

**SUMMARY OF WORLD OZONE DAY
VANUATU**

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VANUATU	<p>The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, World Vision Vanuatu, Port Vila Municipal Council (PVMC) and the Vanuatu Environment and Science Society (VESS) celebrated the two events; International Ozone Day and World Clean-up Day which falls on the 16th of September on the 14th of September this year at the Sea Front Stage in Port Vila Town as a means of working together for environmental purposes. There were more than 250 participants from the different Government departments and Ministries, NGOs, Youth Groups, Students, media outlets and also the Vanuatu Police Commissioner was among those that were present and participated at the event. Guest Speakers who attended the event included the First Secretary of the Australian High Commission Mr. Carlie Jebb, Director for Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation Mr. Reedly Tari, Acting Director for the Department of Tourism representative Ms. Linda, “Pem Bak Plastik” recycling program representative Mr. Ibarra, World Vision Vanuatu representative Mr. Pallen Abraham and a guest representative from JICA. The Director of (DEPC) Mr. Tari read the UN Secretary-Generals message before presenting his speech for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.</p> <p>A lot of exciting activities were done to celebrate the two days. A massive clean-up campaign was organized that lasted for nearly two hours covering mostly Port Vila town and surroundings. Booths were also set up by participating organizations for the general public, advocating for the days’ team which is “KEEP COOL AND CARRY ON THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL”. Prizes were presented to communities who took part in a 2-month community cleaning program and also to the winner of the Ozone Day Poem competition. A theater group from Wan Smol Bag Theater presented a play on plastic bag as a waste followed by Tujah (Local Musician/artist) who advocated for the Ozone Layer Depletion by singing an original, titled “Resilient” which ended that day’s program.</p> <p>The event turned out to be a success because everyone enjoyed this year’s celebration and programs as quoted by the Departments Director during his closing remarks as the participants seem to understand the importance of the day having to take home brochures and reusable drinking water bottles with the events stickers of the day’s theme on (KEEP COOL AND CARRY ON THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL). We look forward to expanding the celebration and advocacy to a next level next year to reach more people.</p> <p>Appendix <i>Below are some pictures taken during the event.</i></p> <p>Figure 1.1 is showing DEPC staff assembling the participants ready for briefing.</p>



Figure 1.2 is showing a VESS staff explaining the clean-up data collection sheet to the participants ready for disperse.



Figure 1.3 shows participants collecting garbage bags and hand-gloves from the DEPC staffs.



Figure 2.1 below is a picture of participants during the clean-up campaign.



Figure 2.2 is a picture of collected garbage bags after the clean-up ready to be transferred by the Port Vila Municipality to the Land-field.



Figure 3.0 is a photo of a person taken while visiting the ozone display table.



Figure 3.1 below shows First Secretary of the Australian High Commission Carlie Jebb and the Director of Environmental Protection and Conservation Reedyly Tari seated on stage.



Figure 3.2 is a picture of Lisa Tamtam (Yr. 13 Student) winner of the ozone poem competition reading her winning poem "A Veil of Silence".



Figure 3.3 is a picture of Tujah (Local Musician/Artist) advocating for ozone as he sings the song which he wrote titled **“Resilient”**.



Figure 4.0 below shows senior chemical & ozone officer distributing reusable water bottle with ozone day stickers on to participants.



Figure 4.1 shows reusable water bottles with ozone stickers which are distributed throughout the event.



Figure 4.2 photo taken showing the general public present during the event.



Figure 5.0-5.1 below are shots of Wan Smol Bag Theater acting out their play while audience look on.



Figure 5.2 is a picture of the banner of the event in front of the stage.



Figure 5.3, Ozone display booth.

Figure 5.4, Environment staff preparing lunch.



Link to news by Vanuatu Daily Post here: http://dailypost.vu/news/port-vila-celebrates-international-ozone-day/article_75d199fe-7b59-5471-ae08-63a3540aded1.html