

# SAARC sparkle with Lankan Gems, Jewellery

**S**pecial Gem and Jewellery exhibition organised by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA) commenced at the Palm Lounge -Galle Face Hotel yesterday. This was organised as a concurrent event of 15 th SAARC Summit Colombo 2008 targeting SAARC delegations.

Over ten local gem and jewellery companies will display their products at the show. The unique feature of the show is the special exposition of national gem collection. The show will feature "Star of Lanka" which bears the reputation of being the third largest star sapphire of similar quality in existence.

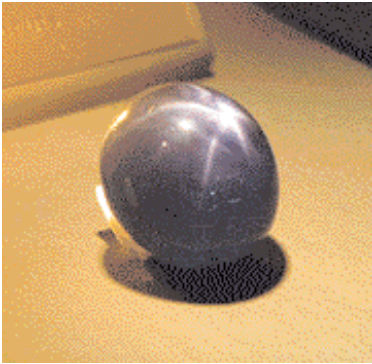
"Ray of Treasure" is an exquisite Chrysoberyl Cat's Eye of 105 carats, mined from the gem gravels of Sri Lanka was also displayed at the show.

There was a good response from the SAARC delegates and the foreigners. The show will conclude today.

Here are some snap shots captured by our photographer Sumanachandra Ariyawansa at the show last night.



Does this fit me?



"Star of Lanka"



Forigners making inquiries



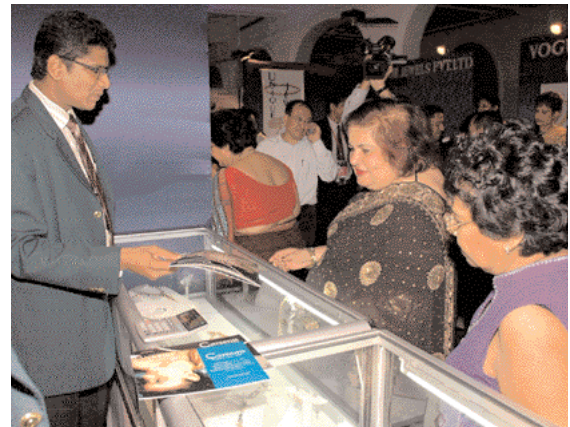
A foreigner taking a closer look at traditional way of cutting gems



Another ring for me?



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Chairperson Ceylinc Group Cecile Kothelwele eyeing curiously

