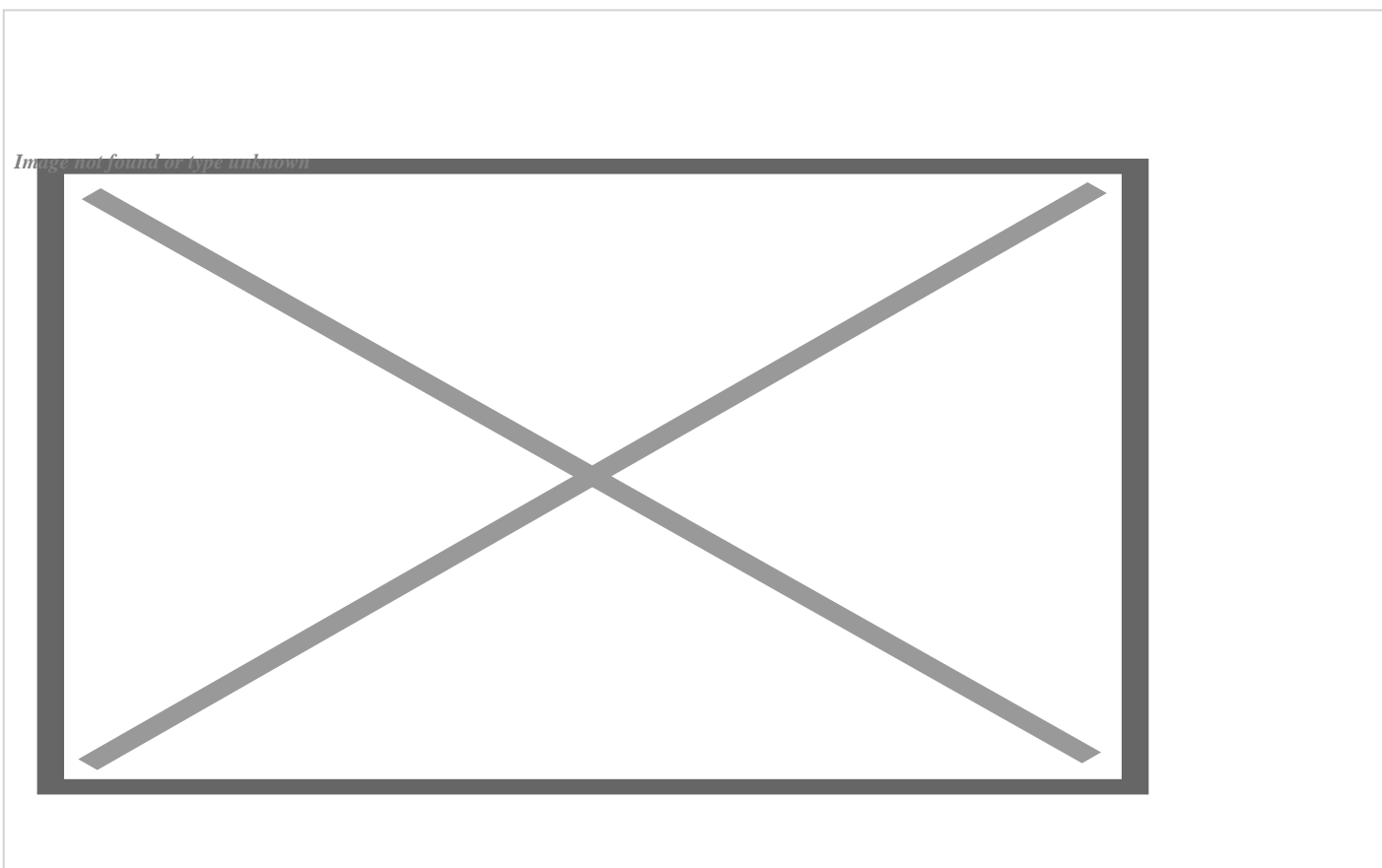


# *President Nicolas Maduro highlights the strengthening of relations with China*

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Caracas, September 19 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro described his recent tour of China on Monday as historic, intense, extensive and productive, while highlighting the strengthening of relations between the two countries, during the transmission of the program Con Maduro Más.

The president indicated that during his visit, he and the Venezuelan delegation that accompanied him traveled 24,000 kilometers during seven days. "We went with a well-established plan. We were there for seven days, fulfilling a plan and attending to the very special invitation to make a state visit to China, which President Xi Jinping made to me," he said.

The Venezuelan president explained that the visit to the Asian country was constitutionally authorized by the National Assembly, a fact that was used by the right wing based in Miami, United States, to speak ill of the Venezuelan government.

During his program, the President referred to the value of the work team that accompanied him, as well as the twinning agreement between the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, the second largest in the world,

and the Venezuelan state of La Guaira. "We went to seal deep friendships for the work of the future", he said, while expressing the great achievements of that Chinese region.

Likewise, he commented that he decided to create an office of Economic and Commercial Development of Venezuela in Shanghai and to install an office of Development and Relations of the company Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) in that Chinese region, to work on the projects, together with the Venezuelan Consulate in Shanghai.

"We must prepare to make the relationship a twinning of Shanghai investors in Venezuela, of importers from Shanghai for Carabobo", he indicated.

President Xi Jinping also expressed his admiration for the heroic struggle of the Venezuelan people and told me: "Venezuela is not alone, it has China by its side", said the president.

The governor of Carabobo, Rafael Lacava, and the president of Petr leos de Venezuela, S.A. (Pdvsa), Pedro Tellechea, exchanged on future development projects for Venezuelans together with China.

The Venezuelan leader acknowledged that in the context of the G-77 and China Summit in Havana, the support for the nation and the Cuban Revolution was demonstrated, he also commented on the meetings with counterparts from different nations and heads of different delegations. He also highlighted the exchange with the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) Ant nio Guterres, to whom he requested support to demand that the United States lift all actions against Venezuela.

Nicolas Maduro met with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Alicia B rcena, with whom he shared future projects between both Latin American nations, and with the President of Angola, Jo o Louren o, as well as the President of the Dominican Republic, Luis Abinader, and the President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, with whom he held talks of interest.

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