



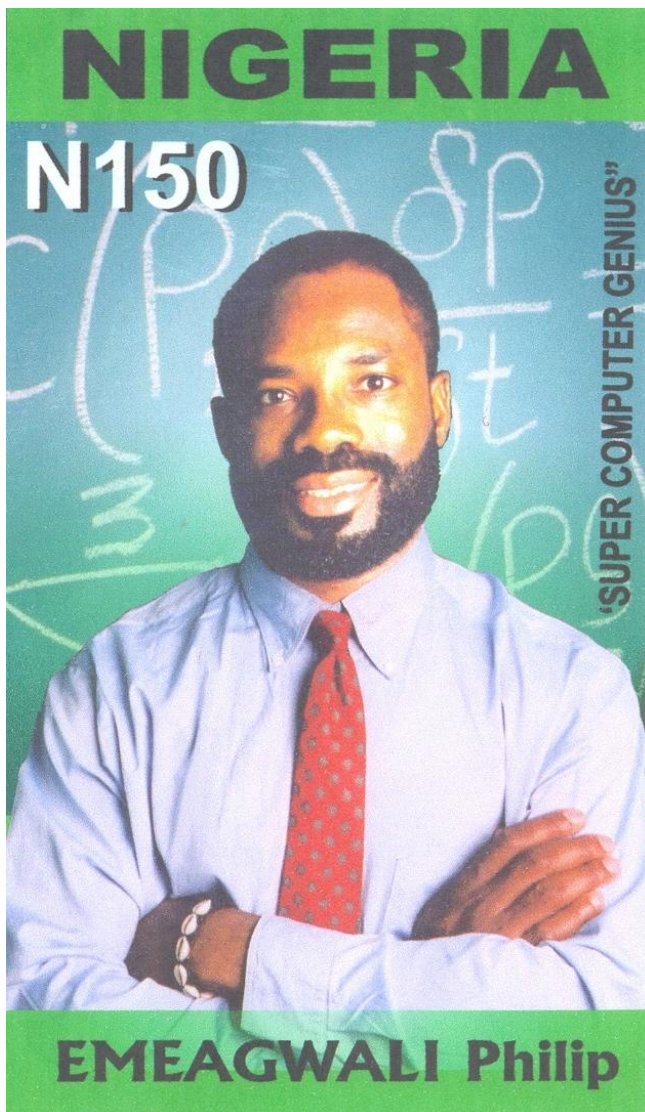
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My Quest for an Internet

In this, the 50th installment of our weekly series at emeagwali.com, we present a 50th anniversary tribute to Philip Emeagwali, as a pioneer of the supercomputer. If history repeats itself, the supercomputer of today will become the computer of tomorrow.



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"SUPER COMPUTER GENIUS"

EMEAGWALI Philip

We Salute the Pioneers of the Computer

50th Anniversary Tribute

On the 50th anniversary of the computer, we salute the brilliant pioneers behind this modern miracle

Just fifty years ago, the world's first electronic computer was unveiled. This remarkable invention has changed our lives faster than any other invention in history. Moreover, the rate of change is accelerating.

The women and men of EDS salute those whose insights, vision and persistence have contributed to developing this remarkable tool.

A leader among them is Dr. Philip Emeagwali. Emeagwali is an interdisciplinary computer scientist and inventor who developed software that allowed multiple processors to tackle complex problems simultaneously, paving the way to solving problems once thought unsolvable.

Inspired by the complex designs of nature, Emeagwali used geometry to prove that bees use the most efficient method possible to construct their honeycombs. He reasoned that a computer

based on the honeycomb design could improve efficiency. It did. His design breakthrough allowed 65,000 processors working together to perform the world's fastest computation at 3.1 billion calculations per second.

That was three times the speed of the fastest supercomputers of the day – at one-fifth the cost.



Dr. Philip Emeagwali

Today, he is pushing the limits of computing and networking even further. Dr. Emeagwali's inventions have helped improve yields from oil reservoirs as well as the accuracy of weather forecasting.

He is also working on developing supercomputers powerful enough to simulate weather trends over a century to investigate atmospheric warming.

EDS applauds Dr. Emeagwali and all those who are harnessing the power of information to improve life for millions. Without their work, we couldn't do ours.



[Philip Emeagwali](#) has been called “a father of the Internet” by [CNV](#) and [TIME](#), and extolled as a “Digital Giant” by [BBC](#) and as “one of the great minds of the Information Age” by former U.S. President [Bill Clinton](#). He was voted history’s greatest scientist of African descent by [New African](#).

Date: 12/9/2006, 5:13 am, GMT +6

Name: J'Miah Radhi
Nabawi <68.220.13.59>

Location: saVannah, Georgia

Number: 121

EMEAGWALI-I-I-I-I!

