



Atkinson, who counts swimming as one of his strengths, proves it by being first out of the water yesterday.



REMEMBERING THADDEUS: A bicycle slot is reserved in memory of the late national triathlete Thaddeus Cheong, 17, who was due to compete in this event. He died during a SEA Games trial last month.



BEST IN 18-WOMAN FIELD: Japan's Shizuka Kutsuna (above) beats defending champion Samantha Beenie to win the Elite Women's Open.

Atkinson's victory justifies favourite tag