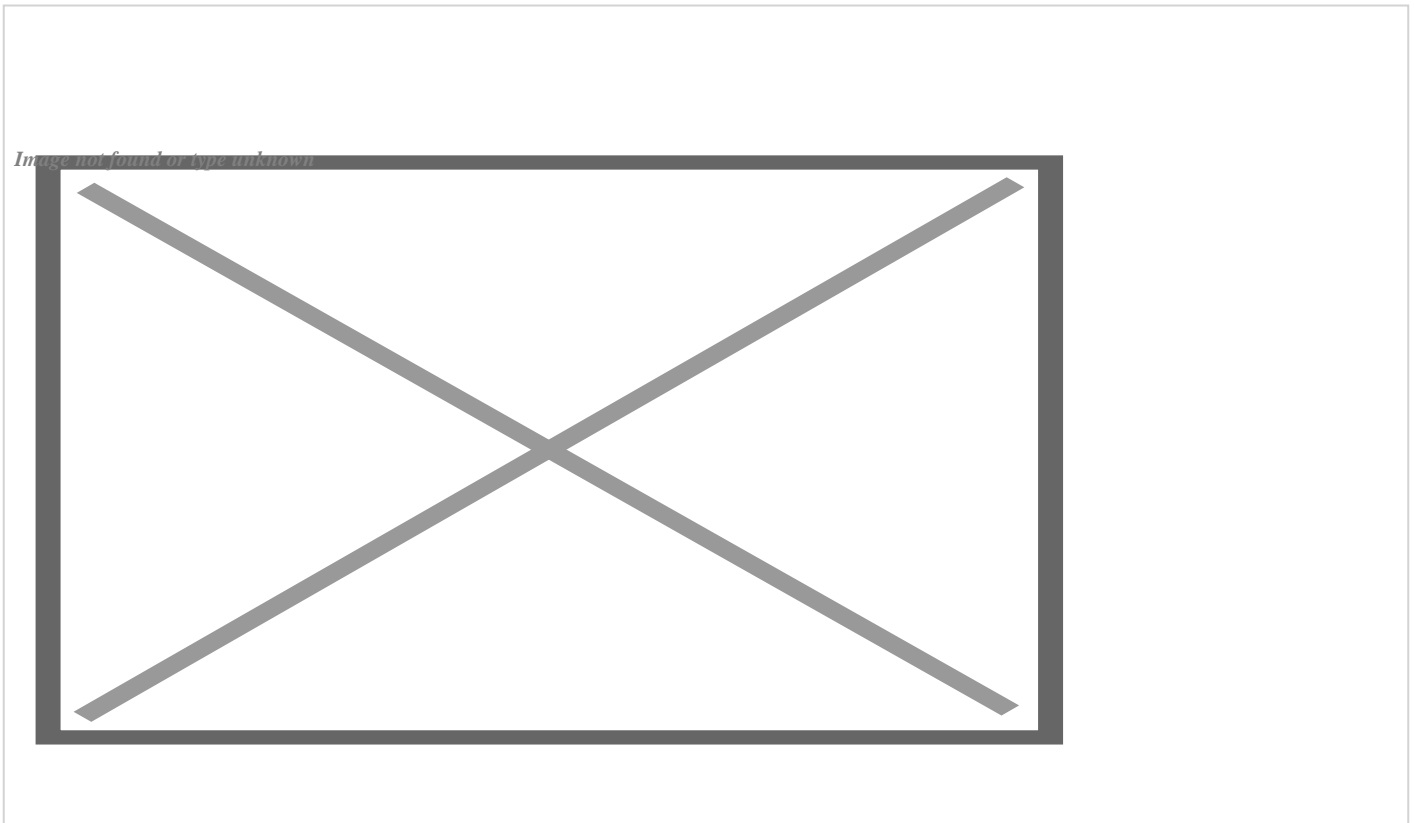


# *First Cubans in Kazan for BRICS 2024 Games*

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Kazan, June 13 (JIT).- The five men members of his wushu team will be the first to go into action for Cuba, after tonight they participate in the opening ceremony of the BRICS 2024 Sports Games.

After two days of travel from Havana, with stops in Caracas and Istanbul, the quintet arrived early this Wednesday at the Popular University of Sports, Physical Education and Tourism of Kazan, converted into an excellent sports village due to the size of the center and the warm welcome to all visitors.

The Cuban leaders of this martial art held their first training session, after the technical meeting of the discipline, accompanied by José Cedeño, general director of Physical Education and sports for all, and Eric Gutiérrez, national head of recreation at Inder.

The most experienced of the group, Rafael Alonso Sánchez, and René Álvarez, will be the debutants this Thursday, and on Friday Hiroshi Torres, Ricardo Ortega and Leandro Cordero will compete, all eager to exhibit their skills in the different tests with sword, sabers and cuffs.

Cuba will also have a presence in basketball and physical football, the new variant that mixes electronic games and physical exercises, and which are inserted this time in the extensive program of 27 sports.

The participation of almost 5,000 athletes from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, members of the Brics economic group, as well as more than 60 invited nations, is expected to participate.

From now on, the areas of this important center of higher studies in sports and tourism are animated by the exchange of representatives from all continents.

In this way, the main objective set out by the organizers is fulfilled, that is, to strengthen the sporting-friendly ties between the nations that make up the BRICS with the rest of the nations, based on the principles of equality and without any discrimination to be part of this athletic festival. .

The Cubans share the same building in the town with the Venezuelan delegation, made up of 26 men and 16 women, who will compete in 12 disciplines, among which chess, boxing, physical soccer, karate, weightlifting, sambo, and tennis stand out. table and wushu.

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