How are you dear brother? Your name and work were given to me almost a year ago (February 2005) with the intentions of including your name on a list of Inventors for African American History Month and to introduce your name and profound work to the public libraries' patrons and community-at-large whom may not have heard of you. The paper got misplaced until this week. Keeping a promised made back then, before losing the document with your website on it, I visited your site the other day. WOW!

Through GOD's Grace and mercy, may you

continue to walk and do good, great things for the inhabitants of this great planet. You also make one proud to be of African descent in spite of the negative images and beliefs that have historically affected the epic memory of those of us born out in the Diaspora. The children with whom I meet, greet and perform for (and with) as a professional storyteller WILL KNOW the name, reason, and favorite music of EMEAGWALI for sure this time when I present "A-B-C-D-E-F-G, Inventive African Minds Making History."
Oh Ohere!

Date: 12/2/2006, 9:08 pm, GMT +6

Name: clement <64.201.33.245>

Location: nigeria lagos

Number: 120

i wish to be like u

Date: 12/1/2006, 4:58 am, GMT +6

Name: Michael Giwa
Amu <71.230.112.221>

Location: USAWC, Carlisle, PA

Number: 119

I had heard so much about you and was lucky to read your article titled "where is Africa going wrong". Then I visited this website and concluded that there is hope for Africa!

Date: 11/29/2006, 1:30 am, GMT +6

Name: Bosia kaShaka
Zulu <68.184.50.74>

Location: Izwe lika Mthaniya (South Africa)

Number: 118

Sawubona, I congratulate you in the names of our amadlozi (ancestors) on your achievements as well as you inspiration to

our young. It is necessary that we develop a support system our scientists', thinkers and builders. We must cherish those who have continued the legacy of Imhotep. May the African continent become united against all forms of imperialism.

Mageba

Date: 11/28/2006, 10:04 pm, GMT +6

Name: Uche <213.255.219.59>

Location: Biafra

Number: 117

.We are proud to have a credible son like you who openly supports our course.

Date: 11/27/2006, 9:41 pm, GMT +6

Name: Osunkoya Oludare
Michael <62.56.146.140>

Location: Lagos, Nigeria

Number: 116

Dearest Prof. Emeagwali,
Thank you for your courage and
determination to write the name of Africa
in GOLD. Back home we love you but God
love better

Date: 11/27/2006, 5:09 pm, GMT +6

Name: melissa malan <196.201.67.130>

Location: cote d'ivoire

Number: 115

god bless you dear emeagwali

Date: 11/26/2006, 12:36 am, GMT +6

Name: Dr Herbert
Onuoha <129.206.196.226>

Location: Heidelberg Germany

Number: 114

Dear Professor Emeagwali,
Your contribution to the knowledge base of our World is invaluable. On 3/12/06 I shall be attending the AFRICA FORUM in Wittenberg here in GERMANY to present you as best example of Entrepreneurial spirit from Africa. I am a student in International Health here.

Date: 11/25/2006, 10:54 pm, GMT +6

Name: olushola soji
Gege <82.206.131.163>

Location: lagos

Number: 113

may the grace of GOD continue to be on you. You are a true son of your father, Nigeria and Africa

Date: 11/22/2006, 8:11 pm, GMT +6

Name: Elizabeth
Imolorhe <212.60.73.31>

Location: The Gambia

Number: 112

Thank you, Philip. We are proud of you.

Date: 11/21/2006, 5:34 pm, GMT +6

Name: olorunyomi
akintunde <196.29.212.66>

Location: lagos

Number: 111

i'm proud to be black,the blach race will forever be grateful for having a rare gem like you.

Date: 11/16/2006, 5:24 pm, GMT +6

Name: Dele Oluwole <217.118.119.69>

Location: London

Number: 110

Uncle Philip,
I am an IT professional also, but you are a rare gem.

Date: 11/15/2006, 9:36 pm, GMT +6
Name: Ezra C. Mabilisa <196.209.254.2>
Location: Johannesburg- South Africa
Number: 109

Dear Sir
"Today it feels good to be an African !!"
Thanks to you

Date: 11/15/2006, 12:23 am, GMT +6
Name: Sylvester Aigbe <83.229.97.250>
Location: Ibadan, Nigeria
Number: 108

You are the original design that Nigeria is to be. If it is not too late, let us together make this design a reality.

Date: 11/8/2006, 2:50 pm, GMT +6

Name: Mike Okes <196.220.8.138>

Location: warri delta state

Number: 107

may god bless all of u

Date: 11/4/2006, 10:28 pm, GMT +6

Name: CYRIL AMAMCHUKWU
OBELE <41.204.36.61>

Location: ACCRA- GHANA

Number: 106

WORDS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO EXPRESS MY JOY AT YOUR INNOVATIONS AND YOUR SUPER WEBSITE. YOU ARE A BEACON OF

HOPE FOR AFRICANS IN DIASPORA, DALU NWA ADO N'IDUU

Date: 11/3/2006, 1:57 pm, GMT +6

Name: Ib Hena <216.185.79.118>

Location: University Of Maiduguri, Borno
state Nigeria.

