



Report on Celebration of the International Ozone Day 2020 in Cambodia

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I- Introduction

This year the National Ozone Unit (NOU) of Ministry of Environment of Cambodia celebrated the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, 16 September 2020 and marks the 35th anniversary of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the marks the 33rd anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on the Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer under the theme of “**Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Protection**”. NOU, Department of Air Quality and Noise Management, General Department of Environmental Protection of Ministry of Environment of Cambodia organized many programmes to mark the day. The programme included round table discussion, the awareness workshop on the implementation of Montreal Protocol and the process toward the ratification of Kigali Amendment of which the workshop was participated by provincial government officials, students from the university and youth association.

II- Round Table Discussion

To commemorate 2020 World Ozone Day, the National Ozone Unit, Cambodia organized the panel discussion on 16 September 2020 with this year celebration theme of ‘Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Protection’ to provide information to the public on the continuation efforts and



success of Cambodia joining the international community to protect the ozone layer by controlling and phasing out the Ozone Depleting Substances consumption and phasing down the high Global Warming Potential substances consumption in Cambodia. The panel session was joined by the panel members from Mr. Pak Sokharavuth, Deputy Director-General of General Directorate of Environmental Protection of the Ministry of Environment, Mr. Chhorn Voeun, Director of

Department of General Department of Custom and Excise of Cambodia, Mr. Um Khunneay, who is the lecturer of Refrigerant and Air Conditioning at the Industry Technical Institute and Mr. Chum Sam Oeurn, a representative from refrigerant and air conditioning servicing sector. The issues of the panel discussion were:

- NOU- Ministry of Environment shared information on the 35 years long journey of Cambodia implementing Montreal Protocol and a call for public participation to phase out refrigeration and air conditioner that used R-22 and select alternatives non ozone-depleting substance and low global warming potential substances.

- The strategy for the phase down HFCs, the challenges faced during the implementation of Kigali Amendment and advantage and disadvantage of the ratification of the Kigali Amendment. He also raises the implication of non-party countries, if any countries do not ratify the Kigali amendment it can badly affect the image at the international level, otherwise, funds cannot be received from the Multilateral Fund for phase out HFCs in countries.
- The cooperation between the General Department of Custom and Excises of Cambodia and the National Ozone Unit on information sharing especially on annual ODS import-export data, training courses on ODS identification and combating illegal trade of ODS and continued training of customs officers at the border checkpoint.
- The cooperation between the National Ozone Unit and Industry Technical Institute on the organization on training for technicians, courses on good practices of refrigeration and air conditioning and focus on air conditioning using HFCs.

This awareness session was outreached to the public through ApsaraTV and TVK and on Facebook page of the Ministry of Environment.

III- Awareness Workshop

During the celebration of International Ozone Day, 16 September 2020, the National Ozone Unit of the Ministry of Environment conducted the awareness workshop in order to celebrate it under the theme “Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Protection”. The main topics of the workshop focused on the implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Cambodia, Ozone Sciences, the pathway towards the ratification of the Kigali Amendment on HFC under the Montreal Protocol. The three awareness workshops were conducted as follows:

1. On 9 September 2020, 170 young officials from the Ministry of Environment, participated in the event.



- On 28 September 2020 at Khemera I Hotel in Battambang province, 200 participants were officials from the provincial departments of Battambang province and students.



- On 30 September 2020 at Angkor Paradise Hotel in Siem Reap province, by 215 officials participants from Provincial Departments of Siem Reap province and students.



IV- Media outreach

In order to celebrate the anniversary of World Ozone Day 16 September 2020, NOU delivered many awareness messages to be printed on various materials such as postcards, bamboo cups and T-shirts. The message was on the World Ozone Day and this year's theme of "Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Protection" in English and local language. The printed products were distributed to technical schools, universities and relevant stakeholders.



Same as previous year's celebration of international ozone day, this year the Minister of Ministry of Environment issued the minister's statement on the celebration of world ozone day on 16 September 2020 with the theme of "Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Protection" under the outbreak of Covid-19 epidemic. The Minister's statement was broadcasted through Apsara Television, Television of Cambodia and social media including the Facebook page of the Ministry of Environment.

In the statement, His Excellency Minister called for all relevant stakeholder and Cambodian people collaboration to take measures of prevention on Covid-19 epidemic and contribute to protecting the Ozone Layer by not using substances that depleting the ozone layer and high global warming potential Hydrofluorocarbon (HFCs). The action would not only be for prevention of the depleting of the ozone layer but also prevention of global warming as well.

"On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to join with the governments of the party to the Montreal Protocol and people around the world which have been celebrating the very significant event for encouraging and joining together to protect and prevention of ozone layer, a shield that prevents the UV rays from the earth and ensure the safety of ecology system on earth and sustainable living of the people in the next generation to come. In the name of the party of the Montreal Protocol, the Royal Government of Cambodia achieved the total phase-out of Chlorofluorocarbon in 2010 and now we have been implementing Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) and compliance with the phase-out schedule of ODS of the Montreal Protocol. Meanwhile, Cambodia has strong commitments to supporting the ratification of the Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol that HFCs is the controlled substances."

At the end of the statement, the Minister on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia believed and hoped that the occasion of celebrating the international day on Protection of Ozone Layer, 16 September 2020, will raise awareness of Cambodian people and people around the world to consume in a way for the environmental security; human health safety and development sustainability with the world in harmony.