

The international Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2016 Celebration

OZONE LAYER PROTECTION: Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united.

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The International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer was successfully celebrated with much enthusiasm on South Tarawa the main capital city of Kiribati on the 16th of September 2016. The day was celebrated in a week where the day of 16th of September falls from 12th September Monday to 16th September on Friday where the planned activities celebrated. The celebration involves various of awareness programs, starting from notification of news and update from the Kiribati Environment and Conservation Division webpage through the internet, meeting with key stakeholders, distribution of awareness materials, secondary school visiting and showcase of ODS gases and services of good practices at the public areas at Bairiki Square.

A radio script was recorded by interested stakeholders and aired over AM Radio- a national radio used in Kiribati for public announcement. The topics on the radio script conveys the theme for 2016 celebration of International Day for Ozone Layer, current of various issues on the preservation of the ozone layer in relation with Climate change, social responsibility towards its preservation, Kiribati obligation under the Montreal Protocol as well as brief introduction of the Montreal Protocol. This script was aired over the AM radio announcement program in a period of one week from 12th September to 16th September 2016.

Another part of the celebration was a school visit to all of the secondary high schools on South Tarawa targeting all of students in high schools. The visit was conducted by our team from the Environment and Conservation Division (ECD) consisting of the National Ozone Unit with the Environment Outreach Unit representatives. This school visit involves the delivering of presentation of clear brief description of Ozone layer, highlighting its importance, ozone layer and the Environment, its linkage with Climate Change in the phasing out of Ozone Depletion Substance (ODS) gases practices and presenting common uses of ODS gases used in Kiribati. All of the high secondary schools on South Tarawa of 6 in total visited of participants for each school approximate of 1200 students. Feedback received and questioned raised from students queries on the Ozone layer all settled and discussed during the visit.

Lastly was a showcase activity done by stakeholders and hired of group of youth dramatizing the 2016 International Day for Ozone layer theme as an entertainment to general public. The showcase activity was targeting the general public and this was held at the centre of South Tarawa, the main area used by the public for social purpose- Bairiki Square on Friday 16th of September. It a one day activity start from 10:00am and ends at 3:30pm involved the distribution and dissemination of ODS awareness materials of pamphlets and posters to the general public containing information on Preservation of Ozone Layer at our national level. Free charge of services to the general public on refrigeration to the general public demonstrating goods practices on services of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC). This was done volunteered by stakeholders. As well with a continued dramatized was done of the 2016 International Ozone Day theme by the YCL youth group during the showcase activity. In total there were 11 stakeholders participating in this activity and more of general public involved in this activity.

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Figure 1: Free service of charge for servicing to refrigeration volunteered by stakeholders for demonstrating good practices on RAC done during the Showcase activity.



Figure 2: Awareness materials used during the Showcase activities presented to the general public



Figure 3: YCL group dramatizing the 2016 International theme for Ozone Day to the general public



Figure 4: Secondary High Schools visit program- awareness consultation on Ozone Layer to all secondary high schools on South Tarawa