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ENGR. MUSTAFA BALARABE SHEHU, FNSE BECOMES WFEO PRESIDENT

History is made on 14th October, 2023, in the city of Prague as Engr. Mustafa Balarabe Shehu, FNSE, FAEng, becomes the 17th President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations. Engr. Mustafa Balarabe Shehu was born on 12th April 1963 in Kano, Nigeria. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Ahmadu Bello University. He served as the 28th President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers from 2012 – 2013 and as President of the Federation of African Engineering Organizations from 2015 – 2016. He is the Chairman/CEO of MBS Engineering Limited. A Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering.

THE ADVENT OF ENGR. EMEKA AGBASI, FNSE, FNIHTE AS FERMA MD

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has appointed Engr. Emeka Agbasi, FNSE, FNIHTE, a member of NSE London, UK Branch, as the Managing Director of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).



THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, NIHTE, ENGR. SAIDU HASSAN, FNSE, FNIHTE, DURING THE 2023 NIHTE, PH CHAPTER CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & AGM, AT CASONI HOTELS & SUITES, PH, R/S.



THE PIONEER CHAIRMAN, ENGR. DR. ISA USMAN EMOABINO, FNSE, FNIHTE, WITH THE LEAD INSTRUCTOR, SCOTT BLOXSOM, DURING THE NIHTE-IRF MANAGING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON 16TH-20TH OCT. 2023, AT SANDRALIA HOTELS, ABUJA.

EDITORIAL

As we conclude a year marked by significant achievements and progress, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of us that have been source of motivation with our optimistic attitude and creative spirit. We've navigated numerous challenges, contested against enormous difficulties and fought across all frontiers, nevertheless, we propelled to new heights because of efforts of all of us.

The quarterly Newsletter is packed with information on Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) activities, and various organizations and institutions activities.

We invite articles, papers, adverts, goodwill messages, etc., from members and non-members.

Thanks to all the reviewers and editors whose cooperation and hard work made this possible!

We wish to stay connected with you during this time, so please email us for any submissions.

Welcome again to NIHTE Quarterly Newsletter.



Jones Nwadike
Lead Editor



THE 33RD PRESIDENT, ENGR. TASIU SA'AD GIDARI-WUDIL, FNSE, OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS HANDED OVER TO THE INCOMING 34TH PRESIDENT, ENGR. MRS. MARGRET AINA OGUNTALA, FNSE, ON THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2023 AT NSE HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL ENGINEERING CENTRE, ABUJA.

2023 CONFERENCE IN PICTURES





GROUP PICTURE DURING 2023 CONFERENCE

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HOW JANUARY BECAME THE FIRST MONTH

January comes from the Latin word Januarius, which was named after Janus. Janus was an ancient Roman deity who was the guardian god of portals, gates, and doors. Janus was the patron of beginnings and endings. It is depicted as having two faces, one in front and the other at back. In the initial Roman calendar, which had only 10 months, the year began in March. In that ancient calendar, January and February were completely missing. The two months were only added in 713 BC. Despite this addition, March continued to retain its position as the first month of the year until about 153 BC.

Being the patron of beginnings and endings and a deity with two faces, Janus was deemed fit to occupy its present position. It uses one face to say good-bye to the ending year and uses the other to welcome the coming year. January maintained this position in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Do you now realize the connection between the ancient Roman culture and the present European and world civilizations? Do you see that no reasonable person disconnects himself or herself from his or her roots?

Do you realize why the academic world no longer tolerates the words pagan, idolatry, fetish, and uncivilized when referring to a culture, religion, or people? Yes, if any culture, religion, or people can be called pagan, idolatry, fetish, or uncivilized, none would escape it. Imagine that Janus were to be an African deity. I tell you, many African Christians would never celebrate crossover nights because night and darkness have nothing in common. Yes, many of us who refer to themselves as believers should rightly be called self-haters. We just hate ourselves and anything that has a connection to us. We need to restore our brains to factory settings; otherwise, we are gone.



