

# *Higher Education Minister Extols Free and Quality Education in Cuba*

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Havana, August 29 (RHC) -- In Cuba, university education is free and of high quality for all those who meet appropriate requirements, said Cuban Higher Education Minister Rodolfo Alarcon, as he noted that this is not available everywhere in the world.

Speaking at a meeting of the National Council of Universities, Alarcon said what appears to be commonplace must also be perceived as a real achievement in the social area.

The official said that Cuba has the conditions to develop a better school year, while statistics say that all 22 Cuban universities count on 12,000 professors with high academic degrees and the registration is about 100,000 new students.

Meanwhile, Deputy Education Minister Miriam Alpizar said that necessary resources have been distributed throughout the country to support the upcoming school year and she went on to stress a donation by the Chinese government of materials for the research area as well as the ongoing construction works in several universities.

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