



Record participants at 'Jewels Sri Lanka 2012'

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The second edition of International Gem, Mineral and Jewellery Exhibition 'Jewels Sri Lanka 2012', ended on a grand note yesterday at Sirimavo Bandaranaike Memorial Hall and drew record number of participants both home and

abroad. The three day exhibition saw the participation of world renowned buyers and sellers as well as local gem and Jewellery manufactures and sellers on a same platform.

Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) Chairman and CEO Janaka Ratnayake

addressing the inauguration ceremony of the 'Jewels Sri Lanka 2012,' said Sri Lanka have discovered many gem mines across the country in the recent past and all industry stakeholders should make collective efforts to reach a \$ 1 billion revenue target from

Gem and Jewelry exports by 2016.

Special SME pavilion had also been set up at the exhibition premises by EDB in a bid to support small scale gem merchants in the country.

The recent trends have shown that Russia, China,

Italy and several Middle East countries have shown tremendous interest in Sri Lankan gems and Sri Lanka is making every effort to solve the problems faced by the industry and to make Sri Lanka a world renowned gem and jewelry hub in the region.

