## **Editorial**

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Automated identification technology (AIT) is mainly comprised of radio frequency identification (RFID), biometrics, bar coding and smart cards. AIT streamlines production and manufacturing process. It also reshapes or even revolutionises supply chain and management. AIT is exploding with more opportunities for professionals and better service for the people.

The objective of this special issue is to publish the state-of-the-art of AIT in manufacturing technology and management. We hope these papers are helpful in fostering AIT applications in manufacturing and management.