

# *Cuba and Timor-Leste strengthen sporting ties*

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Havana, December 3 (RHC)-- Cuba and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste signed a cooperation agreement in the field of education, youth and sports, as part of the will to strengthen relations between the two countries.

The document was signed by the president of INDER, Osvaldo Vento Montiller, and Abrão Saldanha, Secretary of Youth and Sports of the Asian nation, which recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of its independence.

Both parties declared their commitment to strengthening and expanding the areas envisaged in the agreement signed in 2011 and evaluated the results of such ties as remarkable.

The agreement supports the implementation of programs that contribute to the development of Timorese human resources and the increase of joint activities such as exchanges of delegations, technicians and

other experts in the field of sport and its applied sciences.

The dialogue between Vento and Saldanha put on the agenda the possibility of Timor-Leste boxers covering training bases in Cuba, and also assigned spaces to athletics and volleyball.

"Since I took office I thought of Cuba's help," said the visiting executive about the work being carried out with the purpose of improving physical education and sports in his young country.

Vento ratified the willingness to respond to each of the demands, assuming this approach as a learning opportunity for both parties, and proposed a next contact, via virtual, to define concrete steps in the short term.

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