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NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, NIHTE, ENGR. SAIDU HASSAN FNSE, FNIHTE, MAKING A PRESENTATION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON ONE-DAY PUBLIC HEARING ON: CONCRETE VS. ASPHALT ROAD.



WITH THE MOST VALUABLE HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER (MVHTE), ENGR. FYNE CHIMA, OGOLO, FNSE, ENGR. NWANKWO FELIX, MNSE AND ENGR. NWADIKE JONES, FNSE DURING CONFERENCE 2023.



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CALL FOR PAPERS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 30th April, 2024

For publication in NIHTE 2024 Journal Authors are requested to submit their draft manuscripts, via online @:

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NIHTE-IRF (MANAGING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS) TRAINING WORKSHOP IN PICTURES



NIHTE-IRF (MANAGING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS) TRAINING WORKSHOP IN PICTURES CONT'D.



CAREER TALK WITH THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS, OYIGBO, ON FRIDAY 27TH NOV., 2023



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CAREER TALK WITH GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, OYIGBO, ON FRIDAY 27TH NOV., 2023



PRESIDENT TINUBU TO GOVERNORS: WE HAVE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE NIGERIA'S PEACE AND STABILITY



President Bola Tinubu says the federal and sub-national governments of Nigeria have the mutual responsibility of ensuring the country's peace and stability. Speaking during a meeting with the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) at his residence in Lagos on Tuesday, the President reiterated his condemnation of the latest killings in Plateau State. Addressing the governors, the President issued a stern directive to security agencies to halt the carnage in Plateau State and intensify the pursuit of those responsible for the recent tragic events in Bokokos and Barkin-Ladi Local Government Areas. Condoling with the victims, President Tinubu emphasized the sanctity of human life and called for a paradigm shift among those with contrary beliefs, cautioning them about the inevitable consequences of their actions. "Nigeria needs peace and stability to move forward. Nigeria belongs to all of us, and we have to take care of it," he said. President Tinubu acknowledged the presence of Governor Siminalayi Fubara of Rivers State at the meeting, commending him for his efforts to peacefully resolve the political challenges in the state. "I thank you for your statesmanship. I listened to your broadcast and your emphasis on peace. It is only with peace that effective governance can thrive, and governance has commenced in earnest under my watch," he said. On the 2024 Budget proposals before the National Assembly, the President informed the governors that he had a review meeting earlier in the day on certain elements in the Appropriation Bill, with the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr. Wale Edun, and the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Sen. Atiku Bagudu. He emphasized the need for joint

responsibility and closer collaboration between the federal and sub-national governments to foster rapid infrastructural development in every part of the nation. "I want us to discard federal, state, or rural road classifications. We must regard development as a joint responsibility. Let us prioritize our children. The school feeding programme must return quickly, beginning from the local government to the state and federal governments. "We must be ready to protect our children and prepare them for the future," the President firmly stated. Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) and Kwara State Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq expressed solidarity with the government and the people of Plateau State. "May God be with the souls of the departed and bring peace to Plateau State. The Governor of Plateau State, we are with you; stay strong," the NGF Chairman said. Governor Abdulrazaq reaffirmed state governments' support for the bold decisions and reforms initiated by President Tinubu's administration. "These are challenging times. It is not a walk in the park. Removing fuel subsidies had a great structural effect on the economy of the states. But we are confident that we will overcome these challenges and bounce back better," he said.

Chief Ajuri Ngelale
Special Adviser to the President
(Media & Publicity)

December 26, 2023
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaDv4bi3mFY1oxrgLI25>



21-9-2023, FELLOWSHIP CONFEREES WITH PRESIDENT, DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF FELLOWS.



