

A CALL TO SERVICE



Text of the Address delivered by the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Osun State University, Professor Oguntola Jelil Alamu, on the Occasion of the Induction Ceremony for Engineering Graduates of Osun State University and New Corporate Members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the University Auditorium, Osun State University, Osogbo.

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It is with great pleasure and honour that I welcome you on behalf of the Management, Senate, staff and students of Osun State University to this important occasion. I welcome our distinguished Chairman of today's professional induction ceremony, Engr. Otis Oliver Anyaeji, the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE). I specially recognize our guest lecturer, the best mentor I have ever known, Prof. Richard 'Layi Fagbenle, for accepting the invitation to share with us part of his deep insights on the topic; Global Energy Sector Responses to Climate Change. I specially acknowledge the presence of the Chief of Staff, the State of Osun, Alhaji Gboyega Oyetola. I warmly welcome all the inductees, both Corporate and Graduate, distinguished award recipients, all eminent ladies and gentlemen and the ever responsive friends from the Press.

I congratulate all the corporate and graduate inductees and also felicitate with their parents, teachers, friends, relations and organizations. I sincerely wish you success in your professional career. I must commend and also congratulate the Chairman, NSE Osogbo Branch for partnering with Osun State University in organizing this special occasion. Indeed, your kind assistance on the bulk registration of Engineering Graduates of Osun State University is warmly appreciated.

The need for Engineering Professionals is really on the increase globally and the Osun State University is indeed proud to release these bright young men and women to the pool of Engineers needed in Nigeria and the world. The University therefore congratulates my colleague, the Ag. Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Afeez Adefemi Bello and the entire members of staff of the Faculty of Engineering, Osun State University for the time spent on these leaders of tomorrow.

Dear esteemed inductees, please note that your professional initiation into the Engineering profession is indeed a call to service. It is a call to represent the

Engineering profession adequately in your respective capacities. It is a call to relevance with more responsibilities.

It is a call to deliver service with excellence even as you work with other members of the wider Engineering family. It is a call to embrace standard Engineering practice in project execution and other Engineering service deliveries. It is a call to provide notable eco-friendly solutions to the unending human and global challenges.

It is a call to remain open to training and retraining for continuous improvement. Therefore I see the need for you to enhance your skills so that you can offer optimal solutions to the problems in the world. You must avail yourself of more learning opportunities, while you also identify and explore relevant training opportunities.

So, as you continue in this noble profession, especially in your respective Engineering division, please lay hold on the hallmarks of professionalism and never compromise lasting values such as integrity, honesty, trust and humility.

It is in this respect that I urge you to please respond to this call and remain active in this noble profession.

Once again, I congratulate you on your induction and also wish you success in your respective careers.

I thank you immensely for your attention.



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