

# *Cuba celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Youth Computing Club*

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Havana, Sep 8 (RHC)-- With the attendance of President Miguel Díaz-Canel, the 35th anniversary of the Youth Clubs, an entity with an important role in Cuba's informatization and the population's access to new technologies, was celebrated Thursday.

Since their foundation by the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, the Youth Clubs have expanded their activities to all the country's municipalities, and today, they have 644 facilities.

These centers have welcomed young children and older adults who have been able to access new technologies and expand their computer culture said First Deputy Minister of Communications Wilfredo

González Vidal in his remarks at the event.

To this end, they developed a series of platforms, such as the digital encyclopedia Ecured or La Mochila, with varied national and foreign contents and alliances with other national and provincial entities to expand their services to the 7.7 million Cubans who currently have access to the Internet by different means, said the vice minister.

For his part, José Carlos Cruz Sandoval, general director of the Joven Club, told Prensa Latina that among the future challenges, this institution would play a decisive role in the State's policy of transforming society in line with the development and implementation of new technologies.

He cited the development of robotics, for which 16 laboratories have been set up throughout the island, in which classroom and virtual courses have been given to more than five thousand people, even amidst the limitations caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Political and social organizations and agencies also recognized the management of the Youth Clubs in support of their activities.

Later, President Diaz Canel and other government leaders toured the restored facilities of the Central Youth Club, which reopened for the occasion.

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