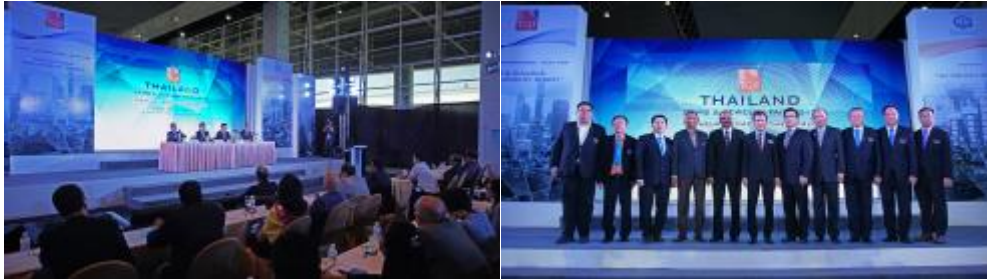




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Regional Cooperation at the Thailand Gems & Jewelry Fair 2017



BANGKOK, June 16, 2017: The Thailand Gems & Jewelry Fair 2017 opened its doors to exhibitors, buyers, visitors and those involved in the gems and jewelry industry yesterday with a grand opening ceremony held at IMPACT Challenger 2, Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand. Organizers of the fair, the Thai Gem and Jewelry Traders Association (TGJTA) warmly welcomed representatives from gems and jewelry associations from more than 10 countries joining the inaugural fair to demonstrate the solidarity of the industry across the region.

TGJF 2017 showcased exhibitors from 11 countries. Representatives from the gems and jewelry associations of China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Australia, Italy, India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Sri Lanka participated in business talks and trading activities at the fair, reinforcing Thailand's strength as a gems and jewelry hub in the region.

"Thailand Gems & Jewelry Fair 2017 is well-received by the AEC+6 and other countries," said Mr. Simon Chan, Vice President of Shanghai Gems and Jade Exchange, China. "Participating in this event does not only create trade opportunities and effective networking, but also collectively brings together international manufacturers, traders and customers. Thus, it is considered a great opportunity to publicize and promote AEC+6 gems and jewelry so it will become well-known throughout the world."

The TGJTA has been cooperating with gems and jewelry associations across the region to promote trade among its members for decades, while also bringing Thai manufacturers to meet overseas buyers, and vice versa. Moreover, the TGJTA is determined to show its commitment to overseas partners and to strengthen its relationship with other associations by participating in trade shows and other business matching activities.

"The first Thailand Gems & Jewelry Fair demonstrates the commitment, strength and great relationships among our partners in making the gems and jewelry industry a true success across the world," Mr Der Ming Siow, President of the Federation of Goldsmiths and Jewellers Association of Malaysia, said. "I would like to congratulate the TGJTA for the great support from the government on various initiatives that have made the gems and jewelry business in Thailand a great success and led to this great event. Also, I would like to thank the association for the sincerity it has demonstrated to its partners."

TGJTA President Mr Suttipong Damrongsakul demonstrated his confidence in the future of the gems and jewelry industry in Asia-Pacific, and thanked all partners for their great support.

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“Asia-Pacific has always been the jewelry manufacturing hub of the world,” he said. “We must increase trade with our neighbours, as more than half of the world’s population is in the region. I believe that the fair will mark the beginning of us forging greater collaboration among gems and jewelry traders. Thank you to all our kind partners for your participation and we hope to see you again next year.”

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