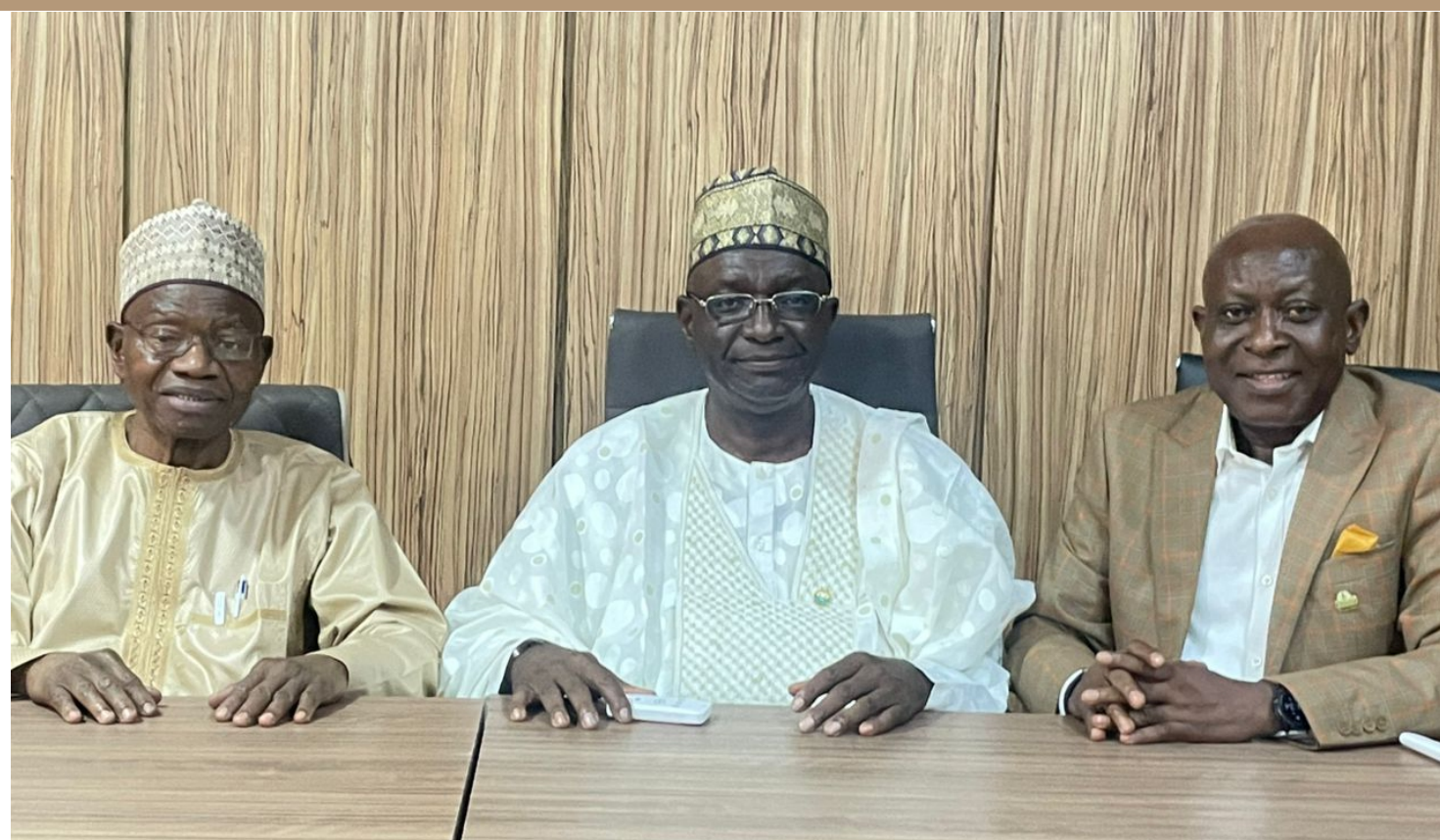


NSE INSTITUTIONALISES HABU GUMEL OLYMPIC MARATHON

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(Middle) Deputy President of NSE, Engr. Ali A. Rabi, FNSE, FAEng, MFR, flanked on his right by Engr. Habu Gumel, FNSE, FAEng, OON and Chairman, National Engineering Games Committee, Engr. Olu Ogunduyile, FNSE.

The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has institutionalised the Marathon Walk segment of the annual National Engineering Games (NEGG) by renaming it as Habu Gumel Olympic Marathon. The marathon is a key feature of the Nigerian Engineering Games (NEGG).

This was the main agenda of the discussions carried on during the courtesy visit paid on the revered Past President of NSE and President of the Nigerian Olympic Committee (NOC), Engr. Habu Gumel, FNSE, FAEng, OON by the President of NSE, Engr. Margaret Aina Oguntala, FNSE, on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 in Abuja.

The Deputy President of NSE, Engr. Ali A. Rabi, FNSE, FAEng, MFR, who led the team on behalf of the NSE President, conveyed the Society's hearty congratulations to the NOC President on the steady and impactful strides

being recorded by the Nigeria Olympic Committee under his visionary and purposeful leadership. Engr. Rabi said that Engr. Gumel's commitment to excellence has brought honour to the country through commendable performances on the global sporting stage, noting that members of NSE were thrilled by Engr. Gumel's towering records of success in sports in the country.

