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Bangkok: The 61st Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair, organized by the Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Ministry of Commerce, was a resounding success with record-breaking trade value to showcase the strength of Thailand’s gems and jewelry industry to the world. Held from February 21-25, 2018 at Challenger Hall 1 & 3, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani, the 61st edition of Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair attracted visitors from 115 countries with top five visiting nations included India, Myanmar, China, USA, and Russia.

The success of the 61st Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair is a step on the way towards the industry achieving the Thai Government’s aim of making Thailand “the World’s Gems and Jewelry Production and Trading Hub.” Some 653 exhibitors occupying 2,003 booths participated in the 61st BGJF. Although 747 companies were from Thailand, others came from around the globe, including countries as diverse as Hong Kong, Poland, Turkey, Japan, Singapore, India, South Korea, Israel, Indonesia, and Canada. A total of USD 63.6 million in trade value was generated at the Show.

Held under the theme “Heritage & Craftsmanship,” the 61st Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair highlighted Thailand’s cultural heritage, promoting the exquisite craftsmanship of Thai artisans with international trends to make jewelry more contemporary and answer to the demands of international consumers.

To align with the government’s “Thailand 4.0” and “Creative Economy” initiatives, the DITP instigated a series of special zones at the event:

1. The New Faces featured unique jewelry pieces from 120 SMEs from across the country, who prior to the 60th edition of Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair had never participated at the Show.

2. The Niche Showcase featured the latest trends in jewelry for niche markets. Specifically, this focused on five main product groups:

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3. Innovation and Design Zone (IDZ) showcased innovative products from start-ups as well as jewelry that utilizes new techniques.

4. The Jewellers exhibition featured 23 brands from designers who have participated in the Designers’ Room and Talent Thai projects with jewelry-making demonstrations and technical workshops twice daily.

Moreover, the 51st Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair held a series of seminars and workshops by domestic and international experts on a range of topics from raw materials and jewelry trends, to marketing and gem certification. On the second day of the show, the Export Clinic 2018 was held, where directors of overseas Thai Trade Centers gave advice to companies and SMEs on how to penetrate foreign markets.

In 2017, the gems and jewelry industry was ranked third in terms of Thai exports after automobiles and computers. Exports totaled nearly USD4.1 billion, representing 2.4 per cent of the kingdom’s total exports, and when excluding unwrought gold, the industry saw an increase of 2.25% compared to 2016 which was the first rise in three years.

The 52nd edition of the Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair will be held in September 2018 at Challenger Hall 1-3, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani. For those interested to exhibit and receive more information, please visit www.bkggems.com or contact DITP call center 1169.

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