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The Editorial Board is delighted to share these outstanding research papers with the academic community. I would also like to voice my sincere gratitude to our dedicated reviewers, section and language editors, layout secretariat, Advisory Board, and everyone whose meticulous efforts made the timely publication of these articles possible. To further stimulate scientific curiosity and introduce fresh academic perspectives, we warmly encourage researchers to submit their latest work to JOPEM's future editions. Should you have any inquiries, feedback, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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