The commemoration of the World Ozone Day 2017 saw a partnership between the Department of Environment (leading & implementing agency of Ozone Protection), various stakeholders ranging from Customs and Technicians and the avid young people of Niue Primary School and Early Childhood Education.

The theme “Leveki mo e Puipui e tau mena MOMOUI OTI i lalo he Laa” loosely translated as ‘Protection of all living things under the sun’ was the theme of the activities for the day.

Ozone Protection has been one of the primary focal areas of the Department of Environment. As it is a primary concern for the welfare of all citizens now and the future, an integration of education is an important component in raising awareness and educating the young people of this issue.

Posters were on display highlighting the understanding of the young people regarding the protection of the ozone layer. This is particularly important as the protection of the ozone layer and the environment does not only involve the key government agencies responsible for driving and implementing the work, but also village and community groups in which the children are a part of.

The songs, poems and dances of the day was centred around the children’s’ understanding of the ozone layer and ways of protecting it.

Protecting the ozone layer is also a reflection of Niue’s climate change work and their efforts to address greenhouse gas emissions. Although we do not emit as much greenhouse gas emissions, we are committed to our pledge under the Paris Agreement and are determined to ensure a sustainable future for our young people.

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