



## CIBJO Congress to take place in Shanghai, China, November 2-4, 2024



MILAN, ITALY: MAY 16, 2024 – The World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO) will hold its 2024 annual congress in Shanghai, China, from November 2 to November 4. Pre-congress meetings will be held on October 31 and November 1.

The 2024 Congress will take place at the Shangri-La Qiantan convention centre, in the heart of Shanghai's New Bund International Business District in Pudong. It is being hosted by the Donghao Lansheng Group and the China Gems & Jade Exchange.

CIBJO congresses serve as the official gathering place for the World Jewellery Confederation's Assembly of Delegates, and are also the venue for the annual meetings of CIBJO's sectoral commissions, where amendments can be introduced to the organization's definitive directories of international industry standards for diamonds, coloured stones, pearls, gem labs, precious metals, coral and responsible sourcing, known as the Blue Books.

The CIBJO Congress is also where are reported upon the programmes of World Jewellery Confederation Education Foundation (WJCEF), as well as activities related to CIBJO's ongoing cooperation with the United Nations and its development programme.

As the gateway to the world's largest jewellery market, estimated to be worth \$141 billion in 2023, Shanghai with its 25 million residents is not only the country's most populous city, but it is also its industrial, commercial and financial centre. It additionally is the official gateway to China for jewellery and jewellery components, serving as headquarters of the Diamond Administration Centre of China (DAC) and the Shanghai Diamond Exchange, the Shanghai Gold Exchange (SGE) and the Shanghai Gems & Jade Exchange, which is the 2024 CIBJO Congress co-host.

"Significantly, this is the first CIBJO Congress to be taking place on the Chinese mainland, and it promises to be a spectacular event, which will not only underscore the development and growth of the jewellery industry in this country and region of the world, but the way in which it is impacting on the business worldwide, and is changing the way that all of us consider, design, manufacture and sell our products," said CIBJO President Gaetano Cavalieri. "It will be a most important congress, taking place at what clearly is a transformative time in our history. I hope that as many delegates as possible will be able to join us in Shanghai."

A dedicated 2024 CIBJO Congress website will be launched shortly.

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**The World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO)** is the international jewellery confederation of national trade organisations. CIBJO's purpose is to encourage harmonisation, promote international cooperation in the jewellery industry and to consider issues which concern the trade worldwide. CIBJO's chief mission is to protect consumer confidence in the industry. The World Jewellery Confederation is the sole jewellery industry organisation to have Special Consultative Status with the United Nation's Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) and is a member of the UN Global Compact.