

The Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia celebrated the **International Day of Biodiversity and Year of Biodiversity** with different events.

Day begun with campaign "Hour of Garden Birds" and more than 350 schools were involved in this campaign "Hour of Garden Birds" in whole Georgia. 2009 year was first time the campaign was carried out. Since then number of schools and pupils taking part increased twice.

In the evening many theatrical and musical events dedicated to the International Day of Biodiversity were organized by the **Ministry of Environment Protection** and the **German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)** in Tbilisi Ethnographic Museum. There was a photo exhibition on biological diversity for the visitors of the Ethnographic Museum.

'Georgia is a very rich country in biodiversity. I am pleased that today Georgian people are celebrating the International Day of Biodiversity together with the world. I am surprised that involvement of people in this environmental action is so high. I would like to thank all the organizers', said **Mr. Dieter Müller**, expert of German Technical Cooperation.

Kakha Bakuradze's Motion Theater held a carnival performance called **'Ochopintre'**. Also, a performance of traditional Georgian martial arts **'Khridoli'** was shown too. There was a special corner where children were taught to create flowers with color papers and the artists painted them on the faces of people visited **Ethnographic Museum**.

Celebrating the International Day of Biodiversity in the Ethnographic Museum finished with a concert of musical group **'Mgzavrebi'** and fire show.

'Our country is unique. Our environment, our biodiversity is something that we can be really proud of. We do not have a right not to celebrate such an important day, especially when we have such good foreign partner companies. Environment is in fashion and it should be strengthened,' declared **Mr. Goga Khachidze**.