



Mission Statement

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I am deeply honored to accept the nomination for President of the Interdisciplinary Geosciences (IG) Section of AOGS. As a geotechnical engineer specializing in field-based monitoring, my research emphasizes the development of observation frameworks to characterize geo-hazards and to formulate effective engineering mitigation strategies. Through identifying essential collaborations between engineering and geosciences, I have gained extensive experience and confidence in advancing interdisciplinary integration.

I currently serve on the editorial boards of several academic journals and am an active member of the Taiwan Geotechnical Society (TGS), the Society of Rock Mechanics and Engineering Geology (SRMEG), and the Disaster Management Society of Taiwan (DMST). Within the AOGS IG Section, I have proposed and chaired multiple sessions and have served as Section Secretary since 2022.

I am dedicated to furthering the advancement of IG with following missions:

- **Interdisciplinary Focus:**
The IG section is dedicated to bringing together experts from various geoscience disciplines to address complex, interconnected issues.
- **Bridging Disciplines:**
It aims to connect geoscience knowledge with other fields, particularly those concerned with human and environmental development, safety from natural hazards, and policy.
- **Promoting Collaboration:**
The IG section encourages collaboration between scientists from different institutions and countries within the Asia-Oceania region and beyond.
- **Supporting Young Scientists:**
The IG section encourages the participation and contributions of young researchers, especially from developing countries.
- **Expanding Interdisciplinary Themes:**
The IG section seeks to identify and promote new and relevant interdisciplinary research areas.
- **Outreach and Education:**
The IG section strives to increase public understanding of geosciences and their societal importance.
- **Reflecting Regional Diversity:**
The IG section aims to ensure that its activities reflect the diverse geoscience landscape of Asia and Oceania.

My sustained and active engagement in the IG Section positions me well to serve as its President and to further strengthen its interdisciplinary mission.

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