Preface

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It is our great honor to have had this opportunity to solicit the manuscripts from internationally recognized scientists and to edit this special issue of Environmental Geochemistry and Health (EGAH).

The title of this issue is the “Emerging Issues of Environmental Geochemistry and Health in the Asia–Pacific Region”. In this special issue, 14 papers were invited by the guest editors among the highly recognized professionals and scholars in 3 countries in the Asia–Pacific region (Korea, Japan and USA) plus 4 European countries (Germany, Hungary, Austria and Slovenia). These papers contain scientifically outstanding work that provides valuable background for study of the emerging issues of environmental geochemistry and health in the global context. Papers can be divided into 4 topical groups as follows, from the geochemical survey to remediation with environmental impact assessment.

- (1) Field environmental geochemistry for soil, sediment and groundwater
- (2) Site-specific distributions of heavy metals in the geochemical environment
- (3) Site characterization and environmental impact assessment
- (4) Geochemical remediation of contaminated soil/tailings and waste management

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