

2020 WORLD OZONE DAY IN TIMOR-LESTE

To commemorate 2020 World Ozone Day on 16 September 2020, the National Ozone Unit of Timor-Leste, under the Secretary of State for the Environment organized an event that involved the key stakeholders such as RAC importers, servicing companies, Custom Authority Officials, government ministries, academics and students.

The objective of this event was to raise public awareness on the issue of ozone layer protection – NOU intentionally selected the venue for this event in order to reach out to broader audiences. The event was officially commenced with the statement delivered by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr. Demétrio do Amaral de Carvalho, highlighting the main purpose of the commemoration of world ozone day and Timor-Leste's contributions toward the implementation of Montreal Protocol including the detrimental effects of ozone layer depletion to humans, animal and plants.

The main activity of the event is the public-speaking competition that focuses on this year's theme of 'Ozone for Life: 35 years of Ozone Layer Protection – this event provided a platform for high-school students to showcase their ability to deliver public speech while also conveying the message that NOU wanted to share to public.

Other activities for the Day include distribution of awareness materials to key Stakeholders that attended the occasion and the visitor of Timor Plaza, awarding of certificate of appreciation to Director of Customs in Dili Port, RAC Master Trainers, and one outstanding RAC servicing workshop/company for their work-collaboration with the NOU so far. Moreover, winners of the public-speech competition were also awarded with winning-trophies.

In addition, NOU also prepared photo booths and hired photographers which were made available to everyone. Since the World Ozone day is being celebrated by Montreal Protocol members world-wide, the event was brought up together in-line with Timorese culture – NOU integrated cultural music and dance in this event to preserve nation's identity while commemorating an international event. Although Timor-Leste has no registered active case of COVID-19, the government and WHO guidelines were still being practiced throughout this event.



Figure 4. Opening remarks and statement delivered by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr. Demétrio do Amaral de Carvalho



Figure 3. Media interview given by the National Director of Climate Change, Mr. Augusto Pinto, accompanied by Mr. Mario Ximenes, NOO and Ms. Justina Aurea Belo, Ozone Professional Staff



Figure 2. Certificate of Awareness awarded to the RAC Master Trainers from CNFP Becora



Figure 1. Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Municipal Dili Port Director



Figure 6. Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Director of Venedimic-Air Cond by the General Director of environment, Mr. João Carlos Soares



Figure 5. Winning trophy awarded to the winners of public-speech competition by the National Director of Cliamte Change, Customs Authority Official, General Director of Climate Change and National Director of Fire-fighter



Figure 7. Cultural dance Performance by one of the Nacional Dance Associations in Timor-Leste, Wewiku Wehali



Figure8. Local performers performed cultural songs



Figure 10. Public speech winners – pictures taken on the photo booth prepared by NOU



Figure 9. Photo booth prepared by NOU