

Activities held in Sri Lanka on the occasion of the 2005 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

For the celebration of the International Ozone Day (16 September 2005), the National Ozone Unit of Sri Lanka planned innovative events to highlight the commitments under Montreal Protocol for the protection of the ozone layer. Under the theme of the this year “ Act ozone friendly - stay sun safe” these events focused on creating awareness and raising knowledge among general public and school children about importance of protecting the ozone layer and how to act ozone friendly. This year the main program of ozone day celebration was held at All Ceylon Buddhist Congress Hall, Colombo 07, with the participation of Honorable Minister of Environment and Natural Resources as the chief guest.

Summary of the events are indicate below:

Quiz competition

All Island Inter School Quiz competition was organized among school children to raise their awareness and knowledge about ozone layer. Competition was organized as Sinhala and Tamil media separately. The final competition and prize giving took place on 16 September. Winners were awarded prizes and certificates by the Honorable Minister.

Drama competition

Drama competition was organized among schools island wide. The winning drama was invited to stage at the main celebration of International Ozone Day 16 September 2005

Poster competition

A poster competition was organized among school children and adults as separate sectors to use a poster as a media for transferring message. The prizes and certificates were awarded at the International Ozone Day celebration.

Poster Printing

Award winning posters from last year’s competition was printed and was distributed among the general public as a tool of awareness.

Published books

Published an Ozone booklet about Ozone layer protection and a book on code of good practices in refrigeration which were distributed at the ozone day celebration.

Souvenirs

A ceramic tile calendar for 2006 with ozone messages was distributed among participants at the celebration. In addition to this a colorful flyer with message on the ozone layer protection was distributed among participants at the celebration.