



**Report**  
**on**  
**The Observance of International Ozone**  
**Day 2018**



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## International Ozone Day 2018

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### **Introduction:**

As per decision of United Nations the International Ozone Day 2018 was observed throughout Bangladesh on 16 September 2018 in a befitting manner. The observance of the day has been as elsewhere in the world with renewed expression of solidarity with the international community to create awareness on adverse impacts of the Ozone Layer Depletion.

This year theme of the World Ozone Day was “Keep cool and carry on, The Montreal Protocol” which also purported into Bangla as “শীতল থাকার পরিবেশবান্ধব কৌশল, মেনে চলি মনট্রিল প্রটোকল”.

An inter-ministerial meeting was held on 20 August 2018 at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) chaired by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry Dr. Nurul Quadir. Representatives from different ministries/ agencies of the government and different stakeholders attended in the meeting. The meeting provided overall guidance to celebrate the day with due importance. The Department of Environment under MOEFCC, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh chalked out various programs on the occasion. The Program included children painting competition, outreach activities, special supplement on the daily newspapers, seminars, discussions, facebook boosting etc.

### **Children’s Painting Competition:**

A Children Painting Competition was organized on 05 September, 2018 on the occasion of International Ozone Day. About three hundred children participated in the competition. The competition was grouped as ‘A’ (below 7 years), ‘B’ (7 years – below 11 years) and ‘C’ (11 years to below 16 years) and ‘D’ (Children with disabilities). Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP, Honb’le Deputy Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The Honb’le Chief guest of the competition along with Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional General, Department of Environment encouraged the children while visiting them. The Honb’le Chief Guest, in his address highlighted the importance of the environment and how to protect the environment. He also touched upon the importance of ozone layer protection in his address.

Three best artists were selected from each group as the winner of the competition. Twelve children were declared winners of the competition.

## **Special Supplement**

The Daily Somokal (Bangali Newspaper), the Daily Independent (English Newspaper) and the Daily Industry (English Newspaper) brought out special supplement on the occasion of International Ozone Day. To mark the occasion, messages from the Honb'le President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Honb'le Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Honb'le Minister and Honb'le Deputy Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change were published in the supplement. Special articles from the Director General and Additional Director General of the Department of Environment were also published in these special supplements.

In his message, the Honb'le President stated that ozone layer play a vital role to safeguarding life on earth. Montreal Protocol has put concerted effort to repair the damage of the ozone layer. He also pointed out that sun ray is important for life on earth but that ray should be safe. He stated that the whole world including Bangladesh has put their efforts to phase-out CFCs. Now the world is addressing the issue of high global warming potential HFCs. In this regard, he expressed that this year's theme of the day is very suitable to aware mass people. He also stressed his concern about the increased environmental pollution. He expressed that, in observance the day, mass people will be awared about the ozone layer protection and climate change issues. He hailed the nation to make the world livable for the next generation. He wished all the success of the International Ozone Day.

Honb'le Prime Minister in her message conveyed all concerned her well wishes on the celebration of the International Ozone Day. She considered that this year theme for the International Ozone Day is very appropriate for the present situation. She mentioned that the Montreal Protocol has been a success to repair the damage of the ozone layer as well to mitigate the climate change. Bangladesh is also a part of this success. Bangladesh has successfully phased-out all potent ODSs from the country. She also hoped that, like Montreal Protocol, Kigali Amendment to the Protocol will also be successful to phase-down HFCs. She expected that celebration of the International Ozone day would aware people on climate change issues along with ozone issues. She wished all the success of the day.

Honb'le Minister for Environment and Forests in his message stated that that Bangladesh is a part of the global success of the Protocol. He mentioned that major ODSs have been phased out from the world and the world is working to phase-out remaining ODSs within 2030. He also said that Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol would definitely contribute to

combat climate change and it is an opportunity for us to make our refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment energy efficient and environment friendly.

Honb'le Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests expressed the hope that the Kigali Amendment will also be successful as Montreal Protocol succeeded in the phasing out of ODSs. He also mentioned the future benefits by implementing the Kigali Amendment. He stated Bangladesh position about implementation of Montreal Protocol and Climate Change. He hoped that Bangladesh example will inspire the world in safeguarding the environment.

Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests in his message stated the success story of Bangladesh in the Montreal Protocol. He hoped that Bangladesh will be successful in phase-out activities in future as before. He also expressed that, Kigali Amendment will be as successful as other amendment to the Montreal Protocol in terms of phasing down of HFC.

Director General and Additional Director General, Department of Environment wrote special articles in the supplement. In their articles, Ozone Layer depletion, Montreal Protocol, global and national responses, features & benefits of Kigali Amendment etc. has been described.

### **Outreach Activities**

Different outreach activities were undertaken on the occasion of the International Ozone Day. A poster digitally published on the observance of the International Ozone Day 2018. Face book animation was created and facebook boasting was made to reach more people in the country to aware the harmful effect of ozone layer depletion. Radio and TV talk show were aired on the occasion of this day. TV scroll was also aired. Besides, mobile phone short message (SMS) on the observance of the International Ozone Day sent through every mobile phone operator. Wide media coverage was made on the program undertaken for the International Ozone Day 2018. Major dailies have reported the observance of the day. Special articles have also been published in several daily newspapers about the protection of the ozone layer.

Bangladesh Betar (Radio) and Bangladesh Television (BTV) broadcasted the messages of the Honb'le President and the Honb'le Prime Minister. Other electronic and print media have broadcasted the news on the observance of International Ozone Day.

