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Editorial

This special issue of *Pan Africa News* is dedicated to Professor Toshisada Nishida who passed away in June 2011. As readers may be aware, he was the first editor-in-chief of *PAN*, and devoted his life to the study and conservation of wild chimpanzees. We asked those who knew him very well, both from Japan and overseas, to contribute their memories of Professor Nishida. These people include senior and junior colleagues, friends, and Professor Nishida's students who have conducted research on chimpanzees at Mahale.



We were fortunate to have opportunities to accompany Professor Nishida in the field. He followed chimpanzees doggedly at Mahale for nearly 50 years. We learned a great deal about chimpanzees from him. We enjoyed being with him, admired him, sometimes were bit bewildered by what he said, and laughed a lot with him. Here, we share some recollections. These stories add to his legacy, and will inspire future research and our efforts to conserve chimpanzees.

We thank those who helped us translate some contributions originally written in Japanese to English. We are also indebted to Professors John C. Mitani and William C. McGrew, who read these translations and edited the English.

The Passing of Professor Toshisada Nishida Lamented

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When I heard the news of Nishida-san's passing, I was overwhelmed by grief. What a great loss! The word 'loss' came to me in two senses. First, I believed that he himself regretted the 'loss' of his own life deeply. I heard that he was brooding over several writing plans. He wanted to produce some original papers using his enormous data

about the chimpanzees he had studied for 50 years with all his heart. Furthermore, he was preparing to compile all his longtime accomplishments into a lifework English-language volume. I can hardly imagine how deeply he regretted having to go on his last journey without realizing such plans. However, he conquered the pain of cancer and completed "*Chimpanzees of the Lakeshore: Natural History and Culture at Mahale*" to be published at the end of this December by Cambridge University Press. I hope that this lessened his disappointment of not being able to write more.

Secondly, the 'loss' of Nishida-san meant a great loss to primatology not only for Japan but also for the world.