"Our visit today is driven by a desire to explore meaningful collaboration between the NSE and the NOC. As a first step, we humbly request an opportunity to formally honour you at an appropriate date, before a full gathering of our Council and members. Also, we are keen on partnering with the NOC in promoting sports development in Nigeria, leveraging initiatives such as the National Engineering Games and other national programmes."

"The Society has scheduled the Opening Ceremony of the Engineering Games to hold on 14th July, 2025 at the Moshood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja. The Games will involve twelve (12) different sports for participants to compete in, including Football, Marathon Walk, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Chess, Scrabble, Ayo, Badminton, Monopoly, Volley Ball, Dancing and Basket Ball."

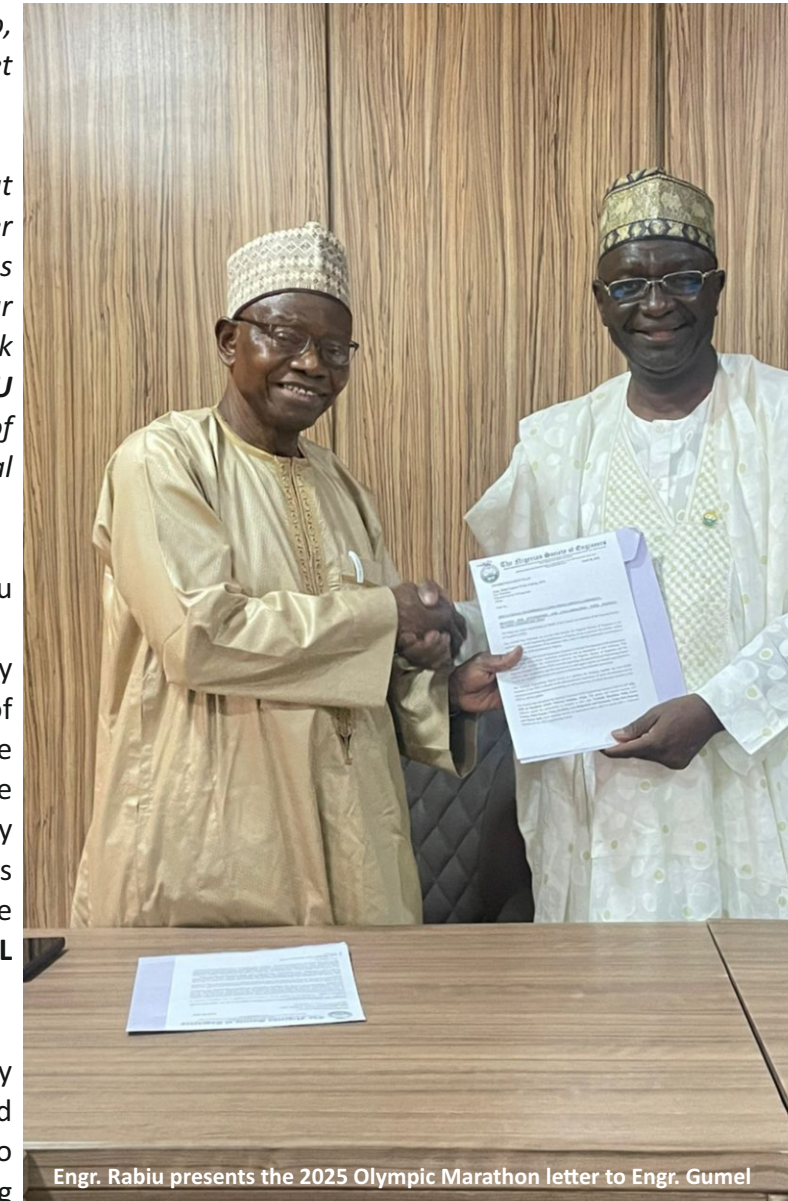
*"We therefore have the pleasure of informing you that NSE, through the Engineering Games Committee under the Chairmanship of Engr. Olu Ogunduyile, FNSE has approved the naming of NEGG Marathon Walk in your honour. Therefore, the hitherto NEGG marathon Walk shall henceforth be referred to as the **NSE-HABU GUMEL OLYMPIC MARATHON**. This is in recognition of your giant strides in leadership, advocacy and national sports development", Engr Rabi said.*

Accepting the honour, the NOC President, Engr. Habu Gumel said:

*"Let me say how grateful, happy and excited I am today for this very important visit by a powerful delegation of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. I thank you for the honour that you have bestowed on me from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of my family and my colleagues here at NOC. I thank you sincerely for this honour of naming the Marathon Walk segment of the National Engineering Games as **NSE-HABU GUMEL OLYMPIC MARATHON**."*

This NSE-NOC collaboration is very important, not only because some of our Engineers are sports men and women, but more because we are working together to promote the engineering profession as well as sporting

activities in our country. Even at the level of the International Olympic Committee, there are some of our colleagues that are Engineers. So, this collaboration is important to us and we will do all within our powers to support the sporting initiatives of NSE".



Engr. Rabi presents the 2025 Olympic Marathon letter to Engr. Gumel



Group photograph