



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT



NATIONAL OZONE UNIT

Commemoration of International Ozone Day on National Level

16th September 2012

All Island Poster Competition

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has declared 16th September as the International Ozone Day to emphasize the importance of protecting the Ozone layer which lies between 10 and 50km of the atmosphere that protects the life on earth. The National Ozone Unit (NOU), Ministry of Environment has made arrangements to conduct an island wide poster competition to commemorate this remarkable date.

**Theme: Let us reduce the use of Hydrochlouroflurcarbons(HCFC) an
Ozone Depleting Substance(ODS)".**

Sri Lanka has become signatory to the Vienna Convention for the protection of Ozone layer and the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances(ODSs) in 1989. Sri Lanka was able to completely stop the use of CFCs which is a group of ODSs by 2010 through the successful implementation of Montreal Protocol obligations in Sri Lanka. HCFCs which were introduced as transitional substitute for CFCs for certain uses are mainly used in refrigeration and air conditioning industries as a refrigerant and as a cleaning agents in service sector. Compared to CFCs the Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) of HCFCs are lower and have high Global Warming Potential (GWP). Hence HCFCs have been identified as a group of chemicals that harm the Ozone Layer. The HCFC Phase out Management Plan (HPMP) in Sri Lanka has been launched for the implementation of the gradual HFC Phase out schedules in Sri Lanka. Further restrictions are to be imposed on the imports of HCFCs from 1st of January 2012.

The Objectives

The main objective of the competition are to create awareness among the general public as well as among the school children on the HPMP in Sri Lanka, and to obtain an active participation towards the collaborative efforts in protecting the life saving Ozone Layer by popularizing the use of more environmental friendly non HCFC alternatives.

Target Groups

Competition is conducted separately under the following groups:

- Group 01: School Students in Grades 7, 8, 9, 10
- Group 02: School Students in Grades 11,12, 13
- Group 03: Open competition(other individuals interested in protecting the environment)

Conditions

01. Paper size should be 22” * 17”
02. Creations could be in Sinhala, Tamil, or English medium
03. Any colour medium could be used- water colours / oil paint/ pastel
04. It should not be a graphic creation
05. The participations could forward ay number of creations
06. The principal of the school should certify the creations of student as their own

Closing Date

The creations could be sent via registered post to the Director, National Ozone Unit, 980/4, Wickramasinghe Place, Ethul Kotte on or before 10.09.2012(For more details contact via Tel No. 0122883455/ ozone@noulanka.lk)

Prizes and Certificates:

	Group 01	Group 02	Group 03
1 st Prize	Rs 15,000/=	Rs 20,000/=	Rs 25,000/=
2 nd Prize	Rs 10,000/=	Rs 15,000/=	Rs 17,500/=
3 rd Prize	Rs 7,500/=	Rs 10,000/=	Rs 12,500/=

In addition 20 merit certificates will be awarded.

It is expected to award prizes and certificates at the 2012 National International Ozone Day Celebrations. The decision of the Director, National Ozone Unit of the Ministry of Environment is final with regard to judgments of the competition.

Secretary
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