Number: 105

Sir, i most sincerely say that we, the younger generation of Nigeria are being encouraged by what you are doing. Atleast we can show the world that goodthings can come out of Nigeria, and there are more that are yet budding so they should just be on the look out for more of your likes in nigeria... Sir, i believe that all you need to do to us the younger generation is to constantly give useful advices and lead rightly and then we'll follow diligently and explore other areas that are yet untapped then, we see who will set limits for us.... Kudos to you sir, and keep up the good

work.

Date: 10/29/2006, 3:22 am, GMT +6

Name: HAnibal Atnafu <71.240.152.132>

Location: Harrisburg pa

Number: 104

hey there good job on the super computer
any way i am fighting for my future just like
you if i am lucky i will get something any
way i am a friend of bills (Clitnton)s and i
am saying hi bud

Date: 10/27/2006, 6:52 am, GMT +6

Name: Johnson

Akadigbo <24.137.91.144>

Location: New Brunswick, Canada

Number: 103

Dear Prof. Emeagwali,

There is hope for our continent, yes, there is! People like you have given that hope and I believe generations to come can definitely tap into it. 10 of your kind, and I believe Africa will no doubt take its unique place in human history.

Prof, you've shown us that we can accomplish much if we put our minds to it.

Thank you for given the black race a ray of hope for today and tomorrow.

Date: 10/26/2006, 7:49 pm, GMT +6

Name: STEVE
MADOJEMU <88.151.5.53>

Location: DUBLIN

Number: 102

I THANK GOD FOR A GREAT MIND SUCH AS OUR VERY OWN DR. EMEAGWALI. JUST READ THE 'INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL' AND AM SO THRILLED AT DOCS THOTS. ALSO TO LET HIM KNOW AM JUST NOW

RESEARCHING (PHD) AT ALL
HALLOWS COLLEGE, DUBLIN - I AM
LOOKING AT THE SOCIO-
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF
POVERTY! THANKS DOC.

Date: 10/23/2006, 7:30 pm, GMT +6

Name: ONU PHILIP
CHIZOBA <64.201.33.242>

Location: ENUGU STATE

Number: 101

IT REALLY INTERESTS ME WHEN I SEE
THAT NIGERIANS ARE MOVING
AHEAD IN THE WORLD OF
TECHNOLOGY. EMEAGWLI IS A TRUE
AMBASSADOR OF NIGERIA IN THE
TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD. I ALSO
ASKED MYSELF EVERYDAY WHEN I
WILL BECOME COMTEMPORALLY IN
THIS WORLD LIKE YOU, PLEASE HELP
ME TO SOLVE THIS QUESTION.
MOREOVER, NIGERIAN AND THE

ISSUE OF TECHNOLOGY IS
BECOMING IMPERATIVE THAT
SOMEBODY LIKE YOU SHOULD
INTERVANE.
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR
COUNTRY NIGERIA.

Date: 10/23/2006, 7:14 pm, GMT +6

Name: fred owino <196.202.221.37>

Location: Kenya

Number: 100

Dear phillip,
Am spending sleepless nights and days
trying to think how Africa could be if we
had about 10 fellows as yourself.me hopes
the fruits of thy diligent labour is like
planting a tree of whose shadows,the
entire black race findeth hope and
inspiration to make a gigantic leap foward
in all aspects of life.
keep up the good work OGA!!!!

Date: 10/19/2006, 11:55 pm, GMT +6

Name: LUCKY AKOLO
ABIMIKU <86.62.9.62>

Location: ABUJA

Number: 99

HOW I WISH AFRICANS AND OF
COURSE NIGERIANS HAVE 10 OF
YOUR KIND, THINGS WOULD HAVE
BEEN DIFFERENT.

Date: 10/19/2006, 6:01 pm, GMT +6

Name: Apeh Vincent
ogbe <80.78.16.200>

Location: Gowon Estate Egbeda Lagos

Number: 98

Emeagwali,
you are the light of the black race which is
the origin of the entire races in the world.

keep it up.
vincent

Date: 10/16/2006, 5:26 pm, GMT +6

Name: chinaza nwankwo <134.146.0.6>

Location: warri ,delta state.

Number: 97

MAY GODBLESS U, AND ALSO YOUR
FAMILY.

Date: 10/15/2006, 11:05 pm, GMT +6

Name: Blessing Olaifa <83.229.126.249>

Location: ZZ4 kigo road kaduna, Nigeria.

