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The 2nd International Conference of ATEP was organized at the headquarters of ATEP in Seoul in the 1st week of December 2015. The conference met with tremendous success, thanks to its rich content and eminent faculty. To give our readers a comprehensive review of the knowledge and information shared in the conference, we have come up with a special issue dedicated to the conference.

We hope you will find this special issue to be of great value and interest. We thank all authors for their valuable contributions thereby helping us in furthering the ATEP mission.

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