

# *Cuban Medical Institution Declared National Monument*

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Havana, February 3 (PL-RHC)-- The "Victoria de Giron" Basic and Pre-clinic Sciences Institute, a leading center in Cuba to train highly qualified professionals in medical science, will be named a National Monument on Tuesday.

The recognition takes place on the 53rd anniversary of its foundation in 1962 by Cuban Revolution Leader Fidel Castro to train revolutionary physicians and dentists who have to face the health situation in the country after the massive exodus of health professionals to the United States.

Characterized by its architectural beauty, the center, located at an eclectic architectural and historic building in Havana, belongs to the University of Medical Sciences.

Some 80,000 students from 91 countries have studied in these classrooms in higher education studies such as medicine, dentistry, nursing, health technology and medical psychology.

The institute has provided valuable contributions to the technical training of nurses and technologists, also in post-graduate courses of different specialties, diploma courses, masters and PhD courses, among others.

Many historical events are linked to this place. The first internationalist mission to Algeria departed from

this institute in 1963. Some of the mission members included several of its professors.

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