

PREFACE

This report presents the results of the second year of the research project “Agricultural and Rural Development in Malawi: Past, Present and Future.” The research has been conducted from 2004 to 2006 by the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO) in Japan in collaboration with scholars from the University of Malawi. The report from the first year, *Agricultural and Rural Development in Malawi: Macro and Micro Perspectives*, was published in February 2005 and is available online at <http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Publish/Ars/11.html>.

Five scholars contributed to this second-year report. In chapter 1, Paul Kishindo examines the dynamics of customary land tenure through a village case study in central Malawi. In chapter 2, Alister Munthali analyzes the effect of the hunger crisis on child labor and education. In chapter 3, Charles Chilimampungwa analyzes the effect of rural-urban migration on the food security of households in southern Malawi. In chapter 4, Peter Mvula examines the role of institutional arrangements on households’ livelihood strategies in fishing villages. In chapter 5, Tsutomu Takane presents case studies of smallholder tobacco production in various parts of Malawi.

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We dedicate this report to the late Dr. Wycliffe Chilowa, former director of the Centre for Social Research. Dr. Chilowa initiated this project and was a core member of our study team. Unfortunately, Dr. Chilowa passed away in March 2005.

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