

BEST VILLAGE GROUPS READY

Ten of Tobago's top cultural groups are seeking to bring the Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition title back to the island this weekend. This is the first time in nine years Tobago is being represented at the event.

The finals start tomorrow (August 12) and end on August 19.

The ten groups are the Tobago Drama Guild; Sisters in Culture; Signal Hill Police Youth Club; Roxborough Village

Council; Masters Kaiso Tent; Zante; Rhythmic Vibrations; Roxborough Police Youth Club; Youth Quake and Bago House of Kulture Stars.

The community and village groups were assisted by the Division of Tourism, Culture and Transportation.

The delegation's trip to the Best Village finals is being coordinated by the Department of Culture and managed by heritage officer Mayda Edwards-Cowie, who is happy with the

lead-up to the finals.

"The preparation was quite challenging, but with the expert assistance of the staff at the Department of Culture and the dedicated group leaders, the task was completed with great results so far," Edwards-Cowie said.

The qualifying rounds of the competition took place between April and June. The categories for the event include folk theatre, dance, calypso, pan and the highly anticipated "La Reine Rive" pageant.

CATH LAB SERVICES UNDER REVIEW

Cath lab services at the Scarborough General Hospital are to be evaluated to see where they can be improved.

Secretary of Health, Wellness and Family Development Dr. Agatha Carrington said an audit is coming soon.

This is among a number of changes coming that Dr. Carrington said will ensure a higher standard of health care on the island.

"We said that we will pursue a health and wellness thrust and indeed our re-naming spoke to that," the Secretary said at Wednesday's (August 11) post executive Cabinet media briefing at the Administrative Complex, Calder Hall.

"Therefore the approval for the implementation of a Stroke and Diabetes Centre, that has commenced."



COLOURFUL DISPLAY: The richly costumed Zante Dancers compete at Best Village preliminaries. They will be one of the Tobago contestants in the finals of the Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition, which start this weekend.

T.E.M.A. TEAM OFF TO SEMINAR

A team from the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is in China to attend seminars on disaster management and emergency communication seminar.

The seminars will give participants a greater understanding of humanitarian work done by the Chinese government and non-governmental organisations, and create avenues for cooperation between countries and emergency agencies.

This seminar will focus on areas of

communications, including new technology and equipment, the importance of emergency communications networks, and emergency communications network design.

TEMA's contingent includes planning officer Melaura Agbeko, operations clerk Carrisse Thompson and IT administrator Dalwyn Westfield. The seminar is being facilitated by the Red Cross Society of China.

It runs from August 4 to August 24.