Prof. Ali A. Mazrui 80th Anniversary Extravaganza and Conference

It will be the 80th year celebration of Prof. Mazrui’s life and extravaganza this 5th of April 2013 and a conference organized by the New York Africa Students Association (NYASA) from the 5th to 6th of April 2013 at Binghamton University, New York State. This will also go along with 50th Anniversary of Professor Ali A. Mazrui’s academic and publication career that began at Makerere University in 1963. The theme of the celebration is; Global Africa, Triple Heritage and Pax Africana: Looking Back and Looking Forward.

Ali A. Mazrui coined the term “Africa’s triple heritage,” and it is probable that he was the first to use the concept of “global Africa”. Mazrui also popularized the term “Pax Africana” in the sense of “Africa’s capacity to be its own policeman.” Participants in this year’s NYASA annual conference are hereby called upon to interpret those concepts in their own way and scrutinize them on their own terms with a view to reflecting on the past and marching ahead.

At this occasion Makerere’s visibility through exhibitions, presentations and pronouncements as the University that natured Ali Mazrui - the professor will be central. Plans are also under way to have organized tours for individuals and groups visiting the USA probably for the first time to places like Washington DC, New York and the famous locations in Philadelphia city.

It is therefore my heartfelt desire to represent not just Makerere University are the even but Uganda as the country that hosts the University in the first place. Just as expressed in interpretation of the Professors contribution in the words he coined, I wish to do this through my art skill using paint brush and canvas to record this memorable historical moment.