Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith of Waikato University recently said in Te Miro (August 2009), “We must always promote to students that they have primary responsibility for their own learning and success. However, we must also take responsibility for the constant improvement of our own professional practice with a view to enhancing the academic experience and the achievement, completion and retention rates of our students. There should be no stopping us in these endeavours”.

The end point makes it all worthwhile for both student and teacher - graduates with some unique qualities, some great memories, life-long friendships and a set of broad based skills that will equip them for careers and for life beyond study. For many of us, we get to that point where we are tempted to sit back, look at where we’ve come from, examine where we’ve arrived at, and say to ourselves “Well, that’s good enough. I think I’ll stop here.” Once you reach that destination, set higher, more challenging, more lofty goals, and set off for a new destination. Can you grow to higher levels? Sure you can – and you must. Kia pai tó wiki!