

## **PROFILE OF RUPERT SOLOMON OLAITAN SAMUEL - 65 CHARLEAN (CAROLEAN 65)**

I was born 60yrs ago at Lagos Island General Hospital, Marina, Lagos. I obtained my WASC in 1965 of the first set of St. Charles Grammar School Oshogbo. I further obtained my H.S.C at St. Gregory College, Obalende, Lagos.1967. I worked as a statistical clerk at National Manpower Board, Oil Mill Street Lagos, till August 1969, when I obtained the Federal Government Scholarship of Bureau for External Affairs to read Chemical Engineering in the then U.S.S.R (Union of Soviet Socialist Republic).I graduated with Honors in Chemical Engineering with a Masters Degree in June 1975. By July same year I got employment as a Trainee Engineer at Nigerian Steel Development Authority(NSDA) and was sent to India, in company of other 31 Engineers to train in Steel Making for 11/2 years. On coming back to Nigeria in 1977, I got married to Miss Grace Olufunmilayo Fatoye who was just completing her nursing education at School of Nursing Lagos State on 1st October 1977. I resigned my appointment at NSDA Dec.1977 and joined NNPC(Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation) January 4 1978.The same year in April I was sent on a 9 months training in Project Engineering at E.I.Du Pont de Nemours, Wilmington Delaware, U.S.A. On coming back to Nigeria Feb.1979, I joined the Petrochemical Phase I project team, with the unit of Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) to be based in Kaduna. Between March 1979 and July 1980, the team made several trips to USA (UOP) Des Plaines, Illinois, France and Spain in the Negotiations for the License and the EPC contract. The team finally moved to USA, Bloomfield NJ August 1980 until we have to leave August 1981 to UK because of dispute with the Reagan Administration on financing of the project. I was in Northampton UK offices of CE Lummus the Engineering Contactor till May 1985, when I was assigned as the Project Leader for the Benzene Project part of the original LAB Project. This took me to Japan for six months (Sept.1985 till April 30 1986) at the Offices of Chiyoda Chemical Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd in Yokohama. Just a week after my arrival in Nigeria, my wife who on an enforced bed rest at Adeoyo Hospital Ibadan, gave birth by caesarian section our first child, a boy whose 21st Birthday we are also celebrating on 6 May 2007, after almost 9yrs of marriage. By July 1986, NNPC transferred me to Kaduna to complete the Petrochemical Phase1 Project which was eventually commissioned by President Ibrahim Babanginda July 1988.I was appointed Officer in Charge of the LAB Plant, which was now part of Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Co. Ltd. as a Deputy Chief Engineer. On July 7 1989, we had our second child a boy also Oladimeji, Oluwaseun Samuel. (First was Abiola Olamide Samuel).I was in KRPC, Kaduna as head of Production till Nov.1995 when I was transferred to Port Harcourt, NNPC Eleme Petrochemical Co. Ltd. Earlier on August 5 1993, we were blessed with a baby girl, Modupe Olushola Samuel. From May 1996, I was promoted as a Deputy Manager Polyethylene and Butene-1 Plants, the post I held till January 2000 when I was promoted Manager Production of EPCL until it was privatized May 2006, to Indorama Group of Companies Indonesia. During the Period 2000 to 2005, I represented NNPC at the following conferences and training Seminars: Novachemicals, Toronto, Canada, JCCP, Tokyo 2000, and 2004, UNTech. University on Hydrogen Economy, the use of Hydrogen fuel cell in future transportation, Maastricht, Holland, Nov 2005.I was retired from NNPC in Dec.2006 after 31yrs of meritorious service in the Federal Government Service. Currently I am engaged as a Technical Adviser to the MD Indorama on Operations and Training as well as the Head of the Technical Audit of EPCL Privatized.