Number: 96

your works are a living hope for millions of people .pls do all you can to make sure that more people around the world have access to them. In one of your recent lectures ,you mentioned the possibilities of

generations to come becoming human computers in 10000 years.] bet if the resources at the disposal of man are rightly deployed with less attention to weapons of war ,Man shall get to the place of your prediction in a 1000 years.Pls in all you do put African in mind ,the Lord will always be your strength,Mr P Emeagwali.Sooner the World will know that the journey of knowledge,deep wisdom and revelation that started in Africa can only be delayed,but not denied.Thanks for your great works.

Date: 10/15/2006, 1:47 pm, GMT +6
Name: IKE CHIDOLUE <24.174.78.96>
Location: HOUSTON, TX
Number: 95

SIR
MAY I SUGGEST THAT IN ADDITION
TO A GUEST SIGN IN PORTION AT
YOU WEB-PAGE WE NEED A

BLOGGERS CORNER. THIS SIGN IN PAGE IS NO-LONGER ADEQUATE. BECAUSE, AS WE GET STIMULATED BY YOUR CONSTANTLY CHALLENGING OUTLOOK TO LIFE & THE HOPE FOR AFRICA, WE NEED TO COMMIT OUR THOUGHTS TO WRITING IMMEDIATELY ON YOUR BLOG LEAST IT ESCAPES OUR MIND. ALTHOUGH IN AWAY, THE VISITORS PAGE STILL SERVES AS SUCH; HOWEVER I THINK WE NEED A BLOGGERS CORNER. FURTHERMORE, MAY I USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO MY FELLOW IGBO, WHO REGULARLY VISITS THIS SITE. PLEASE PROF. EMEAGWALI IS AFRICA & NO LONGER IGBO ALONE, SO TO COME HERE AND SPEAK ABOUT BIAFRA ALONE, WILL BE A GREAT DIS-SERVICE TO OUR AFRICAN BRETHREN. COULD WE PLEASE LOOK INTO THE FUTURE WITH SOME CHALLENGING VIEWS ON HOW TO RE-MAKE BLACK

AFRICA. CAN WE PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WEBSITE AS A PLACE WHERE AFRICANS COME TO BE MOTIVATED TOWARDS RESTORING THE DIGNITY OF BLACK AFRICA.

BRETHREN, BE IT KNOWN TO YOU THAT DR. EMEAGWALI CAN NO LONGER BE RESTRICTED TO HIS IGBONESS ANY LONGER; ALL BLACK AFRICANS HAVE A STAKE IN HIM. THERE IS A PART OF HIM THAT MOST AFRICANS DESIRE STRONGLY. AND HE HAS CONSTANTLY USED SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPART SUCH PARTS TO THOSE OF US THAT DESIRES IT VERY STRONGLY.

DR. EMEAGWALI, I SALUTE YOU, ONCE MORE, I JUST FINISHED READING YOUR ARTICLE TITLED "WHERE IS AFRICA GOIN WRONG" & SIR, YOU HAVE FURTHER MESSED ME UP ALL OVER AGAIN, YOU`VE MADE THIS SITE LIKE THE FOOT OF THE CROSS OF MY LORD JESUS, WERE

PEOPLE COME TO CAST THEIR
HEAVY BURDENS UPON, WERE
PEOPLE COME AND TAKE SOME
ADVENTURE INTO HOPE & COURAGE
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.
I SALUTE YOU SIR AS I FINE TUNE
MY VISION FOR A REGENERATED
BLACK AFRICA.
I REMAIN RESPECTFULLY YOURS
IKE CHIDOLUE

Date: 10/15/2006, 12:45 am, GMT +6

Name: Akinwale
Akinhanmi <80.78.16.182>

Location: Port Harcourt, Rivers
State, Nigeria

Number: 94

Good day to you. I really appreciate the hand of God on you for such wonderful exploit in IT. I am very much interested in IT industrial, how do I reach you but you can get me on 234 802 742 8492

Date: 10/13/2006, 6:56 am, GMT +6

Name: Ezekiel Eze <74.98.124.16>

Location: Toronto, Canada

Number: 93

Phillip,
you are a beacon of light in a dark
continent.

I have always been wondering why is it that
black man can run faster, punch harder,
jump higher but can not write better.

Your story loudly emphasizes the ingenuity
of the black man despite the mis-education
of the negros.

Your story also brings to mind the
scientific and technological achievements
of Biafrans during the Nigerian civil war.

Your thunderous but yet unheard
inventions breaks the jinx of black man's
inferiority.

You are a great gift not only to the Ibos in

particular but to Nigeria and Africa in general.

Yours have shaded light to the darkest part of every black man.

Thanks for your courage.

May God be with us.



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