



Report
on
The Observance of World Ozone Day 2017



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World Ozone Day 2017

Introduction:

As per decision of United Nations the World Ozone Day 2017 was observed throughout Bangladesh on 16 September 2017 with due importance. The observance of the day has been as elsewhere in the world with renewed expression of solidarity with the international community to create awareness on the adverse impacts of the Ozone Layer Depletion. This year world has celebrated the 30th anniversary of Montreal Protocol on this occasion. Bangladesh, as elsewhere of the world has also pay due importance on the 30th anniversary of MP.

This year theme of the World Ozone Day was “Caring all life under the sun” which also translated into Bangla as “নিরাপদ সূর্যালোকে যতনে থাকিবে প্রাণ”.

An inter ministerial meeting was held on 16 August 2017 at the Ministry of Environment and Forests chaired by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry Mr. Md. Nurul Karim. Representatives from different ministries/ agencies of the government and different stakeholders participated in the meeting. The meeting gave necessary guidance to celebrate the day in a befitting manner. The Department of Environment under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh undertook various programs on the occasion. The Program included children and juvenile painting competition, outreach activities, special supplement on the daily newspapers, discussion program and so on.

Children & Juvenile Painting Competition:



Hon’ble Deputy Minister, MOEF and DG & ADG, DoE are observing the competition

A Children & Juvenile Painting Competition was organized on 25 August 2017 on the occasion of World Ozone Day. More than five hundred children and juvenile participated in the competition. The competition was grouped as ‘A’ (below 5 years- 11 years), ‘B’ (11 years – 16years) and ‘C’ (Children with disabilities). Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP, Hon’ble Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests was the Chief Guest. The Hon’ble Chief Guest, Mr. Md.

Raisul Alam Mondal Director General, Department of Environment & Mr. Quazi Sarwar Intiaz Hashmi, Additional General, Department of Environment inspired the participants. The Hon’ble Chief Guest, in his address touched upon the environment and how to protect the environment. He also mentioned the importance of protection of ozone layer in his address.

Three best artists were selected from each group as the winner of the competition. Hon'ble Chief Guest declared another best three children from each group was as selected winner for special prizes. A total twenty one numbers of children were declared as winner of the competition.



Hon'ble Deputy Minister is inspiring the children

Special Supplement

Special supplement was brought out in three major dailies on World Ozone Day. The national dailies were the Daily Ittefaq (Bangali Newspaper), the Daily Somokal (Bangali Newspaper) and the Daily Independent (English Newspaper). Messages from the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Hon'ble Minister and Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests and the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests were also came out in the supplement. Special articles from the Director General and Additional Director General of the Department of Environment were also included in these special supplements.



Supplement published on the Daily Newspapers

In his message, the Hon'ble President highlighting the role of ozone layer that play a vital role to safeguard the life on earth. Montreal Protocol has put concerted effort to repair the damage of the ozone layer. He also pointed out that sun ray is important for life on earth but that ray should be safe. In this regard, he expressed that this year's theme of the day is very suitable to aware mass people. This year Montreal Protocol has completed the journey of thirty years remarkable. Bangladesh have some success stories to accomplish the journey. He wished these success stories will create our people more aware about the ozone layer. He also expressed that Montreal Protocol is not only the instrument to repair the damage of the ozone layer but it bring some cobenefits also. It helps to combat climate change substantially.

Bangladesh is a climate vulnerable country and the implementation of Montreal Protocol will certainly give climate benefit for the vulnerable countries like Bangladesh in coming years. He wished all the success of the World Ozone Day.

Hon'ble Prime Minister in her message conveyed all concerned her well wishes on the celebration of the World Ozone Day 2017 and the 30th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol. She mentioned that this year theme for the World Ozone Day is very

appropriate. She mentioned that Montreal Protocol has been a success to repair the damage of the ozone layer as well as to mitigate the climate change. Bangladesh is also a part of this success. Bangladesh has successfully phased-out all potent ODSs from the country. She also hoped that, like Montreal Protocol, Kigali Amendment of the Protocol will also be successful to phase-down HFCs. She expected that celebration of the World Ozone day would aware people of the country on climate change issues along with ozone issues. She wished all the success of the day.

Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests, in his message, stated that this year marks the 30th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol. He recalled that Bangladesh is a part of the global success of the Protocol. He also said that Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol would definitely contribute to combat climate change and it is an opportunity for us to make our refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment energy efficient and environment friendly.

Honb'le Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests, in his message, hoped that Kigali Amendment will also be successful as Montreal Protocol succeeded the phasing out of ODSs. He also stated that the future benefits will be gathered by implementing the Kigali Amendment. He stated the Bangladesh commitment towards Montreal Protocol and Climate Change Convention. He hoped that Bangladesh example will inspire the world in safeguarding the environment.

Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests in his message highlighted the success story of Bangladesh in Montreal Protocol. He hoped that Bangladesh will be successful in phase-out activities in future as it was done before.

Director General and Additional Director General, Department of Environment wrote special articles in the supplement. In their articles, Ozone Layer depletion, Montreal Protocol, global and national responses, Kigali amendment & benefits of Kigali Amendment etc. were discussed.

