## A Borderless World of Geoscience in Asia for Asia

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Is the future Asian? Rapid economic growth, massive R&D spending, technological innovation, high participation in STEM postgraduate education and an emerging number of top-ranked universities are characteristic of many Asian countries. The principal mission of Asia Oceania Geosciences Society is to promote the application of geosciences for the benefit of humanity. The lifetime of AOGS (founded in 2003) has witnessed the rapid expansion of geoscience research in many Asian countries, growing confidence and internationalisation as well as a burgeoning amount of science output. Yet Asia is a continent of diversity with uneven access to resources between and within countries. In a region where natural hazards are prevalent, sharing an understanding of risk management through scientific, social and technological means is vital.