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This volume is the result of the Inter-congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences held in Tokyo (September 22–27), Japan, 2002. The conference session on “Socio-economic interaction between pastoralists and other groups” was organized by Kazunobu Ikeya.

At this conference, more than 300 researchers from all over the world presented and discussed a wide range of issues about modern anthropology. In our session, the participants from five countries, U.S.A., France, Mongolia, India and Japan were presented with the session’s topic. We are grateful to the audience for making suggestions and comments in our session.

Through a series of presentations and discussions during the conference, we realized how regionally diverse were the ways of life of those we call pastoralists, and how pastoralists have adapted in the age of economic globalization and through the collapse of socialism.

We hope that this publication will contribute to further development of the study on this topic and to contemporary pastoralist studies in general. We also hope that these papers will aid the formulation of further policies concerning the nomadic pastoralists and sedentary pastoralists, and lead to their future development and further improvement of their welfare.

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