

# *Cuban parathletes pay tribute to Fidel in Santiago 2023*

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Havana, November 25 (JIT)-- The Cuban delegation participating in the VII Parapan American Games made a stop in their activities to pay tribute today to the historic leader of the Revolution Fidel Castro Ruz.

An act of remembrance seven years after his physical disappearance, as simple as sublime and heartfelt, took place in the Parapan American Village with the participation of athletes, coaches, managers and support staff.

Yanisel Pérez, Esfaar Giraldo Cordova Cardín methodologist, invited to remember the Commander in Chief with his greatest work, the Revolution.

During the activity, a film material was screened, which includes excerpts of his extensive work linked to sports and his fondness for practicing them since he was a child.

The material summarizes the main elements that describe the impulse given by the Revolution that led the sport since 1959.

Multi Paralympic champion Omara Durand read a communiqué on behalf of the Cuban athletes participating in these Games... "I have the responsibility, on behalf of all athletes with disabilities, or rather, on behalf of all athletes with extraordinary abilities who are participating today in these Games, to express our deep feelings of infinite gratitude to the greatest man in history, and that is how we categorize him for his example of tireless struggle for the good of humanity and against social injustice," said the laureate athlete before pointing out that "talking about Fidel makes us proud and proud".

"We cannot overlook such an important date for Cubans, but not only on marked days should we remember Fidel. We honor him every day with the effort and sacrifice to be better and with the medals we win in the field, which are also thanks to his greatest work which is the Cuban Revolution," said Yohselyn Ramiro, director of training and improvement of Inder.

The song Cabalgando con Fidel, by singer-songwriter Raúl Torres, was heard in the hall where he was remembered and was chanted by all those present in a moment of great sensitivity.

Raúl Fornés Valenciano, first vice-president of Inder, addressed the athletes and recommended them to honor him with their efforts in competition and representing the country with dignity. He closed his oratory with that phrase that accompanies as a mantra the most distinguished and transcendental events that we Cubans live: Long live Fidel!

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