

# NCASL 'Empowering Construction' exhibition 2012

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The Construct 2012 Exhibition under the theme "Empowering Construction" organized by the National Construction Association (NCASL), was inaugurated at the BMICH yesterday on a grand scale where several Cabinet

Ministers were present, the chief guest being the Minister of Construction, Wimal Weerawansa.

Chairman NCASL, Priyantha Perera addressing the gathering said the construction is the forerunner of every development with emerging opportunities after the war. However, the large scale infrastructure

projects are not awarded to local contractors due to lack of money and the time has come to promote local construction companies to match these foreign companies. As we can save a lot of foreign exchange, while training our own people, without opening the doors totally to the foreign companies.

Perera further stated, the NCASL has awarded several scholarships to students, for advance technical courses with guaranteed job opportunities, which cost the company a sum of over Rs. 2.5 million.

He said the main objective of the exhibition is to develop the construction

industry in Sri Lanka, by introducing world class products, services and state-of-the-art technology and exhibitors could display the latest range of their products and service to customers at ideal targets. The three day exhibition which will end on August 12, is expected to draw large crowds.



Arrival of the Chief Guest. Pictures by Sarath Weerasinghe



A stall



Minister of Construction Wimal Weerawansa at the opening



Stalls



Guests at the head table.



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Some of the equipment.

