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**Ministry of Commerce joins force with CIBJO in hosting CIBJO CONGRESS 2017
to underline Thailand's position as world's gems and jewelry hub**

Delegations of the World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO) has paid a courtesy visit to Mrs Apiradi Tantraporn, Commerce Minister of Thailand, to present a letter of acceptance on the occasion of hosting the CIBJO annual congress in Bangkok, Thailand later this year.

The Commerce Minister has welcomed the President of the World Jewellery Confederation, Dr Gaetano Cavalieri, and CIBJO Coral Commission Mr Vincenzo Liverino. On hand to welcome the jewelry delegation were Mr Rachen Pojanasunthorn, CEO of the Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand (GIT), and Mr. Somdet Susomboon, Deputy Director General of Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP).

The CIBJO Congress is held every year to update the world's jewelry trends and market situations, while brainstorming the industry's directions and policy for its worldwide members. It is also a vital platform for members to raise problems and seek viable solutions for the sake of the development of the world's gems and jewelry industry. The previous CIBJO Congress was held in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia.

Thailand – as one of the world's most important large gems and jewelry production and trading hubs – last hosted the CIBJO Congress in 2004, and will be the proud host of this year congress. The CIBJO Congress 2017 will be scheduled on November 2-7, 2017 at Shangri-la Hotel, Bangkok. The congress will be a collaboration between the Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand and Department of International Trade Promotion of the Ministry of Commerce. The CIBJO Congress 2017 coincides the 60th edition of the Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair, to be held on September 6-10, 2017 at Challenger Hall 1-3, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani.

