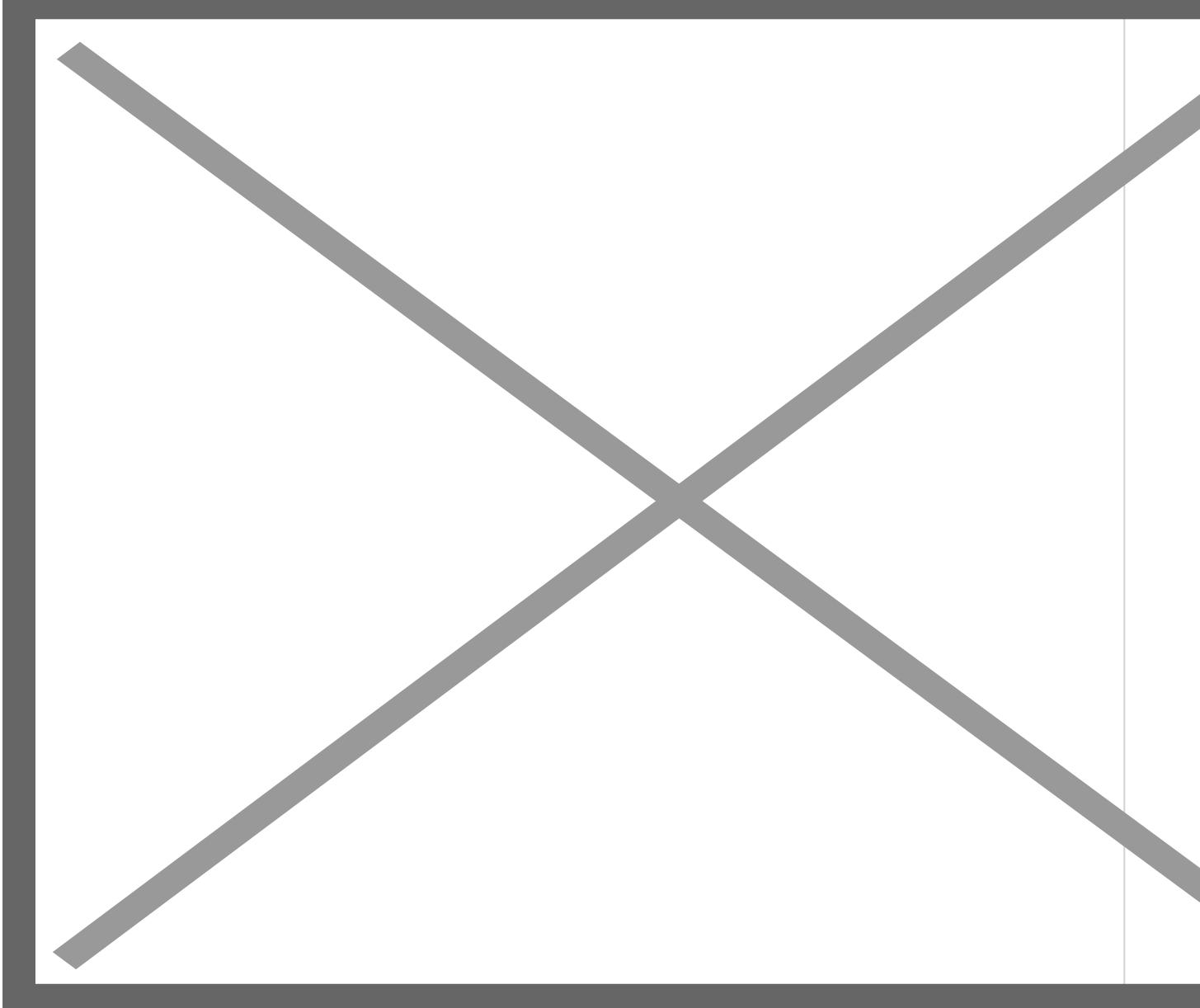


France and Cuba outline cooperation in high performance judo

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Nomis (L) expressed willingness to support Cuban judo players with training bases in French cities. (Photo: Prensa Latina)

Havana, January 20 (RHC)-- The president of the French Judo Federation, Stéphane Nomis, and the Cuban ambassador in Paris, Otto Vaillant, laid the groundwork Thursday for the signing of a bilateral collaboration agreement in the high performance of that sport.

Promoted by the association Cuba Coopération France (CubaCoop), the meeting held at the headquarters of the Federation in Paris addressed lines of work such as the preparation of athletes for major competitions, the exchange of knowledge of coaches and the development of a discipline with a long tradition and results in both nations.

Nomis expressed the willingness to support the island's judo players with training bases in French cities, with cycles of up to one month, which would include covering the costs of accommodation, food and transportation within the country.

He advanced the possibility of sending to Cuba donations of fundamental resources for the practice of the martial art created by Jigoro Kano, based on coordination with the Cuban counterpart on the main needs.

"I am very happy to help, I have very good memories of Cuba and I think we are going to have a nice collaboration," he stressed at the meeting, which was also attended by the president of CubaCoop, Victor Fernandez, and its vice president Manuel Pascual.

For his part, Ambassador Vaillant thanked Nomis and the French Judo Federation for their willingness to promote sports cooperation under the principle of solidarity.

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