A seminar was also held on the occasion of International Ozone Day 2018 by Walton Group in association with Department of Environment on 15 September 2018. MR. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury, Secretary, MOEFCC was present as the chief guest of this seminar. Dr. S. M. Mojurul Hannan Khan, Additional Secretary (Environment), MOEFCC was present as the Special Guest. Dr. Sultan Ahman, DG, DoE chaired the seminar. Mr. S M Nurul Alam

Rizvi, Chairman, Walton Group delivered the address of welcome to the seminar. Mr. Ashraful Ambia, CEO, Walton Hitech Industries Ltd. gave the key note presentation. Among other guests Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional DG, DoE, Mr. Md. Ziaul Haque, Director DoE and other high officials were also present at the seminar.

**Seminar:**

A seminar was held on 16 September 2018 on the International Ozone Day. Mr. Anisul Islam Mahmud, MP, Honb'le Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change graced the seminar as the Chief Guest. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury attended the seminar as Special Guest. Dr. Sultan Ahmed, Director General, Department of Environment chaired the programme. Mr. Mohammed Shafiul Alam Chowdhury, Chief Conservator of Forest and Mr. Khurshid Alam, Assistant Country Director, UNDP Bangladesh were also present at the program. Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, Department of Environment and Mr. Ziaul Haque, Director (AQM) and National Project Direct, INS Phase-8 Project were also present.

Winners of the children's painting competition on the occasion of International Ozone Day 2018, officials from government organization and non-government organization, representatives of different associations, different stakeholders and media personnel were present in the program.

Before the beginning of the program the audience was entertained with the different videos about the ozone layer depletion prepared by the Department of Environment, UNDP and UNEP.

The ceremony begins with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an. National Project Director, INS Phase-VIII Project and Director (AQM) Mr. Ziaul Haque welcomed the guests and participants of the program. In his address he highlighted the importance of the International Ozone Day and informed the audience of the detailed program organized in observance of Ozone Day.

Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, Department of Environment gave a key note presentation. In his key note presentation, he informed the audience about the ozone, the ozone layer, harmful consequence of the ozone layer depletion, Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, and success as well as activities undertaken by Bangladesh for the preservation of ozone layer. He also highlighted, in his presentation about Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol.

Assistant Country Director of UNDP Mr. Khurshid Alam appreciated Bangladesh's success in protecting the ozone layer through proper implementation of the Montreal Protocol. He praised Bangladesh's efforts. He reiterated UNDP's commitment to assist GOB to address the environmental issues. He thanked the government and desired to work with the government in environmental issues.

Mr. Mohammed Shafiul Alam Chowdhury, Chief Conservator of Forest stressed upon the harmful effect of the ozone layer depletion. He pointed out that, effects of ozone layer depletion lead to the damage of the ecosystem. He mentioned that global efforts on the protection of ozone layer have positive impact on safeguarding the forests and marine ecosystem. He thanked the ministry and the Department of Environment (DoE) for organizing such important event on the occasion of the International Ozone Day, 2018.

Honb'le Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury in his speech, said that the government is working for the protection of ozone layer since 1997. He reiterated the contribution of Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol to protect ozone layer. He recalled all the projects implemented by the DoE particularly with the private sectors. He thanked the implementing agencies for their all out support in implementing the projects. He made a request to the implementing agencies to work together with the government for the protection of ozone layer as well as other environmental issues.

Honb'le Chief Guest and then handed over prizes to the winners of Children Painting Competition on the occasion of International Ozone Day 2018.

Honb'le minister for Environment and Forests, Mr. Anisul Islam Mahmud, MP in his speech, stressed the need for creating awareness about the importance of ozone layer and possible impacts on nature caused by ozone layer depletion. He also reiterate the commitment of Bangladesh Government to phase-out remaining ODSs from the country as per target. He urged the developed countries to contribute more in environmental issues.

Dr. Sultan Ahmed, Director General, Department of Environment chaired the function. He thanked Honb'le Guests for their presence. He informed the audience about the phase-out activities of Bangladesh and mentioned that the challenges of remaining phase-out activities. He thanked the implementing agencies for co-operating the government for the safeguarding the environment.

Following the speech of the Chair, the program ended with refreshment.

## Photo Gallery

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*Keep Cool and Carry on, The Montreal Protocol*



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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

A poster was designed for the celebration of International Ozone Day 2018



Honb'le Deputy Minister, MOEFCC, Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP is delivering his speech to the children of the children's painting competition



Honb'le Deputy Minister, MOEFCC, Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP is inspiring a child during painting competition.





Honb'le Guests at the Seminar jointly organized by DoE and Walton.



Honb'le Guests of Seminal on the occasion of the International Ozone Day 2018



Honb'le Secretary, Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury is delivering his speech at the seminar.



Hob'ble Chief Guest, Mr. Anisul Islam Mahmud, MP, Minister, MOEFCC is delivering his speech.



Honb'le Chief Guest is distributing prizes to winners of the Children's Painting Competition.



Honb'le Special Guest and Secretary MOEFCC, Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury is delivering his speech.



Honb'le Chair and DG, DOE, Dr. Sultan Ahmed is delivering his speech.



Mr. Mohammed Shafiul Alam Chowdhury, CCF, Forest Department is delivering his speech.



Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, Department of Environment is delivering his key note presentation.



Mr. Khurshid Alam, ACD, UNDP is delivering his speech.



Mr. Ziaul Haque, Director and NPD (INS Phase-VIII Project) is delivering his welcome address.