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# Interview with Engr. Dr. Godson Osueke, FNSE

Engr. Dr. Godson Osueke, FNSE, is the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Owerri Branch.

E-Newsletter: Sir, talking about industry and industrialization, where can we say we are?

Osueke: It is unfortunate that we cannot be effectively seen in any industrial map. In the '90s, we were on the map but towards the late '90s to 2007 we were wiped out of the map due to the failure of almost 80% of the industries we have. That is why we have been pro-



Godson Osueke

posing that state governments should pick up developmental effort by establishing cottage industries at least one in every Local Government Area. This will be better for us looking at the level of unemployment and the dwindling economy that is coming from the Oil and Gas. If every local government will have one E-Newsletter: Thank you sir. cottage industry, there will be employment generation. All these vices by our youths will be highly reduced and when everybody is busy, useful and productive, I think the crime rate will surely reduce and people will be happier because they are gainfully em-

ployed. Cottage industry does not mean it must be for iron and steel. Nigeria is a food basket of Africa, if you look at the minerals in this country; we have a network of mineral deposits in every state of this country. People have not tapped it, so even if we don't go for agro industries alone, every state has the blessings of natural resources which we can use to develop. Even sand, people think sand is negligible but sand can create a cottage industry for burnt bricks, for marbles. So it is important that the state governments help this nation and the economy to develop cottage industries. We have started putting this pressure on our government to start tapping these resources and I believe that the government will include industries in their next agenda.

**E-Newsletter:** What do you think is the catalyst for us to become industrialized?

**Osueke:** The catalyst is the technology. The catalyst is also on the sincerity of our nationals in that what ever amount of funding that we have, it should be judiciously applied.



L-R: Engr. Chief O. O. Oruye FNIEEE, Engr. B. T. D. George FNIEEE, Engr. Chief Giandomenico Massari FNIEEE, Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman), Engr. Isaac Adekanye FNIEEE, Engr. Prof. Chris Ahiakwo FNIEEE, Engr. Olice Kemenanabo FNIEEE, Engr. Abraham Ogholor FNIEEE & Engr. Vitalis Onyia FNIEEE, shortly after they were conferred Fellowship of the Nigerian Institution of Electrical Electronics Engineers on Wednesday 14th October 2015 in Osogbo during the NIEEE International Conference and Exhibition on Power and Telecommunications "ICEPT



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NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johson, FNSE (3rd from left), Engr, Precious Bob-Manuel (left), Engr. Mrs. Anthonia Ohagwa (2nd left), Engr. I. Z. S. Akobo (2nd right) & Engr. Promise Jumbo (right) on Monday 12th October 2015 during a condolence visit to the family of late Engr. Anthony E. Ziwurubougha, MNSE, who passed-on on 23rd September 2015



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