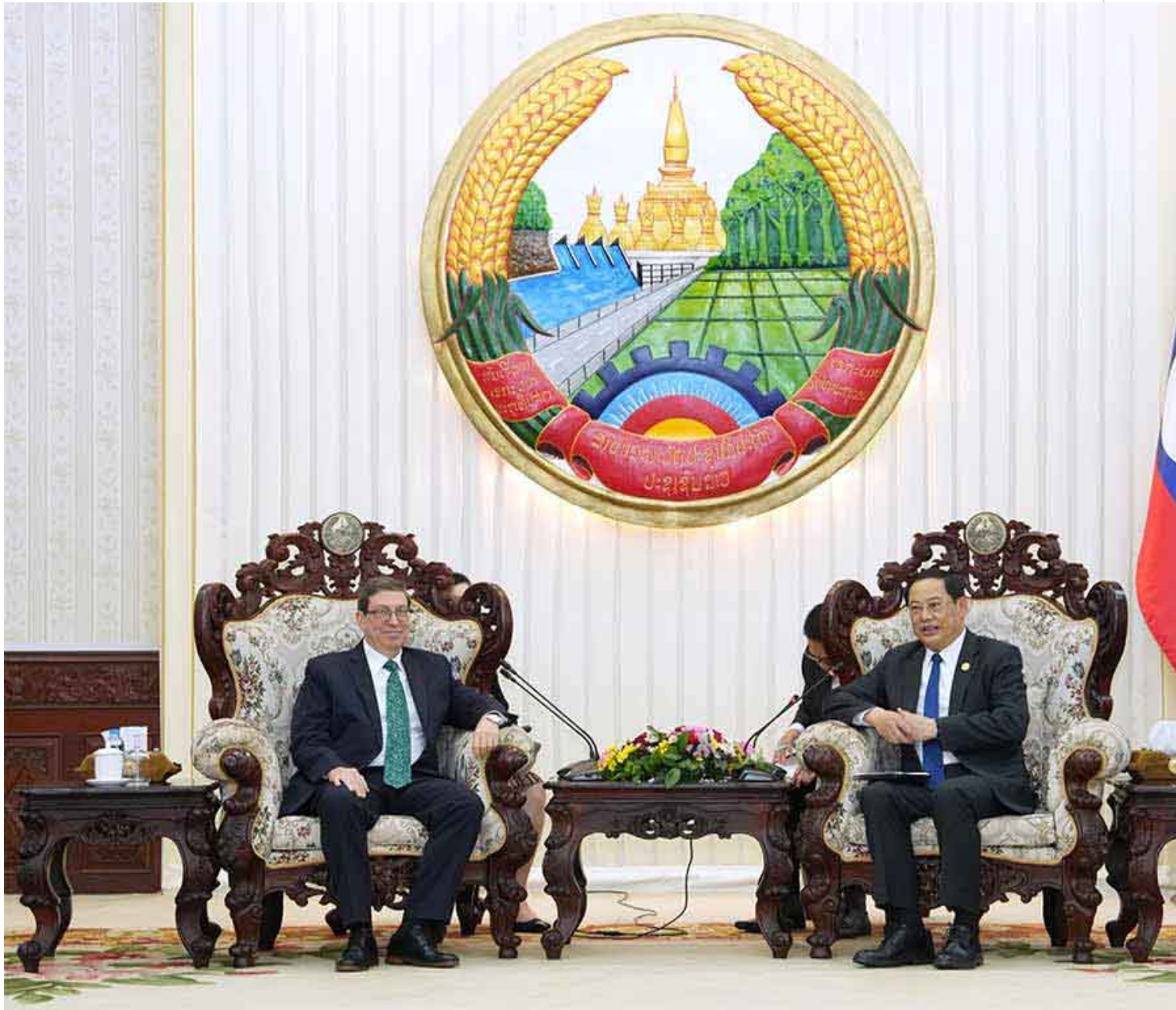


# *Cuba for expanding collaboration with Laos*

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Havana, Feb 21 (RHC) The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, conveyed the island's willingness to advance bilateral collaboration, at a meeting in Vientiane with the Prime Minister of Laos, Sonexay Siphandone.

At the meeting, Rodríguez discussed the potential for expanding collaboration between both countries in areas such as agriculture, biotechnology, the biopharmaceutical industry, healthcare, education, and sports.

During his second and final day of his official visit to Laos, he also met with his counterpart, Thongsavanah Phomvihane.

Both reached a consensus on the potential for advancing bilateral cooperation through mutual trust and the successful collaboration already established in various fields.

Upon his arrival in Vientiane, the Cuban Foreign Minister was greeted by President Thongloun Sisoulith, whom he reiterated the importance that Cuba attaches to strengthening relations with the South Asian nation.

In turn, President Sisoulith stated that Laos and Cuba are strategic allies and close friends, with a rich history of successful cooperation, thanks to their constant coordination, communication, and mutual assistance in regional and global affairs.

The two sides expressed their commitment to fostering and enhancing economic, commercial, and political ties, as well as further expanding their collaboration in areas with potential, including human resource development, education, sports, public health, and agriculture.

Also on Thursday, the chief of Cuban diplomacy paid a visit to the Kaysone Phomvihane Museum, which honors the founder of the Popular Revolutionary Party of Laos, and presented a floral tribute.

The official visit to Laos was part of a broader tour that included stops in Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam.

As part of this tour, the diplomat will also attend the 58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, which will begin on February 24 in Geneva. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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