Outreach Activities

Different outreach activities were undertaken on the occasion of the World Ozone Day 2017. A poster and leaflet were published on the observance of the World Ozone Day.



Awareness CD

DVD composed with different videos on the ozone issues were copied and distributed. Poster and leaflet on ozone layer depletion were also published and distributed to DoE district offices, refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) associations to make the people aware about the ozone layer depletion. Display boards focusing on the protection of ozone layer were also displayed in the various sections and important roads of Dhaka city.

Radio and TV talk show were aired on the occasion of this day. TV scroll was also aired. Besides, Short Message (SMS) on the observance of the World Ozone Day sent through every mobile phone operator. Wide media coverage was made on the day. Major dailies published news on the observance of the day. Special articles have also been published in several daily newspaper about the protection of the ozone layer.

Bangladesh Betar (National Radio) and Bangladesh Television (National TV) broadcasted the messages of the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister in their news and discussions program also arranged on the day. Prominent private TV channels like Channel I, Ekattor TV and ANT Bangla also telecast discussion programs on the occasion of World Ozone Day 2017.

The Main Program:

The Main Program was held on 16 September 2017 on the World Ozone Day. Mr.



Honorable Guests at the Main Program

Anwar Hossain Manju, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests was the Chief Guest of the Main Program. Ms. Kyoko Yokosuka, Acting Country Director, UNDP Bangladesh attended the program as Guest of Honour. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Mr. Istiaque Ahmad chaired the program. Director General, Department of Environment, Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, and Mr. Mohammed Shafiul

Alam Chowdhury, Chief Conservator of Forest were also present at the program. Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General & Project Director of All ODS Projects, Department of Environment was among the guests.

Winners of different events on World Ozone Day and World Environment Day 2017, officials from government organization and non-government organization, representatives of different associations, different stakeholders and media personnel were present in the program.

Before the beginning of the program the audience was entertained with the different videos about the ozone layer depletion prepared by the Department of Environment, UNDP and UNEP.



Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, ADG, DoE delivering his keynote presentation

The Main Program begins with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an. Then Project Director of all ODS Projects and Additional Director General Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi welcomed the guests and participants of the program. In his key note presentation, he informed the audience about the ozone, the ozone layer, harmful consequence of the ozone layer depletion, Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, and the success as well as activities to be undertaken by Bangladesh for the preservation of ozone layer. He also highlighted, in his presentation about Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol.



She reiterated UNDP's commitment to assist GOB to address the environmental issues. She thanked the government and desired to work with the government in environmental issues.

Ms. Koyko Yoksosui, Acting Country Director, UNDP is addressing at the Main Program

UNDP Acting Country Director appreciated Bangladesh's success in protecting the ozone layer through proper implementation of the Montreal Protocol. She praised the effort of Bangladesh in this regard.



Mr. Mohammed Shafiul Alam Chowdhury, CFO is addressing in the program

Mr. Mohammed Shafiul Alam Chowdhury, Chief Conservator of Forest, stressed upon the harmful effect of the ozone layer depletion. He pointed out that effects of ozone layer depletion lead to the damage of the ecosystem. He mentioned that global efforts on the protection of ozone layer have positive impact for the safeguard of forest and marine ecosystem. He thanked the ministry and the

Department of Environment (DoE) for organizing such an important event on the occasion of the World Ozone Day 2017.



Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, DG, DoE is addressing in the program

Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, Director General, DoE in his speech said that the Department of Environment is working for the protection of ozone layer since 1997. He reiterated the contribution of Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol to protect ozone layer. He mentioned that the day was the 30th anniversary of the global efforts to protect the ozone layer. He recalled all the projects that were implemented by the DoE. He

thanked the UN agencies for their all out support in implementing these projects. He wished the UN Agencies to work together with the government for the protection of ozone layer as well as other environmental issues.



Hon'ble minister for Environment and Forests, Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP is delivering his speech as Chief Guest

Hon'ble minister for Environment and Forests, Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP in his speech, stressed upon the need for creating awareness about the importance of ozone layer and possible impacts on nature caused by ozone layer depletion. He also reiterate the commitment of Bangladesh Government to phase-out remaining ODSs from the country on this occasion. He urged the developed countries to contribute more in environmental issues.



Mr. Istiaque Ahmad, Secretary, Ministry of Environment is giving concluding speech as Chair of the program

Mr. Istiaque Ahmad, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests chaired the function. He thanked Hon'ble Guests for their presence. He informed the audience about the phase-out activities of Bangladesh and mentioned that the challenges of remaining phase-out activities. He thanked the UN Agencies for assisting the government for the safeguard of the environment.



Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests, Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP is distributing prizes to winners of competition organized on the occasion of WOD 2017 and WED 2017

Hon'ble Chief Guest handed over prizes to the winners of Children & Juvenile Art Competition on the occasion of World Ozone Day 2017 and other competitions held on the occasion of World Environment Day 2017.

Following the prize distribution of the winners, the program ended with refreshment.