

Geos President wins Plinius Award

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In recognition of his achievement on research and development in natural hazards, Geos Incorporated President, Dr. Mahar Lagmay was awarded the [2015 Plinius medal](#) by the [European Geosciences Union \(EGU\)](#)

“This is a very relevant award bestowed to us by the international community, which acknowledges the dedication of scientists who work on natural hazards. It’s a validation of trust, which is very important to the work we’re doing here,” Dr. Lagmay said.

Dr. Lagmay is the first scientist from Asia to receive the award.

The accord is given based on a scientist’s outstanding research achievements in fields related to natural hazards. Their interdisciplinary activities and how their research has been applied in the mitigation of risks from natural hazards are also assessed.

Dr. Lagmay serves as the President of Geos Incorporated a geophysics consultancy company formed in 1994 by selected faculty members of the National Institute of Geological Sciences, University of the Philippines, in response to the increasing demand for their professional expertise by the mining and energy industries. Since its foundation, GEOS has grown to

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provide services in the areas of environmental management, water resources exploration, engineering geology, hazards assessment, and geographical information systems.

GEOS' knowledge of earth processes, and tools from advances in technology, help understand mining, energy and environmental problems. Using a multidisciplinary approach in their services, GEOS arrives at innovative and concrete solutions to the problems of their clients. The company's goal is to continuously provide technical services that bear a mark of quality, high-level professionalism, and scientific integrity.

The Plinius medal was established by the European Geosciences Union (EGU) in 2001 to encourage interdisciplinary research on natural hazards. In its website, EGU said that the award is given to scientists with outstanding contributions to the field of natural hazards and its mitigation.

The recognition is eponymous to Greek scientist Gayus Plinius Secundus, known as Plinius the Old who? was born in 24 A.D., in Como, in the Italian Peninsula. His main scientific legacy consists of 37 volumes of the work "Naturalis Historia" (Natural History). He also studied the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which brought demise to ancient cities Pompeya and Herculano in 79 A.D.

With the name of Plinius, the medal is intended to acknowledge all the efforts to improve the knowledge and mitigation of natural hazards, according to the EGU.

"We will strive to work more and do our best to maintain that trust, by doing good service for the Filipino people," Dr. Lagmay said.

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