

## World Ozone Day: 16th September 2019, Bhutan

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To mark the World Ozone Day (WOD) on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 with the theme “32 Years and Healing” Bhutan celebrated this important day throughout the nation in collaboration with Dzongkhag Officials, Scouts Associations and Students. The objective of taking this program nationwide was to create mass awareness on this important issue to the people in the remote areas. Further, much importance was given to the students with a hope that they would convey the message on this important issue.

The technical and financial support was provided by the National Ozone Unit, National Environment Commission Secretariat. A week before the WOD, the NOU provided information materials and asked the Environmental Officers to brief and train the Scout Students on developing awareness materials.

In almost all the Dzongkhags, the event was witnessed by Dzongkhag officials, business communities, local leaders, students and teachers. The participants were informed on following important issues in protecting Ozone Layer:

- What Ozone Layer is and its importance on human health and environment
- What affects Ozone Layer?
- Impacts of Ozone Layer Depletion on Human Health and Environment
- Where are the ODS used
- What should we do to protect ozone layer
- Bhutan’s commitment towards the protection of Ozone Layer

After making this uniform presentation by the Environmental Officers, the following programmes were showcased to the general public on the theme of the day.

- Speeches by the Chief Guest on the theme and its importance
- Skits and dramas on the importance of Ozone layer
- Best art works on the theme were displayed for the general public to understand the importance of ozone Layer
- Ozone songs and dances were showcased
- Pledges on adopting Ozone Friendly products were made by the students
- Ozone run was conducted in the afternoon among the participants
- Visited business communities and other manufacturing units to inform on adopting to ozone friendly products
- Essay Competitions were conducted among the school children on the theme
- Videos on Ozone Depletion were shown to the participants
- The media houses also took interviews from the guests, students and general public to see the understanding level on this important issue.

The program was covered in the national televisions, newspapers and other social media apps. The day was observed by more than 4,000 participants.

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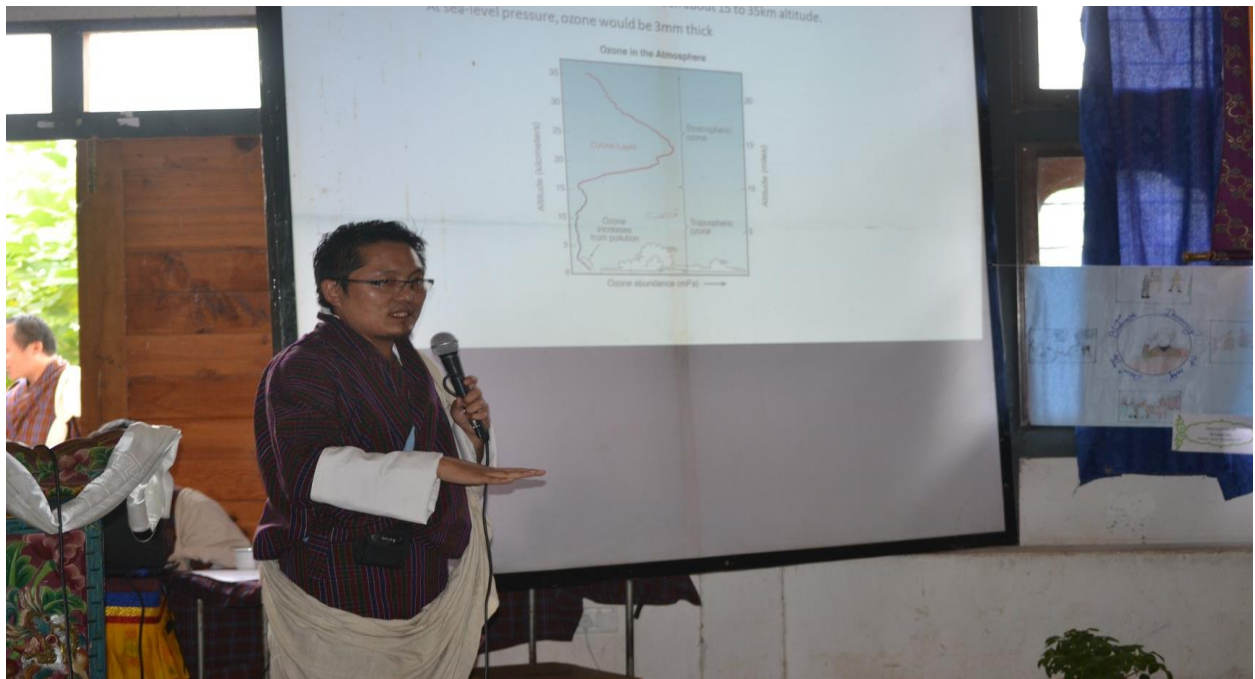


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