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Candidate Statement

It is with great enthusiasm and profound commitment that I present my candidacy for the Presidency of the Asia Oceania Geoscience Society (AOGS). Having been a proud and active member of AOGS since 2009, attending every meeting and serving in multiple leadership capacities, including as Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Executive Council Member, and Chair of the Awards Committee, I deeply understand and embrace the society's mission.

Asia-Oceania is home to more than half of the world's population, a region that confronts some of the most severe natural hazards and hosts some of the planet's most pressing and compelling geoscientific challenges. As President, my vision is to strengthen AOGS as a vibrant, inclusive, and influential society dedicated to addressing these critical issues. Through fostering international collaboration, advancing interdisciplinary research, and promoting geoscience education and outreach, we will empower scientists and communities across our diverse region.

As a Full Professor and Centre Director at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, an institution consistently ranked among the top 50 global universities, I bring extensive academic leadership and a robust track record in research excellence. My contributions to AOGS, including the co-founding and successful coordination of the joint AOGS-EGU Natural Hazards meetings, and recognition with the Wing Ip Medal for service to geosciences, reflect my dedication and effectiveness in advancing the society's bold objectives.

Moreover, my proven mentorship, having supervised students and postdocs from eight Asia-Oceania countries, many now holding influential academic positions in their respective nations, demonstrates my deep commitment to nurturing regional scientific talent. As your President, I will continue championing inclusive leadership, scientific excellence, and strategic growth, ensuring that AOGS remains at the forefront of global geoscience innovation and advocacy.

Together, let's shape a resilient and scientifically informed future for Asia-Oceania and beyond.



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