



**The 59th Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair kicks off today
Over 730 leading enterprises display finest gems and
jewelry to 23,000 global buyers**



Mrs. Apiradi Tantraporn, Minister of Commerce, presided over an official opening ceremony of the 59th Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (BGJF), held today at the Royal Jubilee Ballroom, Challenger Hall 1-3, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani. The event was joined by Mrs. Malee Choklumlerd, Director General of Department of International Trade Promotion and top executives of the Ministry of Commerce as well as gems and jewelry associations.

BGJF is ready to attest its leading position as Asia-pacific important platform of gems and jewelry sourcing arena by bringing together 730 leading enterprises from to showcase latest innovation of finest gems and jewelry. The fair set to welcome more than 23,000 buyers and traders from around the world and accounted some 17 billion baht trade value. BGJF 59 will be open until February 26, 2017 at the Challenger Hall 1-3, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani, Trade days on February 22-24, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Public days on February 25, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on February 26, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.bkkgems.com for more information, or dial DITP Call Center 1169.

Photo shows (from left): Dr Pornsit Srirathaikul, Chairman of Beauty Gems Group; Mr Jitti Tangsithpakdi, President of the Gold Traders Association; Mrs Prapee Sornkraikitikul, Representative from the Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand; Mrs Apiradi Tantraporn, Minister of Commerce; Mrs Malee Choklumlerd, Director General of Department of International Trade Promotion; Mrs Chantira Jimreivat Vivatrat, Inspector General of the Ministry of Commerce; and Mr Boonkit Jitngamplang, Chairman of Gem and Jewelry Industry Club, the Federation of Thai Industries.