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**Ministry of Finance Bringing Awareness to Occupational Safety and Health in the Workplace**

**Port of Spain** – On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012, the Ministry of Finance as part of its ongoing efforts to promote Safety and Health in the Workplace and to reinforce its compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) initiative, held its second annual OSH event for staff. World Safety and health day is celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup> April each year. As part of the event, a theatre company by the name of Brown Cotton Outreach was used to help make the important information being passed to staff, more interesting. They provided edutainment (which is a form of entertainment designed to educate as well as to amuse) in the form of a skit which was favorably received by staff. Productions were conducted at the Ministry's head office and also at the Treasury Division. This event also incorporated displays, memorabilia tokens and the handing out of informational booklets.

The objective of the event was to bring Office Safety and Health awareness to staff members and to promote safe practices in the work place.

Some of the main aspects highlighted were:-

- The importance of reading the OSH Management System Manual.
- Knowing the Evacuation Strategy, Exit Points, Fire Wardens and General Emergency Information.
- The number to call in case an incident occurs in the building that needs immediate attention, such as electrical wires being exposed, water being spilled on the floor etc.
- The importance of one being their brother's keeper and sharing the information and knowledge they may have if they see someone doing something dangerous to their health and safety.
- The importance of washing hands and staying home when sickness is contagious as to not infect colleagues with any disease e.g the flu.

Staff at the Ministry answering questions about the importance of health and safety at the workplace



Members of the Brown Cotton Theatre during their performance

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