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Editorial

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The Asia and Oceania region currently holds the largest population in the world and is rapidly developing. This region also has a large diversity, in terms of science, culture and economy. There are numerous unique and diverse scientific issues in the region, and many of them are relevant to the society. AOGS was established in 2003 with a mission to promote geosciences for the benefit of humanity in Asia and Oceania. AOGS has held annual meetings since 2004, and the total number of papers presented in the last ten meetings exceeded 13,000. While publication of an electronic, letter-type journal was also included in the original development plan of AOGS, starting a new journal was not an easy task. In 2012, the AOGS council finally decided to start a new journal with the section presidents as initial editorial board members.

Geoscience Letters covers the eight scientific sections of AOGS: Atmospheric Sciences, Biogeosciences, Hydrological Sciences, Interdisciplinary Geosciences, Ocean Sciences, Planetary Sciences, Solar and Terrestrial Sciences, and Solid Earth Sciences. *Geoscience Letters* targets researchers in the world, with particular emphasis in the Asia and Oceania region where geoscience researchers not only can be found in academia (universities) but also in government institutes such as meteorological offices or geological surveys, as well as in industries such as petroleum exploration. The contents of the papers may range from cutting-edge pure science in one discipline to applied or interdisciplinary science such as climate change or natural hazards. While *Geoscience Letters* maintains its high quality, it also considers the diversities of the region and the readership. All the papers should be easily understood by researchers from other fields in geoscience or from other countries.

Both AOGS and *Geoscience Letters* are still young, and need support from scientists in Asia, Oceania and the world. I believe that they will become one of the important and leading societies and journals in the world.

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