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We extend a warm welcome to all editorial board members, authors, and reviewers, and we look forward to working together to further advance high-quality research in the field of thermofluid science and technology and to make *IJTST* into a world leading journal as soon as possible.

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