



Some highlights of 'SME 2012'



Minister of Industry and Commerce Rishad Bathiudeen at the event



# 'SME 2012' ends on a grand note

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 The seventh edition of the National SME Machinery, Technology and Services Exhibition 'SME 2012' was concluded yesterday at BMICH with a grand note at BMICH with a record number of participants.

Over 100 small and medium scale exhibitors in the industry, light engineering, agriculture, fisheries, and livestock showcased their innovative products and services in Sri Lanka and Indian pavilions at the three-day exhibition and the exhibition was an ideal platform for local small and medium industry entrepreneurs to build much needed links for future business developments and to showcase their machinery, technologies and support services.

Commerce Rishad Bathiudeen speaking at the opening ceremony of SME 2012 said that SME sector can play a crucial role in enhancing economic growth in post-war Sri Lanka and for the first time, Sri Lanka will introduce automation to its crucial Small and Medium Enterprises sector by introducing Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machine technology. The

ministry has spent \$ 120,000 to infuse CNC technology awareness to the SME sector. The SME 2012 was organized by Small and Medium Enterprise Developers, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

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