



## **0.1 Promoting Geosciences in Vietnam through the World Wide Web**

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Earth sciences and its application in natural resources exploitation, environmental management and hazard assessment play an important role in general development of Vietnam. However, Vietnamese geosciences community is experiencing the limitation of information and communication inside and outside the country. The lack of resources also limits the development of education and research in Earth Sciences. The public awareness of Geosciences is low due to lack of major campaign for Geosciences in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese Geosciences Group, mainly young scientists and students, founded in early May 2004, has launched for a first time a dynamic electronic forum, a web portal as well as offline activities for the Vietnamese Geosciences community. Its major aims are to build a strong communication among Vietnam geoscientists and to promote Geosciences education in Vietnam. These will contribute to the construction of a solid platform for the future development of Vietnamese Geosciences community.

The participation of VnGG members around world has created an excited forum on geosciences with a wealth of resources and information on many aspects of Geosciences, including news, online library, major links and exchange data. It has provided Vietnamese geoscientists with a gateway to the pool of knowledge.