

Activities held in Bangladesh on the occasion of the 2006 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

- The International Ozone Day was observed throughout Bangladesh on 16 September 2006. Observance of the Day had 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.
- The Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of Bangladesh undertook various programmes on that Day including brought out special supplements in seven National Dailies in which messages of the Honorable President, the Honorable Prime Minister, the Honorable Minister for Environment and Forest, Honorable State Minister for Environment and Forest, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests were published. The special supplements also contained articles of Director General of the Department of Environment on the theme, "Protect the Ozone Layer - Save Life on Earth."
- The Bangladesh Betar (Radio) and Bangladesh Television had broadcast the messages of the Honorable President and the Honorable Prime Minister of the Government of Bangladesh. A discussion was held on 16 September 2004 in Bangladesh Television participated by the Honorable State Minister for Environment and Forest; Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Director (Technical) of the Department of Environment. The discussion was conducted by Dr. Rezaul Alam Khan of Bangladesh Television. Other Satellite Channel also organized special discussion and broadcast various TV footage on this issue.
- A painting competition was organized among the children on 11 September 2006. About 600 (six hundred) children belonging to various age groups between 3 and 16 years had participated in the competition. A nation-wide essay competition was also organized among the students from Schools to Universities on the eve of International Ozone Day on various topics.
- Honorable President of Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed in his message said that ozone layer is the natural shield, which protect the Earth by absorbing the ultra-violet rays of the sun that are harmful for life on the Earth. It is our first and foremost duty to protect the shield through reducing the use of ozone depleting substances, he added.
- Honorable Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in her message said Bangladesh is already on the road to implement a national plan for complete phase-out the major ozone depleting substances by 2010 in line with its stride to ensure an environment-friendly sustainable development. She expressed her hope that all states and people would work together to protect the ozone layer and make the earth habitable in the greater interests of all leaving beings.
- A seminar was organized marking the day by the Department of Environment on 17 September, 2006 at the conference hall of the Local Government

Engineering Department, Dhaka where Mr. Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests was the Chief Guest. He informed that National ODS Phase-out Plan (NOPP) had targeted 2010 to phase-out all major ODSs in Bangladesh. He also informed that under NOPP, refrigeration sector would be completely CFC-free by 2010. For MDI phase-out, he also advised the relevant government officials to put forward with a proposal essential exemption and for technical & financial assistance to the coming MOP to be held in New Delhi, India.