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Interview with Engr. F. C. Nnabugwu

Engr. F. C. Nnabugwu, is the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Aba Branch.

E-Newsletter: *Sir what do you have to say about urban renewal?*

Nnabugwu: I think the most important thing to emphasized here is discipline. Most of the cities where planned by professionals and with layout specifications which were put in place. But



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along the line, there were some kind of compromise which continued to spread and the cities lost their original form. What is important is for the professionals especially those who work in the civil department or the planning authorities to be determined to do the right thing as to protect professional ethics and ensure that cities are developed strictly in accordance with the city plan and specification. Government has a lot to do in this regard because the political will has to be there. The responsible workers may not be able to do much unless they are sure their masters will protect them against intimidation no matter who is involved. Let

me use this opportunity to call on professionals in the built environment to ensure that they do the right thing. Where the city plan has been compromised of course it will be too expensive to modify the city because it will involve some adjustments, demolition and all that and cost will be involved. My advice in this regard is where it is possible new layouts or new cities should be established and from there those living in the city that has turned into slums to appreciate what it takes to live in the city that is properly developed. City plans has been compromised due to indiscipline on the part of developers and even professionals too. Some compromise may be politically influenced and all that. The compromise is what causes most of the flooding in our cities. A plot of land that is supposed to have 30 percent coverage somebody will come there and build up the entire place as much as 75 percent and there will be no space for parking vehicles and vehicles will be parked on the roads and this leads to challenges for city management.

E-Newsletter: Thank you sir.



The Executive Committee meeting of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch was held on Thursday 1st October 2015 at the branch secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE.



Photo left: The President and Chairman in Council of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi, FNSE, in a car designed and manufactured locally in Choba, Port Harcourt by the IONS Group (students and fresh graduates) of the University of Port Harcourt. The car was exhibited at the 3-Day Workshop/Exhibition organized by the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch in collaboration with the Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board with the theme "Nigerian Content & Engineer-ing/Technological Development in the Niger Delta" held on Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th September 2015 at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch secretariat.



Cross-section of some participants at the Opening Ceremony of the 3-Day Workshop/Exhibition organized by the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch in collaboration with the Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board with the theme "Nigerian Content & Engineering/Technological Development in the Niger Delta" held on Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th September 2015 at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch secretariat.





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