World Ozone Day activities in Turkmenistan
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In honor of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, representatives of the National Ozone Unit (NOU) under the State Committee on Environmental Protection and Land Resources of Turkmenistan, with the Ozone Secretariat’s financial assistance, held a series of events under the slogan: “Keep cool and carry on”.

**September 12, the first day**, the NOU staff held a lecture on the protection of the ozone layer and climate change among students of the 10th and 11th forms of the orphanage “Palace of prosperity” named after the President UAE Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan. Lecture, scientific film and presentations on the problems of ozone depletion and active discussion on the problem were held for high school students.
On September 13, the NOU staff organized an educational environment action and entertaining event for the children of the Palace of Orphans entitled “We all together protect the Ozone layer of the Planet”, which were attended by 190 pupils, their teachers and Director of the orphanage and a representative of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan. The event included various quizzes, games, competitions for all age groups of pupils, during which the organizers explained to the children what ozone protection of the Earth is and why it is important to preserve it. The pupils of the Palace took part in the contest of drawing on the following themes: “Ozone and Climate”, “Protecting nature means loving the Motherland”. Animators, Fairy-tale characters, in Turkmen and Russian languages, developed a dialogue with teenagers, in the cause of which the kids guessed the pictures and musical fragments of the cartoon story. On behalf of the Ozone Unit, thematic T-shirts, notebooks and glasses, as well as a variety of sweets, were preliminary ordered and then given out to all the children.
The following days, 20 open lessons (5 lessons per each school) were held in secondary schools №16, №7, №64 and №12 of Ashgabat for the students of the 6th to 11th forms. The main purpose of the lectures was to inform students about the importance of the ozone layer, the causes of its destruction, alternative ozone-safe technologies and how the ozone layer and climate change are closely interrelated. In addition, the students were acquainted with the rules of safe sun exposure in hot days (35-40°C) and learned how to protect themselves from excessive sunlight; then the lessons were followed by the question-answer period.
The article “A quarter of a century on the protection of the ozone layer of the Planet” dedicated to the World Ozone Day was published in the newspaper “Neutral Turkmenistan” on September 17, 2018.

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