

Geographical Society of China

The Geographical Society of China (GSC) is a national non-profit scientific organization in China with the largest membership of 15,000 engaged in the promotion of geography.

The Geographical Society of China (GSC) is one of the three oldest academic organizations in China, founded by Zhang Xiangwen in Tianjin in 1909.

The missions of the GSC are primarily to unite the broad mass of geography workers nationwide to promote the development of geography, to advance scientific research and educational activities in the fields of geography, to improve popularization of geographical sciences and knowledge, to foster qualified professionals and talents in geography, and to serve the development of society.

The Society consists of about 15,000 individual members, including a group of highly specialized individual members like academicians of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) / Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) and scientists, academics, middle school teachers and students. It also has more than 30 member institutions in mainland China.

GSC has 48 branch organizations, including 24 special commissions, 10 sub-societies, 9 working committees, 9 task forces, and 7 regional representative offices. Several editorial boards are affiliated to the Society. Currently 18 academic journals and 1 magazine (with 4 in English version) have been published under the auspices of the Geographical Society of China and its branch organizations.

GSC has established close relationship with its counterparts from many countries and a number of activities and conferences have been organized jointly between GSC and its partners. In 1982, the Society and the Association of Japanese-Chinese Geographers decided to hold symposium in turn at regular intervals. In 1984, the Society established the tie with the Canadian Association of Geographers and two sides have organized academic meetings regularly. GSC has also kept in close touch with Société de Géographie (France) in 1995. In 2006, Geographical Society of China initiated the platform China-Japan-Korea Joint Conference on Geography with Association of Japanese Geographers and Korean Geographical Society. Since then, the Conference was held annually in the three countries by turns. In recent years, GSC signed cooperation agreements with a number of reputable geographical societies in the world: American Association of Geographers (2012), Russian Geographical Society (2014), National Association of Geographers, India (2017), Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) (2018) and Kazakhstan National Geographic Society (2018).