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Last, but definitely not least, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in making the conference a success. Many thanks go to the organizing committee, the keynote speakers, the program committees, and reviewers, members of technical committees, the conference participants, our sponsors, and of course, to all the contributing authors who will be sharing the results of their research.

It is our great pleasure to have you with us at the conference. Best wishes, and may you have a wonderful and stimulating stay in Gifu.

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