

# *Spain's Foreign Minister acknowledges restoration work in Old Havana*

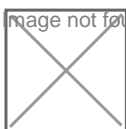
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Havana, October 18 (RHC)-The Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain, Josep Borrell, thanked the historian of the city of Havana, Eusebio Leal, for the titanic work of recovery of the heritage of the old section of the Cuban capital.

During the tour that both personalities made through emblematic sites of the Historical Center, the visitor said he was glad to meet again with Leal, whom he described as the indisputable author of the important restoration and conservation work.

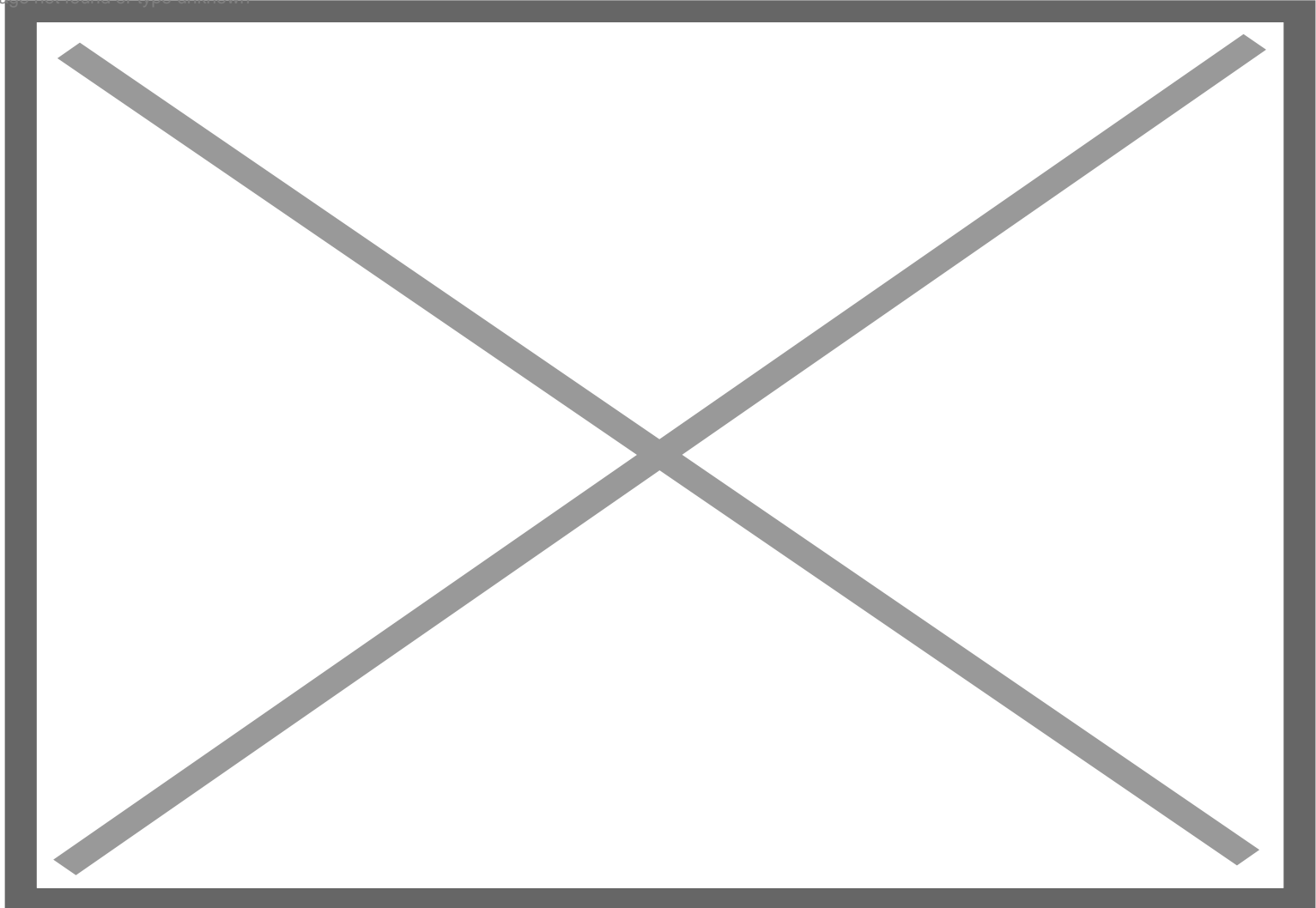
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During the tour, Borrell sent a message to King Philip VI and Queen Letizia, informing them that they are expected in Havana, a city that is being groomed for its 500th anniversary, to be celebrated next November 16.

The Spanish diplomat told the press that he was grateful for the hospitality received from Cuban authorities, and said that the necessary high-level political consultations had taken place before the monarchs' visit, scheduled for next month.

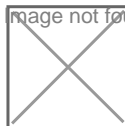
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On Thursday, the visitor, guided by Leal, toured the facilities of the Palacio del Segundo Cabo, a center that has benefited from the collaboration of Europe and that after its reconstruction, it is contributing to spreading cultural relations between Cuba and the so-called Old Continent.

Together, they walked through the Plaza de Armas and reached the Palacio de los Capitanes Generales, where they appreciated an exclusive presentation by the Camerata Romeu string ensemble.

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