



Ministry of Environment

National Ozone Unit

Online Video Competition for Youth

“Protecting Our Atmosphere For Generations To Come”

Since Scientists discovered in 1970s that the Ozone layer is being depleted due to manmade chemicals (such as CFCs, HCFCs, Halons, Methyl Bromide, etc.), World Community had been alarmed of the thinning of Ozone layer. Preserving the Ozone layer is very important for the existence of living beings on planet earth as well as for mitigating the climate change and many more environment related catastrophes. Therefore, in 1985, Vienna Convention for the protection of Ozone layer had been convened and in 1987, Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances was established. Today, this Protocol is considered to be the most successful Treaty, implemented on environmental issues.

Whole world celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on 16th September 2012. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Ozone Secretariat and *Ozone Action Programme* are in forefront in organizing official celebrations with all governments during the week of 12-16 November 2012 parallel to the 24th Meeting of the Parties to Montreal Protocol. These organizations are pleased to invite young, creative persons at **25 years of age or below** for the ‘Online Video Competition’.

The criteria of the video are as follows;

- **Type of presentation**
Public Service Announcement (PSA), Live-action, animated or type driven video
- **Duration**
30 seconds, 60 seconds or 90 seconds
- **Content**
The video should communicate
 - Remarkable aspects of the Montreal Protocol (e.g. science, industry, society)
 - How its implementation has contributed to protecting life on Earth, especially this treaty has impacted human lives
 - Importance in protecting the ozone layer, contributing to mitigation of greenhouse gases
 - The video should use an engaging and easily understandable form
 - Information presented must be factually accurate
- **Prizes**
First place – All expenses paid trip to Geneva during 12-16 November 2012
Second Place – US\$ 500
Third Place – US\$ 300

- **Closing Date**

15th October 2012

For further information of this competition and details of method of submission of your video, please visit www.noulanka.lk or forward you writing request to Director, National Ozone Unit, Ministry of Environment, 980/4, Wickramasinghe Place, EthulKotte, Kotte. Tel: 2883417, 2883455 Fax: 2883417; E-mail – ozone@noulanka.lk

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