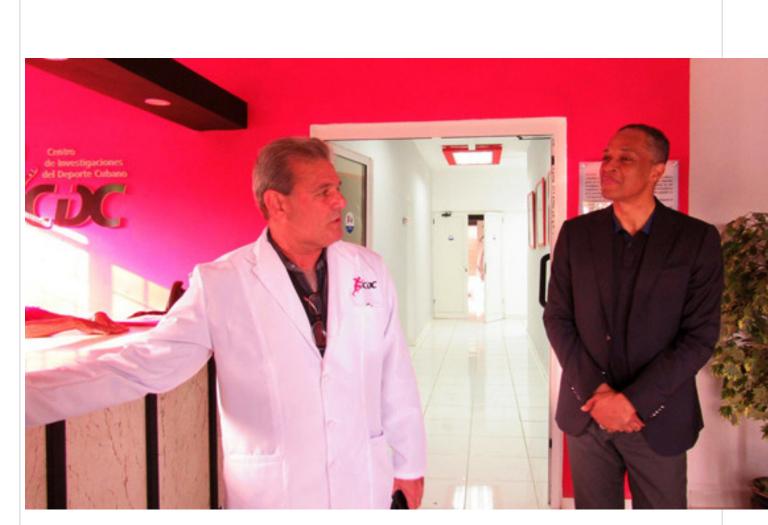
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Havana, June 16 (JIT) - Frank Nguema, Gabon's minister of sports, youth and associative life, and the delegation accompanying him began the program of activities of his official visit to Cuba with a tour of the Cuban Sports Research Center (CIDC).

The delegation from the African country was received on Wednesday by Dr. C. Jorge Pavel Pino, director of the prestigious institution, who gave them extensive information on the main objective of the center, set up to promote the sustainability of the Island's sports achievements at the international level since 1959.

"Here we can conduct research with different approaches to address the strategic needs of our sports system. We have a technical observatory for high performance that allows us to evaluate our athletes and

foreigners participating in multiple events around the world," Pino emphasized.

The visitors also learned about the areas of anthropology, biomechanics laboratories and the stress chamber, among others, and the functions and importance of each one, made up of specialists of high scientific level with the mission of promoting the development of the Cuban sports movement based on the application of science, technology and innovations.

The Gabonese minister was interested in the number of high-performance athletes attended in different categories at the center, a figure that amounts to about 1,500 athletes of national teams and also a much higher number of sports initiation schools (Eide) in need, explained Pino.

The distinguished visitor showed his admiration on how a small country with scarce resources is among the first 15 countries in the world in sports, an experience that they want to take to their nation to develop the muscle activity and improve their results in the international arena.

The delegation also visited this Wednesday the Inder Ramal School and the Sports Hall located in the capital's Sports City, among other activities, accompanied by Gabon's ambassador to the island, Mr. Jean-Claude Moussounda.

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