

San Salvador 2023 Games' main objectives met



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The text sent to the media is reproduced below....

DELEGATION'S PRONOUNCEMENT

The delegation that represented Cuba in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games of San Salvador 2023 declares that it has fulfilled the main objectives with which it assumed the privilege of defending the Lone Star Flag.

A few hours before completing the return to the homeland, we are grateful for the statements, telephone exchanges and other expressions of support received from the highest leadership of the country, with the leadership of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez.

We are equally satisfied with the broad support of millions of compatriots who enjoyed our successes and shared our frustrations, inside and outside the Island, and the countless expressions of affection received in El Salvador and the Dominican Republic, worthy hosts of an event in which we felt the warmth of their peoples.

As we predicted, we attended the most demanding edition of these meetings, in which Mexico and Colombia were consolidated as powers in the region, the seal of Cuban coaches acting with other countries (107 with more than 100 medals) was again evidenced; several disciplines hosted Olympic and world medalists and the dispute for places for the Pan American Games in Santiago 2023 became an additional incentive.

In this context, it is especially noteworthy that the delegation, entirely formed in our high performance schools, faced each outing with a mixture of dedication and enjoyment, attached to fair play and respect for the opponent; and aware that, beyond the result, we owe it to a people that knows how to reward nobility and decorum, although such attributes do not always lead to medals.

What we experienced in these dates of logical tensions confirmed the greatness of the sports system conceived by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, endowed with strengths from which the limitations of a preparation developed in the midst of the complex economic situation of the country, increased by the intensification of the U.S. blockade, which also leaves harmful traces in our sector, were faced.

That is why, while we reiterate our gratitude to the organizations and institutions that made this battle their own, in correspondence with the efforts of the state and the government, we are pleased to highlight the unwavering will of athletes, coaches, medical personnel and the other protagonists of a work also sustained by the passion of commissioners, federation officials and many other men and women who guarantee the functionality of our schools and other processes in which the necessary tools are forged to face tests such as these.

With this same impetus, and convinced that there are many steps that depend on working harder and better, we will project our course towards the Pan American Games that will begin in October, convinced of the value of the work of which we are the exponents, far from conformism, always with our sights set on higher goals and faithful to dignity as the most valuable medal. More challenges, more commitment!

Here are some interesting facts about the performance of our delegation

. Cuba relied on 499 athletes (267 men and 232 women) in 36 sports, and participated in 356 of the 447 events called.

. The conquest of the 74 titles that top our medal list, completed with 59 silver and 63 bronze medals, is in line with the purpose of obtaining between 70 and 80 ascents to the top of the podium.

. These 74 titles surpassed by one the forecast resulting from the studies carried out by the General Direction of High Performance of Inder, which set them at 73.

. Forty of the titles were won by athletes and/or teams to whom they were predicted (54.1%).

. Of the remaining 34, eight were predicted to win silver medals and 19 were predicted to win bronze medals, which means that only seven reached the top without being considered favorites to win medals.

. Of the 33 titles predicted but not achieved, 17 ended in silver, 10 in bronze and six did not result in medals.

. Twenty sports contributed titles: wrestling (15), athletics (9), judo (9), shooting (5), canoeing (4) swimming (4), chess (3), table tennis (3), rowing (3), weightlifting (2), diving (2), handball (2), boxing (2), taekwondo (2), fencing (2), artistic gymnastics (2), cycling (2), volleyball (1), sailing (1) and karate (1).

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