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This special issue is devoted to Smart Systems. It has been an exciting opportunity to collect together papers from authors who were invited to present talks at the 2nd International Conference of Smart Systems Engineering 2014, October 15–17, 2014 Denkokuno-mori, Yonezawa, Japan. This conference attracted scientists and researchers from all over the world, who presented and discussed the challenges and emerging technologies in the smart materials, devices, and systems.

As we look forward, the pace of development in Smart Systems has accelerated, we anticipate that with the continued integration of new materials, sensors, and electronics, the widespread use of Smart Systems at economically viable costs will become a reality and will improve the wellbeing of our society in Japan and worldwide.

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We look forward to your participation in future special issues of Smart Systems.

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