

Mission Statement from Prof Jai-Ho Oh, Busan South Korea

Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) was established in 2003 to promote geophysical sciences for the benefit of humanity in Asia and Oceania, a region of maximum natural disasters related with Earth quake, weather and climate. The number of papers presented during the society meetings has increased as much as 3 times since the first annual meeting in 2004 in Singapore. I am a witness of this remarkable success because I have participated in all past annual meetings. I served the Section President of AOGS Atmospheric Sciences Section (2008-2010) and Editor-in-Chief of *Advances in Geosciences Atmosphere* for 2008-2010. I may mention that I have also been an active participant as a convener / co-convener of sessions under the Atmospheric Sciences umbrella at several AOGS meetings. I have also delivered invited talks at the various AOGS meetings.

Now, AOGS is on an equal footing with other international geo-science societies and unions such as the European Geosciences Union (EGU), American Geophysical Union (AGU), International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), Japan Geo-science Union (JpGU), and Science Council of Asia (SCA). There is no doubt that this is an outstanding achievement and a matter of pride for the society. However, I believe it is a critical time for AOGS to consolidate its reputation on the world map. It may be achieved by quantitative and qualitative enhancing its the official journal of AOGS, *Geoscience Letters*, which focuses on cutting-edge fundamental and applied research in the eight scientific sections of AOGS by giving awards for the best paper in each scientific section and/or the best productive author. Furthermore AOGS should more focus and encourage on the Emerging Young Scientists. At the Integrated Climate System Modelling Laboratory, Pukyong National University, Busan, South Korea I have been nurturing young students to make them leaders in their respective fields. AOGS could be a good forum to encourage young budding scientists to develop their skills.

Recently, resilience is a key word to enhance our capacity to anticipate stagnancies, adapt to internal or external change or challenge, and create lasting value. The role of AOGS might be to contribute to build a resilient society in the Asia and Oceania region, where it suffers from many natural hazards and climate change, through outreach activities of the Earth and its environment, as well as the planetary and space sciences in AOGS.

If given an opportunity to lead as the President, I assure all members of the AOGS, that I will give my best for further enhancing the image of the Society based on its goals and objectives.
