



### **University of Tsukuba, Japan and JSPS visit the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies**

On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013, the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies hosted graduate students from various countries including Japan, China, Vietnam, Laos and Eritrea who were on an Africa internship as part of their graduate study in Environmental Diplomatic Leader (EDL) education

program at University of Tsukuba, Japan. The group was headed by Professor Sun Xiaogang and accompanied by Dr. Soichiro Shiraishi, the Resident Director of the Nairobi Research Station for the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The visit was organized by Dr. Francis Mwaura, a Senior Lecturer in the Department. The visitors were welcomed by the Chairman, Dr. Samuel Owuor who asked the two universities to forge deeper ties for joint research and training. The Japanese guests invited the Kenya university students to apply for graduate study at University of Tsukuba. Dr. Mwaura urged the visitors to join Kenya in her efforts towards a ban in ivory trade which is threatening the future of elephants and rhinos in Africa. The two groups of students thereafter undertook a joint tour of the City of Nairobi.