



The Press Conference

GIT's World Jewelry Design Awards 2017

Under the theme of “Illusion through the Gemstones; Where the Mystery of Your Design Begins”
and GIT's World Challenge Gems Faceting Master 2017

The Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand (Public Organization) or GIT has organized the press conference of the GIT's World Jewelry Design Awards 2017 and GIT's World Challenge Gems Faceting Master 2017 on Friday 26th May 2017 at Multi-function Room, 1st Floor, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre (BACC).

GIT's World Jewelry Design Awards 2017 under the theme of “Illusion through the Gemstones; Where the Mystery of Your Design Begins.” We are highly honored that the title has been bestowed to us by Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol. The top winner is going to get Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol's trophy with cash of USD 2,500. The contest is to challenge students, lay people as well as professional designers.

Moreover, this is the first time for GIT to organize "The First Gem Cutting Competition – GIT's World Challenge Gems Faceting Master 2017" attracting many lapidaries from around the world. It gives opportunities for Thai lapidaries to improve their skills and be able to compete in an international level. The institute invited Mr. Rachane Potjanasuntorn, Chairman of board executive director of the Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand, for opened the ceremony with the well-known celebrities of Thailand; Namtarn-Pichukkana Wongsarattanasin, August-Vachiravit Paisarnkulwong joined the press conference



We are also honored to have very experienced experts in fashion, gem and jewelry to serve as our design contest committee, as follow.

1. Mr. Nisan Ongwuthitham, Founder and Owner of Ong Jewelry Design (Thailand)
2. Ms. Wunporn Poshyanond, Editor-In-Chief of Harper's Bazaar Thailand (Thailand)
3. Mr. Alessio Boschi, Jewelry Designer of ALESSIO BOSCHI (Italy)



4. Mr. Sirapat Pipatveeravat, marketing director of Dermond Anandara (Thailand)
5. Mr. Thadchawin Suraseth, Managing Director of L.S. Jewelry Group (Thailand)

And the judging committee of gem cutting competition:

1. Mr. Victor Tuzlukov (Russia), Technical Advisor and Judge of "The Champion of International Faceting Challenge (Australia) 2010"
2. Dr. Surin Intayot, Dean of Faculty of Gems, Burapha University Chanthaburi Campus (Thailand)
3. Mr. Phadet Phu-akat, Skill Training Instructor, Chor 3, Chantaburi Provincial Centre for Skill (Thailand)



The contestants can submit their jewelry designs from today until the 16th August 2017 between 09.00 - 17.00 hrs. at the Training Department of GIT, 3rd floor, ITF Tower, Silom. The judging of the drawing-designs will take place at GIT by the judges are mentioned above together with Mr. Suriyon Sriorathaikul, Managing Director of Beauty Gems Group (Thailand). The semi-final round will be held on Friday 18th August 2017. The six most highest scored will be passed through to the final round and to be manufactured into actual jewelry pieces; 3 design work pieces from men's jewelry category and the other 3 design work pieces from women's jewelry category which will be presented by leading models.

However, the gem faceting participants may submit competition entry forms up until the cut-off date which is 31st July 2017. Meanwhile, the cut-off date for receive the stones is 31st August 2017.

The exhibition of jewelry design pieces from the 20 finalist applicants and the winners of GIT design and gems faceting awards will also be on display during 24th – 25th November 2017 at Eden Zone, 1st floor, Central World Shopping Center.



The prizes for the winner of GIT's World Jewelry Design Awards 2017:

1. Men's Jewelry Category

The first prize

- Royal trophy bestowed by
HRH Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol
- Cash of 2,500 USD

The 1st runner-up prize

- Cash of 1,500 USD with trophy

The 2nd runner-up prize

- Cash of 1,200 USD with trophy

2. Women's Jewelry Category

The first prize

- Royal trophy bestowed by
HRH Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol
- Cash of 2,500 USD

The 1st runner-up prize

- Cash of 1,500 USD with trophy

The 2nd runner-up prize

- Cash of 1,200 USD with trophy

3. Popular Design Award 2017 prize

- Cash of 800 USD, or equivalent to 32,000 THB with trophy (to be selected from the 20 designs which pass the first round judged by the public voting through our website).

The prizes for the winner of GIT's World Challenge Gems Faceting Master 2017:

1. The winner

- Cash of 2,000 USD with commemorative medal.

2. The 1st runner up

- Cash of 1,500 USD with commemorative medal.

3. The 2nd runner up

- Cash of 1,000 USD with commemorative medal.



4. Certificates

4.2 Master Competition certificates

For the entrants who have scored no less than 95 points per each stone with two stones evaluated, thereby attaining qualification to compete on the appropriate level of national or international competitions.

4.3 Advanced Competition Cutter certificates

For the entrants who have scored 90 to less than 95 points each stone with two stones evaluated, thereby attaining qualification to compete on the appropriate level of national or international competitions.

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