

OZONE DAY BICYCLE RACE HELD



The final event to mark this year's Ozone Day; the 'Ozone Day Bicycle Race 2010' was held at Hulhumale' on 8th October.

The bicycle race, organized jointly with the Maldives Olympics Committee, was aimed at creating awareness about the harmful gases released by the motor-vehicles into the atmosphere, create more understanding about the Ozone layer and also to promote the use of bicycles in the Maldives. Over 110 competitors took part in the race in five age categories; under 12 mixed, under 14 mixed, under 19 mixed, over 19 female and over 19 male.



All participants were given certificates while winners from each category received bicycles, medals and cash prizes.

Prizes to the winners were given away by the Honorary Chairman of the Maldives Olympics Committee Mr. Mohamed Zahir Naseer, Olympic Committee's Vice Chairman Dr. Hussain Haleem and Senior Administrative Officer of Housing Development Co-operation Ms. Khadheeja Mohamed.



Special information stalls were also set up to spread information to raise public awareness. They included stalls from JCI Maldives (NGO) and Ministry of Health and Family.

A large number of spectators attended to witness and cheer for the participants.

The Ministry of Housing and Environment conducted a number of colorful activities earlier in the month of September to mark this year's Ozone Day.

The Word Ozone Day marks the importance of the saving the Ozone layer and its role in the environment. The activities to mark this year's Ozone Day were held under the theme "Ozone Layer Protection: Governance and Compliance at their best."

World Ozone Day is celebrated every year on 16th September.