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On behalf of Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS), I sincerely congratulate Japan Geoscience Union (JpGU) on his silver anniversary.

AOGS was established in 2003. Its mission is to promote geosciences and its application for the benefit of humanity, specifically in Asia and Oceania and with an overarching approach to global issues. Since it was established, AOGS has developed steadily. Over 1,000 geo-scientists in Asia and Oceania attend AOGS annual convention to present the latest results of their research and exchanging scientific knowledge.

In the process of economic construction and social development humanity faces serious difficulties such as resource shortage, energy crisis, environment pollution, damage of ecological balance and frequent occurrence of disasters, etc. These difficulties or challenges are mostly directly or indirectly related to the geo-scientific and geo-technological issues. It is geoscientists' bounden duty to make every effort to cope with these challenges by improving our understanding of the nature of these geo-scientific phenomena through scientific and technical approaches.

It is well known that the geo-scientific phenomena are not defined by national boundaries. In recognizing this nature, AOGS has devoted its efforts not only to intensify scientific exchange and co-operation, but also to develop good co-operation 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).

AOGS pays special attention to public participation of coping with the challenges we faces, and has been active in the public outreach. The public participation is considered to be an important factor for increasing awareness of the problems that the whole society confront.

I greatly appreciate JpGU for generous invitation and providing a unique opportunity to exchanging scientific knowledge and discussion to address important geo-scientific issues among scientists. I sincerely congratulate JpGU on his success in the past 25 years, and wish JpGU a prosperous prospect in the years to come.

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