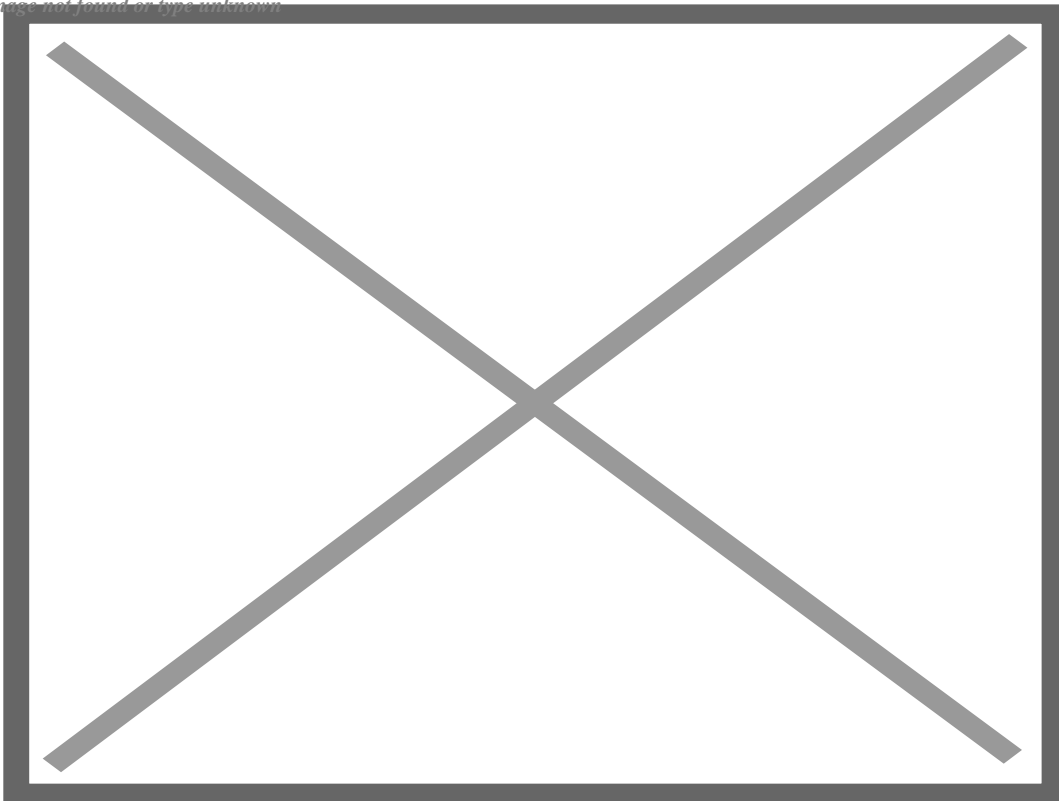


Cuban president tours Guantanamo socioeconomic sites

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Diaz-Canel concludes government visit to Guantanamo.

Guantanamo, June 29 (RHC)-- Miguel Diaz-Canel, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) and President of the Republic, is in Guantanamo checking the provincial strategy in the economic-social, cultural and political-ideological fields, as part of the fourth governmental visit to the province, which ends this Thursday.

Diaz-Canel began his tour at the farm of Jorge Fernandez Omaña, an advanced producer of the municipality of El Salvador, with relevant results in the production of viands, especially bananas, reports Venceremos newspaper.

With 32 years of age, the usufructuary owns 180 hectares (ha) of land, 25 of which are dedicated to bananas, and with his significant yields he has proposed to harvest more food for the people and lower

prices.

The Cuban president was interested in Fernández Omaña's method of staggered planting (10 hectares per month), which will allow him to maintain a sustained banana harvest for the Salvadoran municipality, Acopio Guantánamo and Frutas Selectas.

He also learned of the farmer's interest in importing a food harvesting machine, given the difficulties in obtaining efficient labor.

It is a constant concern of the Guantánamo innovator the use of technology for food production, an example of this is the use of the vitro plant technique in the planting of bananas.

The children's house of the National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation, the first of its kind in the country, recently inaugurated at the Rafael Freire School of Sports Initiation, and the Manuel Tames Agricultural Polytechnic in Niceto Pérez, are other objectives of the Cuban President's work agenda today.

Meanwhile, on his second day of governmental visit to Guantánamo, Manuel Marrero Cruz, Prime Minister of the Republic, toured the municipality of Caimanera, bordering the illegal US naval base.

He visited, together with other officials, including the Minister of Construction, René Mesa Villafañe, the second roof tile factory in the town of Cayamo, with two potters, and a pair of kilns that produce 24 thousand bricks, reports the newspaper Venceremos.

He also exchanged with some residents of the community, which has a population of 1,500 inhabitants, and the main problems are housing, water supply and lack of employment.

Marrero Cruz said that strategies should be sought to improve housing, based on the potential of locally produced bricks, and to look for nearby land to produce for Caimanera, even if it is not within the municipality.

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