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Havana, May 30 (RHC)-- Several constructive actions are being developed to beautify Sancti Spíritus - Cuba's fourth village - for the 509th anniversary of its foundation, said Tuesday Bárbara Mínguez, vice president of the Municipal Assembly of People's Power.

During a press conference, Mínguez explained that among the works are included the maintenance and rescue of heritage buildings and others of importance for the economic and social life of the municipality, such as two educational centers, both for primary education.

Substantial changes were made to the carpentry, bathrooms, painting and restoration, both at the Obdulio Morales and Bernardo Arias schools, he said.

In the next few days, the Tobacco Factory, located in the central Independencia Street, will also be inaugurated, where actions were carried out to rehabilitate the facility, as well as two rooms of the José Martí Provincial Pediatric Hospital.

The point of sale on Garaita Street, which was rebuilt, and a bakery in the Colón area, are also among the main works to be inaugurated on the coming 3rd, he said.

"About 150 houses have been painted between Máximo Gómez and Independencia Streets and changes are being made in the road called 500. We are also going to plant the 509th tree in the so-called foundational forest, located in the Botanical Garden", he added.

He pointed out that in the Solemn Assembly for the birthday of the town, dedicated on this occasion to children and young people, the symbols of the city (Illustrious Son, the Key and the Coat of Arms) will be awarded.

Meanwhile, the Artistic Gala, waiting for the 4th, date of the foundation in 1514 of the former village of Espiritu Santo, will highlight the traditions of Espiritu and will be held at the Main Church, one of the three architectural jewels of the city, he pointed out.

This is a program that involves entities and organizations such as the Office of the City Conservator, which have contributed to the improvement of the image of the historic urban center, a National Monument, he said.

Ángela Fleita, director of Culture in the municipality, pointed out that the Cultural Day, initiated the day before, is dedicated to celebrate the 70th birthday of José Ezequiel Cardoso (Lalito), member of the trio D'Gómez, and the 60th birthday of the composer and interpreter Carlos Manuel Borroto.

It also pays tribute to the 80th anniversary of the creation of the trio Pensamiento, by Rafael Gómez (Teofilito), together with Miguel Companioni (Hijo) and Arístides Castañeda.

The 37th Colloquium of the Spiritan Culture will take place on June 1st at the Museum of Colonial Art or Casa de las Cien Puertas, and its initial conference will deal with food sovereignty.

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