

## **Report of International Workshop held in September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

### Symposium Title:

Pastoral Societies in Africa: New Possibilities for Sustainable Development through the Interaction of Scientific Researchers and Development Workers

Venue: JSPS Nairobi Research Station

Date: 4<sup>th</sup>, September, 2008

### Name of Organization (Co-Organization):

- Institute of African Studies of Nairobi University (IAS)
- JSPS Nairobi Research Station
- Center for African Area Studies of Kyoto University (CAAS)
- G-COE Program “In Search of Sustainable Humankind in Asia and Africa”

The numbers of participants: 30

Programs: attached

### Details of the symposium including aspects of participants:

This international workshop aimed to promote interaction and cooperation between scientists and development workers for sustainable development among pastoral societies in Africa. All attendees are specialists on the nomadic pastoralism of Africa. Their affiliations include Member of Parliament of Kenya, Ministry of Agriculture, African Union, World Vision, University of London, and University of Nairobi and so on. The workshop consisted of three sessions. In the first session, four speakers presented both the potential and the problem of current African pastoralists from political, economic, social welfare and security perspectives. In the second session, three speakers presented detailed anthropological studies on the pastoral societies of East Africa with special reference to local practice and local potential, continuity and change in pastoral subsistence, and how pastoralists experience “modern development”. In the general discussion session, both speakers and attendees joined together to discuss feasible plans to sustain pastoral subsistence. They confirmed the necessity of a comprehensive pastoral management and development programme which combined policy making, scientific technology, and local knowledge and practice. The workshop strongly requested all stakeholders, including the national government, international development agencies, non-governmental organisations, scientific researchers and local pastoral committees, to work together for future pastoral development.

### Please inform whether a proceeding is planning to be published:

The proceeding of this international workshop will be published as a Special Issue of MILA: A Journal of the Institute of African Studies (ISSN 1015-6178) by University of Nairobi.