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Techno 2012 concludes



Basil Rajapaksa, Senior Adviser to the President and Minister of Economic Development was the chief guest at the opening ceremony of Techno -2012, the National Engineering and Technology Exhibition held at BMICH on October 12. This exhibition is organized by Institution of Engineers for 27th consecutive year and was concluded on Sunday.

The best of its kind to be held in Sri Lanka, the event is a beacon for the transfer of technology towards scientific and technological excellence of the profession and the related industry in the country.

Each year since its inauguration in 1985 the event has brought forth the latest in technologies, products, skills and best practices from the world over to its target audience while maintaining optimum standards both in quality and quantity.

A platform to showcase and promote brand names, products and services the Techno has added features for harnessing stakeholder talents and skills towards providing the best window of opportunity for the new as well as seasoned entrepreneurs and organizations under one roof.

The diversified, informative, state-of-the-art and educative nature of the stalls exceeding 200 has won appreciations and accolades from the engineering community and also earned national and global recognition and the reputation, to be branded

as one of the best of its kind in the SAARC region, if not Asia.

While the prestige of being associated with Techno has given it a permanent following among the entrepreneurs and organizations wishing to share the limelight, the year by year number of visitors to the stalls has seen a tremendous increase probably due to the many special features that have been gradually added to the exhibition. The most sought after 'Engineering Clinic' organ-



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ject etc. will find their places for enlightening the visitors about the unprecedented development work the country is witnessing.

Tilak de Silva, President Elect, IESL and Chairman Techno 2012

ized by the Civil Engineering Sectional Committee of the IESL in the previous Techno to address the genuine engineering issues of the public will be held this year too.

The depiction and display of ongoing and proposed mega infrastructural and other development projects envisaged by the 'Mahinda Chinthana Forward Vision' programme inclusive of the North and East development, Metro Colombo Development Pro-

The display of winning inventions by school children under the Junior Inventor of the Year Programme, pioneered by the IESL as far back as 1988 to inculcate and promote creativity and innovation among school children and which has seen its student protégées participating and winning at the Intel ISEF competition in US will find expressions at a special stall for the purpose as they did at the previous Techno exhibitions.

A special 'Under-Graduate Category' has been added from last year and will find space within the JIY area this year too.

The Techno 2012 will provide opportunities for practicing engineers to display and describe their special projects to the public by allocating space for their panels. The Techno 2012 would endeavour to strengthen the links between the suppliers of engineering products and services and the relevant government institutions, with a view to facilitating mutual awareness of their resources and potential in fulfilling their needs, objectives and aspirations.

Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities, Greg Young, Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom, Lalith De Silva, Chief Executive Officer, Mobitel, Eng. (Dr.) Ananda Ranasinghe, President, IESL, Eng. Tilak de Silva, President, Elect, IESL and Chairman Techno 2012 and also participated.

Associated Newspapers of Ceylon was the Media sponsor for the event.