1-12-2023, FELLOWSHIP CONFEREES WITH NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND EXCO MEMBERS






2023 NSE NCD WORKSHOP GUESTS WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS



ENGR. MARGARET AINA OGUNTALA, FNSE
(1ST FEMALE PRESIDENT EVER ELECTED)

INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF ENGR. MARGARET AINA OGUNTALA, FNSE AS THE **34TH** **PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS**

 20TH JANUARY, 2024  10.00AM
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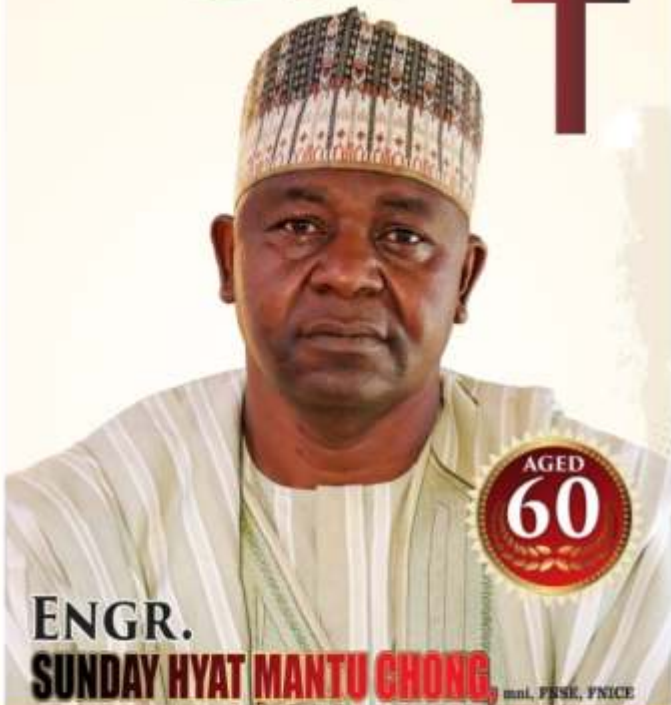
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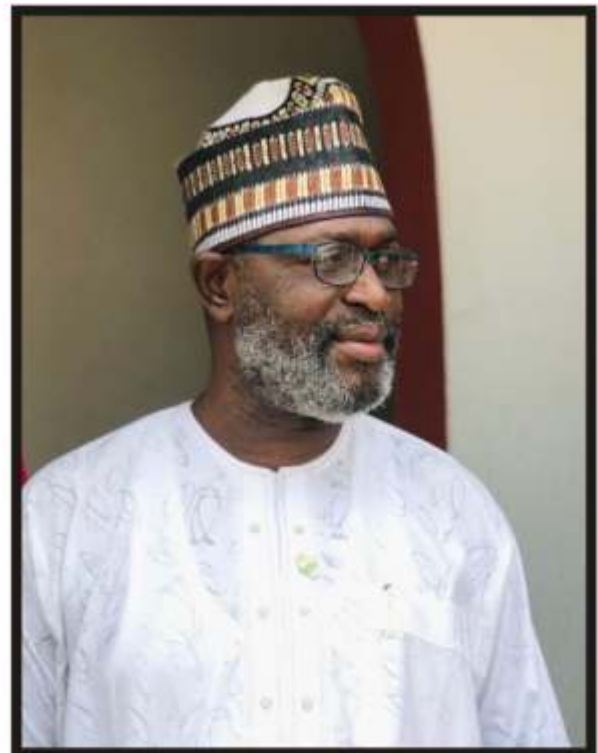
ENGR. SUNDAY HYAT MANTU CHONG, mnl, FESK, FNICE

Born: 3rd February, 1963
Died: 8th December, 2023
Burial: Wed., 27th Dec., 2023

Corpse Leaves Plateau Specialist Hospital at 8:00am to COCIN LCC Fangrol, Ganawuri, Riyom LGA, Plateau State for Church Service
Final Interment: At the Family Compound

Service of Songs @ COCIN Jiyep - Hwalshu, Behind NTA, Jos on 26th Dec. 2023 by 2:00pm

May his soul rest in peace with the Lord, Amen



In August, 2023, we lost a great man, friend, mentor, colleague, brother, husband, uncle, father and grandfather in the person of **Engr. Dr. Okopi Alex Momoh, FNiMeche, FNSE, FNIM**. Former Executive Secretary (ES) NSE.