

CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY REPORT

The Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment, jointly with UN Environment organized Ozone Day celebrations in Beijing on 17 September with more than 200 participants representing the relevant ministries, local environmental protection Bureaus, industry associations, companies, research institutes and media. Mr. Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of Ecology and Environment, Ms. Tina Birmpili, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, Mr. Eduardo Ganem, Chief Officer of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat attended the event, and delivered speeches. The representatives from UNDP, UN Environment, UNIDO and World Bank, GIZ also joined the celebration.

Vice Minister, Mr. Zhao in his speech, reaffirmed China's strong position of zero tolerance to any form of illegal activities concerning the production, use and trade of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS). In July 2018, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment initiated a nation-wide operation on the inspection of the enforcement of the ODS regulations, which has not yet been completed. China will work very closely with all Parties to sustain the compliance and achievement of the Montreal Protocol.

Three companies representing the ODS producing industry, ODS using industry and the ODS dealers read their pledge to observe laws, maintain self-discipline, and support the government to combat any illegal activities.

The celebration also launched and screened micro-videos entitled, *Understanding the Ozone Layer* and *One Minute to Know How to Protect the Ozone Layer*, jointly produced by Foreign Economic Cooperation Office (FECO) and UN Environment OzonAction under the China HPMP.

In the afternoon of 17 September, FECO organized a workshop on the capacity building for the Implementation of the Multilateral Environment Agreement with participation of Customs and 40 representatives from the local environmental protection bureau.