



UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund



UNEP Releases Music CD on Protecting the Ozone Layer in Cooperation with Japanese NGO

INFORMATION RELEASE - New Music CD

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"I'll tell you about the ozone layer,
Hear me, it's way far above jets and blimps and clouds
It shields the Earth to protect all forms of life
What a wonderful space suit for the precious earth!"

These are the words to the English version of the ozone song entitled "What's the Ozone layer" recently released as a music CD at the Millennium International Children's Conference held on 22-24 May in Eastbourne, England. Originally composed in Japanese by Yumiko Hagi of the Japan's Save the Ozone Layer Network (JASON), this English translation was made possible through their collaboration with the UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme who was keen to see this CD widely released globally in order to promote ozone protection through song.

Although the Montreal Protocol for the Protection of the Ozone Layer is said to be one of the most successful environmental agreements, the need for raising awareness on why we need to protect the ozone is as much in demand today as it was when the treaty was first signed in 1987. Shifting the focus of these awareness activities to young people through popular music would encourage ideas on children's and youth activities on ozone protection and would in the long term, sustain the phase out activities being done under the Montreal Protocol.

The Millennium International Children's Conference is the venue chosen to launch this CD, as this conference attracts participation of young people around the world. This CD will be given out during the Conference, and it is hoped that they will be widely listed to and shared with their friends.

The CD contains both the English and Japanese versions of the songs, and lyric sheet is attached for it to be followed easily.

This music CD is part of the information exchange services provided by UNEP to developing countries to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The OzonAction Programme also provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support. For more information, contact: Mr. Rajendra Shende, Chief UNEP DTIE Energy and OzonAction Unit, Tour Mirabeau, 39-43 quai Andre Citroen, Paris 75739 Cedex 15, France or Tel: (33.1) 44.37.14.50, Fax: (33.1) 44.37.14.74, email: ozonaction@unep.fr, <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>

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Note for Journalists

Under the landmark international agreement, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 172 countries have committed to a precise schedule for reducing and eventually phasing out their consumption and production of ozone depleting substances (ODS).

Over the past 8 years, the Protocol's Multilateral Fund has provided over US\$ 1 billion in financial and technical assistance to support such phase out activities in more than 100 Article 5 (developing) countries. This investment by the international community will result in the elimination of approximately 140,000 ODP tonnes of ODS consumption and will contribute

significantly to the recover of the ozone layer.

For more information please visit the Home Pages of the Ozone Secretariat and UNEP DTIE at the following addresses: <http://www.unep.org/ozone> and <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>

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- ensure adequate management of chemicals;
- incorporate environmental costs;
- reduce pollution and risks for humans and the environment.

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