Editorial

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With rapid technological advances, it is essential for an economy to develop effective foresight programs purporting to make technology breakthroughs to meet the challenges of the exciting but uncertain economic growth. Based upon numerous experiences by specific countries, it is worthwhile to discuss some of the key questions regarding: What is the objective of technology foresight? What are the major methods and experiences for developing foresight on emerging technologies? How to design the mechanism of technology foresight? How to implement the result of technology foresight towards decision-making? This Special Issue aim is to generate cogent and practical answers to these questions through interactive knowledge and wisdom of academic works from international scholars.