

# Messages of peace prevail during relocation of the Peace Pillar



The University of Nairobi Free Travelling Theatre lead the relocation of the Peace Pillar with with song and dance.

'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.'

These are the words echoed 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 during the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations Decade Conference for Women held in Nairobi as a symbolic reminder of the need to be peaceful. The Peace Pillar was being relocated to pave way for the commencement of construction of the proposed university towers.

During the ceremony, organized by the [African Women's Studies Centre](#) and the [Department of Literature](#), guests were taken through the journey that culminated into the Forum 85 in Kenya that hosted 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 the 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 Free Travelling Theatre entertained guests with song and dance as the



Pillar was being relocated and planted at the Great Court. Kongi Square has been set aside as the site for the proposed University Towers.

May Peace prevail on Earth!

***Dr. Eddah Gachukia plants the pillar in its new location at the Great Court, outside Education Building, Main Campus.***