

Chinese President Tours Santiago de Cuba before Ending Official Visit



Santiago de Cuba, July 24 (RHC) -- Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday visited the historic city of Santiago de Cuba on Wednesday, and stressed that "only by remembering history can nations create a better future."

Accompanied by Cuban President Raul Castro, Xi flew to the "Heroic City," where he laid a wreath at the tomb of Jose Marti, Cuba's national hero and an important figure in Latin American literature.

The Chinese president also visited the Moncada Barracks, where former Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, launched a failed assault on July 26, 1953, which is considered the beginning of the Cuban Revolution. The barracks have now been turned into a museum and a school city.

Speaking at the July 26th Historical Museum, Xi noted that both China and Cuba boast a glorious revolutionary history and that "revolutionary martyrs are precious spiritual treasures that have inspired us to continuously march forward."

Beijing, he added, is confident that under the leadership of President Raul Castro and the Communist Party of Cuba, the Caribbean country will make greater achievements on the socialist path that fits its national conditions.

The two leaders also held a new round of talks to further exchange views on bilateral relations and issues of common concern.

Seeing Xi off at the airport, Raul said Xi's state visit to his country is a complete success, with the two sides reaching many new important agreements on further promoting China-Cuba relations.

He also congratulated Xi on rounding off a fruitful visit to Latin America.

For his part, Xi expressed his deep appreciation of the profound affection the Cuban Communist Party, government and people hold towards China, and conveyed his wish that bilateral relations will advance steadily and bilateral friendship will last forever.

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