



## FOUNDER/CEO OF SYSTEMSPECS ON BUILDING AFRICA'S SOFTWARE POWERHOUSE, 21 YEARS OF OPERATION AND PUBLIC LISTING

**K**eeping up an appointment with such a software guru who is often referred in this clime as Nigeria's answer to Microsoft's Bill Gates and Infosys of India's Narayana Muthy, I knew I had to be there on time. Navigating from Ikeja to Obalende, Lagos Island where Systemspecs' head office is

located, I was caught up in the usual Lagos traffic as I was exiting Third Mainland Bridge to Obalende Bus-stop, besides the Ministry of Communications' building. Quiet, soft-spoken and unassuming, Mr. John Tani Obaro, Founder and CEO of Systemspecs Limited, Africa's biggest human capital and financial business software solutions provider with over 200 clients in Nigeria and other parts of Africa, is one of the key

leaders driving software innovation across the continent.

From his childhood days, he has always been inquisitive and fascinated about what powers transistor radios and other electronic devices. It was no surprise that he ended up studying Computer Science and graduating from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in Kaduna State, Nigeria in 1979.