

International Ozone Day and World Clean-up Day

PORT-VILA, VANUATU

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**KLIN VANUATU: RISPEKTEM MAN, RISPEKTEM
ENVAEROMEN**

Introduction

This brief document will summaries the activities, outcomes and feedbacks about the International Ozone Day & World Clean-up Day at Chief's Nakamal in Port Vila. This event happened on Wednesday 16 September.

Theme: *Ozone for Life, 35 Years of Ozone Layer Protection & Klin Vanuatu: Rispektem Man, Rispektem Envaeromen.*

Body

The International Ozone Day was celebrated along with the World Clean-up Day to advocate for both days as they both contribute to keeping our environment clean, safe and help to reduce climate change. The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation team worked together in partnership with other departments, organizations, schools, and the media outlets in celebrating this event.

Program

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 – 09:00	<i>Registration of Participants</i>
09:00 – 10:00	<i>Introduction to Local Products Display & Others – Live Band Commences</i>
OPENING FORMALITIES	
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Opening Statement by Mrs. Roselyn Bue – Senior Officer Ozone & Chemicals</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Welcome Statement and Official Speech by Mrs. Esline Garaebiti – Director General – Ministry of Climate Change</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Quiz & Video Displays from UN Environment: Ozone & Plastic Waste</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Awareness by Departments – Energy, Climate Change, Environment</i>
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Introduction to Diaper Ban Public Consultation</i>
LUNCH	

12:30 – 13:30	<i>Video & Photo Competition Display - Prizes</i>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>PVTC Display: Safe Handling Procedure of Equipment's with Ozone Substances</i>
14:30 – 17:00	<i>Awareness by DEPC & Public Consultations on Diaper Ban Continues</i>
17:00 – 18:00	<i>Presentation of Environment Champion Certificates & T-shirt</i>
18:00 – 18:30	<i>Closing Remarks by MC</i>

According to the program, all the participants and invited guests were assembled at the venue around 10:00am before the official opening. Registration was done with everyone who attended and programs and brochures were distributed upon arrival.

The official program began at 10:00am where official statements were given out by DEPC's senior chemical/ozone officer and the guest speaker of the day Mrs. Eslina Garaebiti (DG, Climate change). Introductory videos were viewed along with follow up quizzes were asked to everyone. Awareness sessions from the departments of Energy, Climate change and Environment was also an important part of the event as students from various high schools were invited. Presentations of prizes were given out to the winning individuals who took part in the ozone video and world clean up photo competition. A popular regional artist Mr. Renold was there to keep everyone entertained.

Lunch was served to all the participants and inflatable water bottles were distributed to the participants to mark that day's event. Students from Pacific Vocational Training Centre presented a short display on best handling of flammable refrigerants to the public.

Display booths were set out by different organizations who took part in the event, advocating for the two themes of the day **"Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Layer Protection"** and **"KLIN VANUATU: RISPEKTEM MAN, RISPEKTEM ENVAEROMEN"**.

It was very encouraging to see the Mamas Life team who also took part in the booth displays to be part of the consultation on diaper ban to highlight some of their products for the public to see. Environment champion t-shirts and certificates were given to registered licensed waste operators in Port Vila to recognize their contributions towards

keeping Port-Vila's environment clean and to keep their support in continuing to assist the department, Port Vila city council and Shefa province in which ever environment activity's their doing.

There is a huge difference about this year's celebration compared to last year as a result of everyone's pro-active participation in the preparation and event happenings itself. Advertisement on press, social media outlets and posters did really help a lot in getting children and even mothers from different areas to participate in the event which shows that Vanuatu is moving one-step forward in caring to reduce wastes and chemicals in our environment to also contribute in the protection of the ozone layer.

Conclusion

In summary, the event brought edifying accomplishments through the day's event. Everyone had enjoyed the day as it went well according to the program and as scheduled. More than 250 people participated in the event, a lot visited the display tables, taking brochures and inflatable water bottles which shows that people tend to understand the importance of the day and are happy to have participated. We are looking forward in expanding the celebration in the next coming years, in order to bring more participants especially students and young people, as they are the future leaders of our nation.

APPENDIX

Below are some pictures taken during the event:

Fig 1.1 Participants during the quizzes session.



Fig 1:2 showing event organizers after the celebration photos.



Fig 1:3 PVTC students displaying safety-handling procedures of flammable refrigerants.

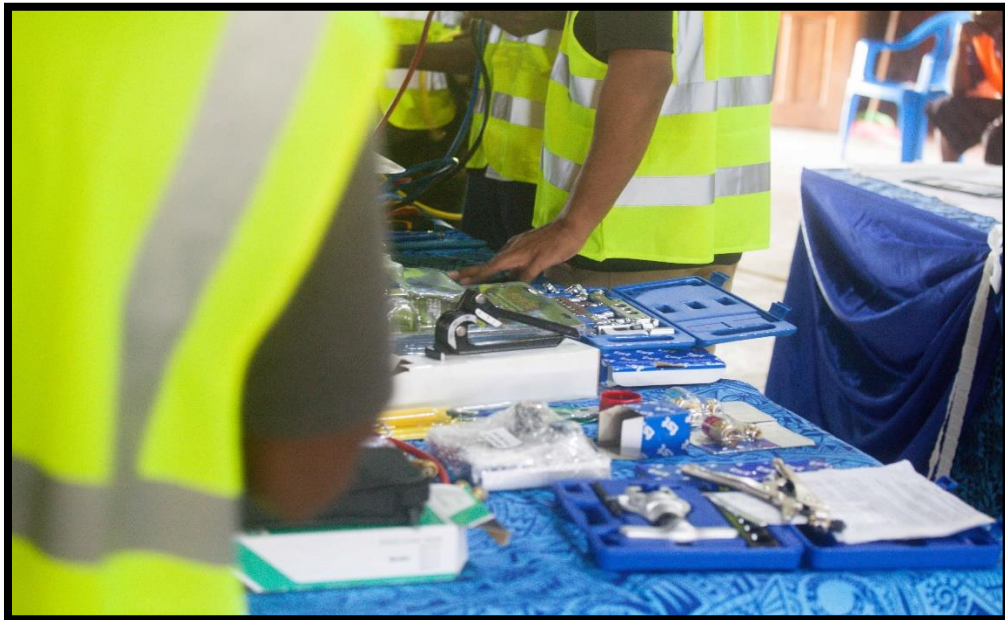


Fig.2.1 showing brochures of plastic ban and information on refrigerants in equipment's.



Fig 2.3 opening statement by Mrs. Bue (senior chemical/ozone, DEPC) and the guest speaker Mrs. Esline (DG of MOCC).



Fig 3.1 showing Mr. Misel from the dept. of Energy and Mr. Thomas from the dept. of Climate change during their presentations.



You can also click go to salmon to get other pictures and short videos of that day including winning photos and videos for the two competitions:

Thank you everyone for being part of these two events.