery of target, schedule and cost. The hidden aspect of it which though has been there is the issue of safety and quality but safety has been taken to a higher level more than quality and quality has appeared to be downplayed. In the long run quality delivery in a project is as important as the safety as aspect of the project.

E-Newsletter: *What advise do you have for project executioners?*

delivery is to start at the beginning because in project you have different phases right from the conception phase, the select phase, the define phase, the execute phase and closeout. So at each phase a project, it is important to have robust Quality Management System so that the issues of quality are being addressed at each phase of the project and then at the end of the day you will be happy you have delivered flawless project.



Past President of NSE Passes On

Past President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. Chief Samuel Olatunde Fadahunsi, FNSE, OFR, CON, passed-on on Tuesday 12th August 2014 at the age of 94 years. He celebrated his 94th birthday in March 2014.

Engr. Fadahunsi, served as the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) in 1968-1969. He also served as the President of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).

Engr. Fadahunsi graduated from the University of London in 1951. He started his professional career as an Engineer with an engineering consultancy firm in London. Upon his return to Nigeria, he joined the Western Nigeria Government in 1955 and rose to the position of Chief Water Engineer of Western Re-

gion of Nigeria.

He later served as the Chief Executive Officer of Lagos Executive Development Board (the fore-runner of the present day Lagos State Development and Property Corporation) between 1963 and 1971. He went into private practice in 1971 and established an engineering consultancy firm. Born in 1920 at Ilesa, Nigeria, Engr. Fadahunsi was a doyen of the engineering profession.



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