

Retired President Mwai Kibaki

On December 2, 2013, the University of Nairobi was honoured to host Retired President Mwai Kibaki.

Kibaki gave a public lecture at the University of Nairobi's Taifa Hall, titled 'Of Hindsight, Insight and Foresight,' where he urged Kenyans to take count of the road travelled, celebrate and consolidate the country's achievements, take time to reflect and ponder on what lies ahead in the unforeseen future in order to transform Kenya in realizing broad change.

During the lecture, Kibaki described the journey towards independence and the early years of the nation, when Kenyans wanted a new order and demanded political freedom. Back then, the country faced different hardships, racial discrimination, bitterness, ignorance, disease and poverty. Kibaki reflected on the hopes, dreams and aspirations of Kenya's founding fathers whose selfless sacrifice paid for the price of freedom and self-rule. He noted that whatever our generational experience, we must have an idea of where we have come from, why and where we are heading. He said that celebrating 50 years of independence should be a clarion call to all Kenyans to build this nation.

The public lecture was part of the Kenya@50 celebrations.