

## **Mission Statement for AOGS Secretary General**

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The Asia-Oceania has the largest area and population in the world, and this diverse geography and natural environment also provides one of the most fascinating loci for the understanding of the Earth's features, processes, mechanisms, and, unfortunately, potential hazards. As a result, Earth science researches have long been one of the most energetic scientific topics in Asia-Oceania, and this has reflected in the membership and participation of AOGS for many years.

I am privileged to have been growing together with the Society for the past many years. For most of us, the AOGS meetings are excellent opportunities to meet with colleagues, old and new, to discuss current research progresses and foster new ideas and projects. As one of the largest Earth science societies in the world, AOGS has the great potential to increase these opportunities through continuing providing attractive programs, especially in new research areas and interdisciplinary approaches. We would also like to aim for growing efforts of outreach and education to strengthen the link with more people, nations, and societies. All these efforts not only would promote our scientific knowledge about Earth sciences, but will also benefit the life of mankind and the global sustainability.

I would like to devote myself in promoting these efforts, with my previous experiences with the Society and other international societies and my administrative experiences in academia. Through motivating as many colleagues as possible to actively take part to mold AOGS and creating effective communication and information-flow among all of our colleagues, I believe we will be able to achieve all these important tasks, and to create an even stronger and more attractive Society.