

# Messages of peace prevail during relocation of Peace Pillar

*'Peace will not prevail because Kenya has a new constitution. Peace is a perception of the heart and of the mind. It is your perception of each other.'*

**T**HOSE WERE THE WORDS BY DR. EDDAH GACHUKIA, ONE OF KENYA'S LONGEST SERVING AND RESPECTED EDUCATIONIST, during the relocation ceremony of the White Peace Pillar from Kongi's square to the Great Court, outside Education Building, Main Campus. The Peace Pillar was planted in 1985 by delegates to the 3rd United Nations Decade Conference for Women held in Nairobi, as a symbolic reminder of the need to be peaceful.

During the ceremony, organized by the African Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Literature, those present were taken through the journey that culminated to the Forum 85 which saw Kenya host over 4,000 women from all over the world. The Conference, which was held at the University of Nairobi, was given the mandate to seek new ways to overcome obstacles to achieving the decade's goals which were, equality, development and peace. At that time, Dr. Gachukia was the Head of the Department of Literature and the Chairperson of the Women's forum in Nairobi.

The University of Nairobi's Free Travelling Theatre entertained guests with song and dance as the Pillar was being relocated and planted in its new spot. Kongi Square has been set aside as the site for the proposed University Towers.

***May Peace prevail on Earth!***



Top women leaders at site of the peace pillar before it was relocated. Above: students relocate the pillar in song and dance.

# Varsities challenged on peace

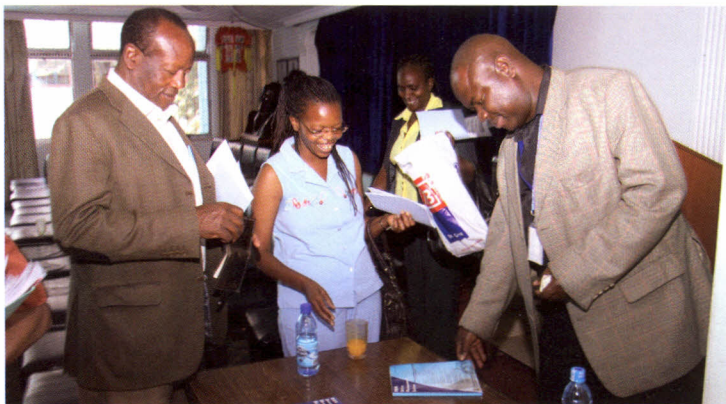
**UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN URGED TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE TOWARDS DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE CULTURE OF PEACE.** This was articulated in April, 2013, by Prof. Goran Hyden, a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science and former Director, Center for African Studies, University of Florida at Gainesville, USA, when he made the keynote presentation during a forum that brought public and private universities together to contribute towards the creation of a sustainable culture of peace.

In his presentation, Prof. Hyden said that there are several challenges that need to be addressed to bring about the culture of peace. He pointed out that for any country; a culture of peace is an important complementary to good governance.

Pertinent issues on peace were raised by panelists, Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Dean, School of Law, UoN, Prof. Winnie Mitullah, Director, Institute for Development Studies (UoN), Prof. Michael Chege, Advisor, Kenya Treasury Economic Planning and Prof. Karuti Kanyinga, Institute for Development Studies, UoN. The audience also got an opportunity to ask questions and share their views. Reflections on the relative quiet following the outcome of this year's general election and ways of domesticating and entrenching a lasting culture of peace in the country dominated the debate.

The interaction dubbed Wajibu Wetu, was aired live on KTN and was moderated by Louis Otieno of KTN. Dr. Joseph Wanjui and Dr. Idle Omar Farah, Chancellor and Chairman of Council, UoN, respectively, also attended the debate.

(Left) Prof. Karuti Kanyinga, Institute for Development Studies, UoN and Prof. Goran Hyden, a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science during the forum .



Guests register for the launch of the School of Business journal.

## School of Business unveils management journal

*The Department of Business Administration, School of Business, University of Nairobi, yesterday launched the DBA Africa Management Review Journal.*

**T**HE JOURNAL, WHICH IS PEER REVIEWED, TARGETS ACADEMICIANS AND

practitioners and is in its 4th edition. It is a quarterly publication that carries original papers based on theoretical or empirical research, management case studies described in real-life situations and book reviews.

Speaking during the launch, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi, then Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs commended the department for the initiative. He challenged other units in the University to follow suit as there is need for platforms to share research findings and called on scholars and practitioners to

publish widely and subscribe to various journals in the market.

Some of the thematic areas covered in the DBA Africa Management Review Journal include: strategic management, insurance and risk management, marketing management and human resource management.

Among those who spoke during the ceremony include Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), Prof. P.O. K'obonyo, Deputy Principal, CHSS, Mr. Stephen Nzuve, Dean, School of Business and Dr. Justus Munyoki, Chairman, Department of Business Administration.