

UNDERWATER EXUBERANCE

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Angel

The 'Min Visithuru 2016' exhibition of ornamental fish, aquatic plants and accessories on August 5 organised by the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka was the draw card at Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Centre last week. The objective of this event was to promote Lanka's ornamental fish sector - which is an important foreign exchange earning field at present. "One of the main objectives of the event was to encourage the exhibition, more exports of ornamental fish and ornamental aquatic plants produced in Sri Lanka," the organizers said. Other objectives were; understand the challenges for the local ornamental fish industry, uplift of the industry to the international level and to gain foreign attraction for the industry.

The exhibition consisted of 100 stalls of various ornamental fish. There were also several awareness programs including a program

for those who are interested in exporting or starting a business on the ornamental fish industry. The exhibition was declared open by President Maithripala Sirisena who made an inspection tour of the exhibition and presented awards for the people engaged in the ornamental fish industry.

Ministers Mahinda Amaraweera and Lakshman Kiriella, State Minister Dilip Wedaarachchi, National Aquaculture Development Authority Chairman Upali Mohotti, Aquaculture Development Authority Director-General Nimal Chandrarathna, Prof J.M. Asoka (Chief Organiser) many others participated in this event.

This three-day event held from August 5 to 7 was visited by a large number of people representing industry representatives, collectors, and enthusiasts.

Sea Horse

Kissing Guarami

Alligator Gar fish

Angels (different varieties)

Black Diamond Stingray fish

Flowerhorn