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**Mission Statement**

Since its birth in 2003, AOGS has been steadily growing up. The society's 8 science sections cover broad range of research areas in geosciences and number of attendees to the annual meeting nowadays is approximately 2000. I congratulate AOGS for its fast growth and would say that the society's initial mission has successfully been achieved. After enjoying the initial growth, however, would likely be a stage that could be long and difficult. To continue promoting the geosciences in Asia, Oceania, and in the world, the society needs not only to maintain its current state but also to open new doors which are often times hidden or need to be created by ourselves.

One important key for coming years of AOGS would be co-operation with good partner societies, such as EGU, AGU, IUGG, JpGU, and SCA. As the 2012 meeting in Singapore, jointly with AGU(WPGM), was so successful, I would like to, with other Council members, look for opportunities of similar co-operation (joint meetings) at certain frequency. Meetings with larger number of attendees would definitely benefit the members by providing opportunities to present their scientific results to a large audience.

While joint meetings are the way to establish the society's value in the world, we need to better support our members at the same time. This is, needless to say, the fundamentals of the society. While I was in the Council, as the ST section president, "Best Student Poster Award" was introduced with the belief this should be one good way to encourage young researchers who will become the driving force of the society in the future. Now, new schemes "Early Career Researcher Distinguished Lecture" and "Y Kamide Early Career Researcher Award" have been approved and are to be implemented in coming years. I will, if elected, continue supporting/encouraging young researchers through all possible ways. For the society, in my opinion, it may also be necessary to pay good attention to countries/regions with relatively smaller number of attendees to annual meetings. How we can listen to their voices, how we can be of help to develop these members, may be another important key for the society's next decade, I believe. After reaching the current stage, the society may not be able to grow up without the power of young members plus currently-minor countries/regions. Keep this in mind and with my previous experience in the Council (2012-2014) together would enable me to best perform the society business.