

## Remarks from the Nairobi Visit; Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o

I base my speech on the Motto "We build for the Future." When we were at Makerere, the main hall had an inscription for all to see who visited the main hall, "for the future we build."

The most important thing about Makerere and its Alumni is the symbolic guiding motto.

I have to quote one of the famous Martin Luther king's sermon, "Each one of us has a drum measure instinct. The instinct to be noticed, the instinct for intention." So as we have this discourse, ask yourself, what is your drum measure instinct? Will it be able to contribute to changing society?

Whatever field you are in, you must work towards leaving this world better than you found it. That's why the motto says, "We build for the future", so that after us, the next generation will find a world much better than the one we found.

This however means there are choices to be made in life. Sometimes to make the world a better place than we found it means making choices that may jeopardize your life.

One English play write said, "I am not a religious person, but when I find really religious people we connect organically". **He was a socialist who were not relooks at the time for religion was fundamentalist and exclusive based on issues that were not subject to discussion.** Today religion can be discussed and is subject to question. The really religious people are those who want to change the world, and leave it better than they found it.

I think as we celebrate 100 years of our great Makerere, we have to ask ourselves as alumni of Makerere, what contribution are we committing ourselves to, so that the next 100 years are better than the century passed.