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Interview with Njoku Chimaobi

Njoku Gabriel Chimaobi, is a student of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka and an awardee of the 1st National Engineering Students' competition organized by the Committee of Deans and Technology of *Nigerian University (CODET).*

E-Newsletter: What award did your group win and what was your position?



Njoku Chimaobi

Njoku: We were the first runner-up (in the group category) and we worked on "Design and construction of solar powered microcontroller based wheel chair for the paraplegic".

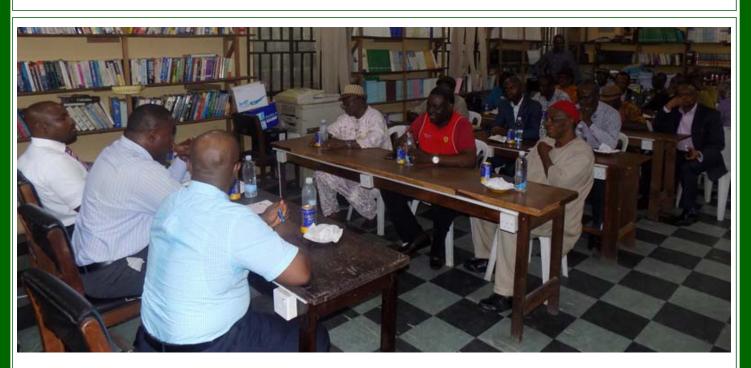
E-Newsletter: What motivated your group to chose the top- **E-Newsletter:** Thank you sir.

Njoku: Going by the name paraplegic, it is an challenge

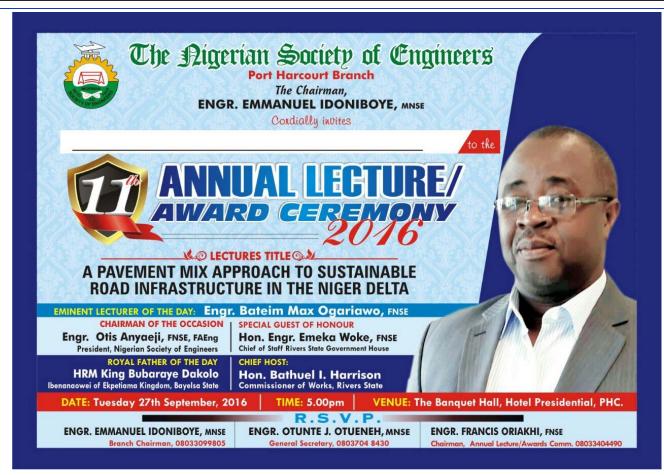
that affects the lower part of the body. In societies there are people that are deformed and in some cases they are isolated. How do we integrate them into the society and make them carryout the basic activities they are supposed to do? We thought of designing a wheel chair that will be solar powered and eliminate the challenges of epileptic electrical power supply. With this they will be able to meet their needs in terms of mobility. That's what actually informed the project.

E-Newsletter: You think it is something that can be used in our region?

Nioku: Yes. We have much sunlight here which is the basic necessity for every solar powered device and with that we will have enough energy to drive the device.



Emergency Executive Committee meeting of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at the Branch library. The meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye, MNSE.





Members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch at the funeral of late Mazi Okpo Ugoji, the father of Engr. Mrs. Chinwe Okoronkwo, MNSE (6th from right), on Saturday 10th September 2016 at Amigo Okoko Item, Abia State.

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