

EDITORIAL MESSAGE

We are pleased to present to our readers the special issue of the *46th edition of the Mongolian Journal of Geography and Geoecology (MJGG)*. The MJGG publishes original academic works in basic and applied research in physical geography, socioeconomic geography, geoecology, natural resources and the environment, as well as development policy planning, technology, and innovation.

The Scientific Committee of the Institute of Geography and Geoecology (IGG) of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, together with the MJGG Editorial Board, has been committed to enhancing the quality and significance of the journal, with the goal of establishing it as an international academic journal. In 2017, the journal transitioned from a printed format to an electronic version (www.mjgg.igg.ac.mn), and in 2019 it was assigned an ISSN. Since 2022, each article has been published with a DOI, and the journal has been officially registered in Mongolia Journals Online. In addition, the journal is indexed in Google Scholar and Dimensions, increasing the international visibility of its articles and contributing to higher citation rates. This, in turn, reflects researchers' academic performance on global evaluation platforms such as ResearchGate and ORCID.

This edition is particularly significant as it features a curated selection of articles from the biennial International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology (EST 2025), organized by IGG. Notably, all contributions in this special issue are published in English, broadening the journal's international accessibility and impact. Out of 51 submissions received for this edition, 38 articles successfully passed the peer-review process and met the journal's publication standards. These papers represent valuable contributions from researchers in Mongolia and abroad, and we are proud to share them with you, our esteemed readers and colleagues.

On behalf of the editorial board and personally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the scientists who submitted their research to this issue, as well as to the dedicated editors and reviewers whose efforts ensured the high quality and integrity of this publication.

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