

# *Cuban First Vice President Visits Radio Havana Cuba*

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Havana, January 18 (RHC)-- Cuba's First Vice President Miguel Diaz Canel visited the facilities of Radio Havana Cuba on Saturday, where he expressed his interest in the work of the radio station and exchanged views with the workers about their major concerns and successes.

During the meeting, Radio Havana Cuba's General Director Isidro Fardales briefed the first vice president about the history of the station, created on May 1, 1961 with the aim of taking the message of Cuba to the world in different languages -- including Spanish, English, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Creole, Guarani, Quechua and Esperanto.

In his conversation with the workers and executives, the member of the Political Bureau of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee also was interested in the station's editorial policy, its transmission facilities and equipment, the material needs and other aspects such as its on-line publications.

Radio Havana Cuba's founder and National Journalism Prize winner in 2013, Ignacio Canel, explained about the high value of the archives treasured at the station, which includes the voices of outstanding local and world personalities, such as speeches by Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Raul Castro and many others. He said Radio Havana counts on an invaluable voice archive.

Radio Havana Cuba's deputy director Pedro Martinez Pires presented Diaz-Canel with a CD containing passages of the history of the station.

Cuba's first vice president also commented on the significance of the upcoming 2nd Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, CELAC, to take place in Havana on January 28th and 29th.

Before leaving the radio station, Diaz-Canel wrote his comments in the visitors' book, describing Radio Havana Cuba as "a radio station with a worthy, sovereign and professional work, whose message reaches its audience with all the strength that stems from the everyday and revolutionary life of all the Cuban people."

On his tour of Radio Havana Cuba Saturday morning, the first vice president was accompanied by the head of the Ideological Department of the Cuban Communist Party's Central Committee, Rolando Alfonso Borges, and by other officials from the Cuban radio system.

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