



Students making an enquiry



Different flavours



A keen student at the exhibition



Explaining to students



Students examine through a microscope Pictures by Rowan de Silva

Chemex exhibition

Chemistry and chemical sciences play a vital role in the national development, because it is connected with all aspects of life while contributing to commercial and industrial development immensely. International Year of Chemistry 2011 (IYC) Chairman N M S Hettigedara told *Daily News Business*.

The Chemex exhibition unifying theme of 'Chemistry-Our life, Our future' concluded at the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Exhibition Centre yesterday.

He said the exhibition was a success and visitors gained a new experience. "We have to build the industry

with academic values for national development and we need quality graduates with practical and theoretical background for that," he said.

IYC 2011 is not a conventional exhibition like any other event. It gives an all round experience to visitors.

Apart from over 100 stalls depicting various aspects in chemistry it included seminars, entertainment, debates, chemistry magic shows and experiment classes.

The IYC 2011 activities will be continued throughout the year all over the world including Sri Lanka, which will boost public awareness of chemistry. -BX



A dancing performance at the opening



All about chemistry



Samples of minerals



Industrial chemistry



Latest equipments



Visitors at the exhibition



Demonstrations at the exhibition