

# *Cuba and Mexico Maintain Promising Perspectives*

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Havana, October 20 (RHC-PL) -- Relations between Mexico and Cuba maintain today promising perspectives, which will allow to expand trade, cultural and cooperation ties. In that sense, the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, Claudia Ruiz Massieu, who carried out an official visit to the Caribbean island, said there is a renewed relationship between the two states, based on the historical ties of friendship and solidarity, which today find new expressions.

The Mexican foreign minister stressed that such renewal seeks to promote this new closeness in several fields such as trade, but also in other areas like cooperation and cultural exchange.

In this way, Ruiz Massieu said that there is great interest from Mexican companies and industries to increase their presence in Cuba, and they want to be part of this new opportunity that is opening in our relations, she added.

The Mexican foreign minister referred to the deepening of ties in tourism, in education (where both nations signed more than 20 agreements between universities several months ago) and in the cultural sphere (with the participation of more than 300 artists in the International Festival Mayan Culture, where Cuba is this year's guest country).

For his part, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez said that there is great potential to develop relations with Mexico in all fields: cultural, scientific, academic, sports and economic. Rodríguez also

expressed appreciation for Mexico's position against the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on the island by the United States for more than half a century.

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