

**Sri Lanka**  
**International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, 16 September 2010**

The year 2010 is an important milestone in the history of protecting the ozone layer since it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vienna convention and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of Multilateral Fund (MLF). Year 2010 marks the final phase out of production and consumption of major ozone depleting substances as well.

Sri Lanka has made efforts to phase out CFCs, and Halons in advance of the phase-out schedule prescribed by the Montreal Protocol. Sri Lanka has been able to achieve Montreal Protocol targets on time without any complications due to successful awareness creation and legislative processes. Therefore National Ozone Unit in Sri Lanka has planned many interesting events in year 2010 as well in order to raise public awareness of the importance of protecting the ozone layer for present and future generations.

The following activities have been planned to be conducted for celebrating international ozone day 2010.

- The paper notice has been published about the art competition for school students in collaboration with the Ministry of posts and Telecommunications for selecting suitable art for the commemorative stamp for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vienna convention.
- Selecting 9 best arts and giving awards under the categories of 3 age groups.
- Publishing a booklet on Vienna convention and Montreal Protocol.
- Conducting a series of quiz competition for school children on ozone layer protection and selecting 6 schools from each educational zone. Finally selecting the best school and awarding prize and certificate at the Ozone day celebration.
- Conducting an oratory competition on ozone related topics among school children.
- Publishing paper supplements in all three languages conveying the message of protecting the ozone layer.