



Report
on
International Ozone Day 2016



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Introduction:

The International Ozone Day 2016 was observed throughout Bangladesh 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 theme of this year's International Ozone Day is **“Ozone and Climate: Restored by a world united”** and tagline is **“Working towards reducing the global warming HFC under the Montreal Protocol”**. The theme recognizes the collective efforts of the parties to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol towards the restoration of the ozone layer over the past three decades and the global commitment to combat climate change.

The Department of Environment under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh undertook various programmes to observe the day. The Program included children painting competition, outreach activities, special supplement on the daily newspapers, discussion programs in electronic media and so on.

Children's Painting Competition:

A Children Painting Competition was organized on August 31, 2016 on the occasion of International Ozone Day at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy. About two hundred and fifty children participated in the competition. Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General and Project Director, ODS Projects, Department of Environment was present at the competition to encourage the children. The competition was grouped as A (below 7 years), B (7 years – below 11 years), C (11 years – below 16 years) and D (Autistic Children). Three best painters were selected as winners from each group and all the Autistic Children were awarded prizes.



A view of Children's Painting Competition on eve of IOD 2016



Additional Director General, DoE and Project Director of ODS Projects is inspiring the children on the painting competition

Special Supplement

Special supplement was brought out in two major dailies on the occasion of International Ozone Day on 16 September 2016. His Excellency President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Md. Abdul Hamid**, and Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Sheikh Hasina** gave separate messages highlighted the importance of day and urged to work unitedly to protect ozone layer and combat climate change. Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests **Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju**, MP and Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests **Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob**, MP also gave messages on the occasion.



Special supplement published in the daily news paper

His Excellency President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh stated in his message that all countries of the world including Bangladesh working towards reducing global warming for HFCs and will phase-down it under the Montreal Protocol. He urged the developed countries to play key role and support developing countries for the ozone layer protection as well as combating climate change. He also emphasized on the adoption of green technology for the protection of ozone layer. He wished a success of the day.

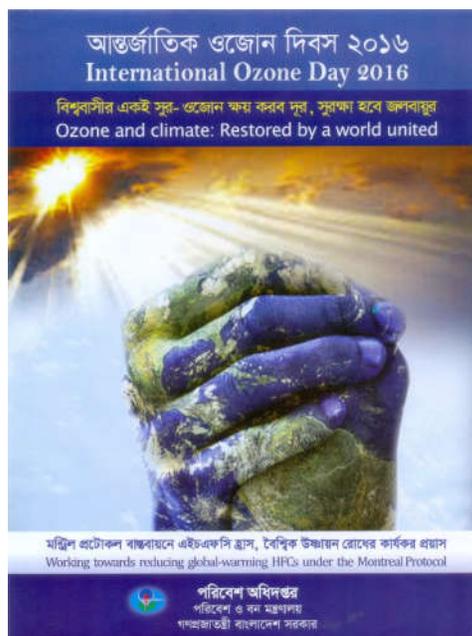
Hon'ble Prime Minister in her message mentioned that Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol are landmarks to protect human being and nature from the Ultra Violet Ray. She also said that Montreal Protocol is not only

protecting the ozone layer but also saving our climate from the global warming. She mentioned that we have adopted HFC technology while phasing out CFCs under the Montreal Protocol and now we are working towards the reducing HFC the high global warming potential under the same Protocol. She believes that Montreal Protocol will also be successful as previous in the HFC phase-down and contribute to combating climate change. She expressed that concerted effort of the world community will be

needed to solve the global warming problem. She urged the people of Bangladesh to adopt such technology that will not damage the ozone layer and the climate.

Articles of Director General and Additional Director General of the Department of Environment were also published in the supplement of the national daily newspapers highlighting importance of Ozone Day and way forward.

Outreach Activities



Poster and Leaflet design for IOD 2016

Different outreach activities were undertaken on the occasion of the International Ozone Day 2016. A poster was published on the observance of International Ozone Day 2016. Poster and video clipping on ozone layer depletion were distributed to make the people aware about the need of ozone layer protection. Radio and TV talk show were aired on the occasion of this day. TV scroll and TV spots were also aired and special coverage was given in national news in various TV channels.

Bangladesh Betar (Radio) and Bangladesh Television (BTV) broadcasted the messages of the H.E President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the day. A discussion programme

was held on 16 September 2016 in Bangladesh Television, participated by the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP and Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP, and the Director General of the Department of Environment, Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal.



Hon'ble Guests of the IOD 2016 Programme

Discussion Programme and Prize Giving Ceremony:

A Discussion Programme and Prize Giving Ceremony was held on 29 September 2016 at 'Hoimonti' Auditorium of Forest Department, Dhaka. Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP, Hon'ble Minister for

Environment and Forests was the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests, Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP was present as special guest. Mr. Nick Beresford, Country Director, a.i, UNDP-Bangladesh and Mr. Atul Bagai, Senior Regional Coordinator, UNEP-ROAP attended the programme as Guest of Honour. Mr. Tipu Sultan, MP and Hon'ble Member of Parliamentary Standing Committee for the Ministry of Environment and Forests was also present in the programme.

Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed chaired the programme. Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, Director General, Department of Environment and Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi Project Director of ODS Projects in Bangladesh & Additional Director General were present in the programme. Winners of different competitions organized on the occasion of International Ozone Day and World Environment Day 2016,



officials from different government and non-government organizations, representatives of different associations, stakeholders and media personnel were present in the programme.

The programme began with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an. Then Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Project Director, ODS Projects and Additional Director General welcomed the distinguished guests and participants of the programme. He informed the audience about the ozone related activities in Bangladesh and its success. Before the beginning of the programme different videos on the ozone layer depletion were screened. Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP and Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests highlighted the ozone activities in Bangladesh. He recalled the success of CFC phase-out activities in Bangladesh. He mentioned that Bangladesh is in leading position among the developing countries and Bangladesh is the Vice President of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and played a leading role in the last Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. He



Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi is addressing on the occasion of International Ozone Day 2016.

also highlighted the position of Bangladesh in Dubai Pathway and upcoming Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. He wished the programme a success.



Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP is delivering his speech

In his address, hon'ble Guest of Honour and Senior Regional Coordinator, UNEP ROAP, Bangkok office Mr. Atul Bagai congratulated Bangladesh for her Montreal Protocol target achievement for 2015. He mentioned that Bangladesh has not only just met the 10% reduction target by 2015 rather it has gone beyond this target. He mentioned that Bangladesh is always being the inspiration for the developing countries

and the region on ozone activities. He thanked all for the contribution to the global ozone family.

Mr. Nick Beresford, Deputy Country Director, UNDP – Bangladesh and the Hon'ble Guest of Honor of the programme also congratulated Bangladesh for the leadership in global environmental negotiation. He thanked Hon'ble Deputy Minister for his leadership in international negotiation for the safeguarding the environment and the ozone layer. He mentioned that with almost 7.1% GDP growth, Bangladesh is experiencing increasing demand for appliances having ODS in air-



Mr. Atul Bagai is delivering his speech



Mr. Nick Beresford is delivering his speech

conditioners and refrigerators. Despite the challenges of this increasing demand, Bangladesh did and doing well in the phase-out activities of ozone depleting substances and one of the most successful countries. He appreciated the activities undertaken by the Government of Bangladesh for the protection of the ozone layer and reiterated UNDP's commitment to assist the GOB to address the environmental issues. He also mentioned the country's success in protecting the ozone layer is remarkable. He thanked the government and hoped to

work jointly combatting environmental problems and stressed upon the government commitment on the safe guard environment and ozone layer. He also congratulated the Hon'ble Prime Minister for winning the Champions of the Earth award reflected the government commitment and eagerness to work for the environment.



Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, DG, DoE is giving his speech on IOD 2016.

Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, Director General, DoE in his address, said that Department of Environment is working for the protection of ozone layer since 1997. He reiterated the epoch making event in ozone protection i.e, the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol. In this connection, he recalled all the projects implemented by the DoE. He thanked the implementing agencies for their all out

support in implementing these projects. He wished the implementing agencies to work together with the government for the protection of ozone layer as well as other environmental issues. He also informed the house that due to unavoidable circumstances the observance of IOD shifted from 16th September to 29th September. He congratulated the winners of various events on the occasion of World Environment Day 2016 and International Ozone Day 2016.



Mr. Tipu Sultan MP is delivering his speech

Mr. Tipu Sultan, MP and Hon'ble Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee for the Ministry of Environment and Forests thanked the ministry for organizing such an important programme.

Hon'ble minister for Environment and Forests Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP in his address, stressed upon the need for creating awareness on the importance of ozone layer protection and possible impacts on earth's living creatures caused by ozone layer depletion. He also reiterated the commitment of Bangladesh Government to phase-out remaining ODSs from the



Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju MP is delivering his speech

country on this occasion. He urged the developed countries to contribute more for combating environmental problems. He then handed over prizes to the winners of Children Painting Competition on the occasion of International Ozone Day 2016 and other competitions held on the occasion of World Environment Day 2016.



Secretary MOEF, Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed is delivering his speech

In his address, Chair of the programme Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests thanked Hon'ble Guests for their presence. He shared with the audience about the phase-out activities of Bangladesh and the challenges of remaining ODSs to phase-out. He thanked the implementing agencies for co-operating with the government for the safe guard of the environment. He asked all concern to play their role in

order to phase-down HFC as before.

Conclusion

Programmes and activities undertaken on the occasion of the International Ozone Day 2016 have created an opportunity to aware mass people and the key stakeholders on ozone layer protection as well reducing green house gases. The presence of the hon'ble guests and participants reflected the commitment and the support to work together for the protection of the ozone layer and phase-down HFC.

