

# *Dominican Republic to Launch Joint Tourist Project with Cuba*

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Santo Domingo, October 30 (RHC)-- The Dominican Republic's Tourism Minister Francisco Javier said in the capital Santo Domingo that his country will jointly develop a multi-destination project with Cuba to bring a larger number of Chinese tourists to the Caribbean.

The official made the announcement during the first China-Dominican Republic Cooperation Forum, underway in Punta Cana, a tourist center in the eastern Dominican province of La Altagracia.

Tourism Minister Javier said that Cuban authorities are interested in jointly operating a multi-destination with his country for the Chinese market and they also want all Chinese tourists that visit Cuba to also travel to the Dominican Republic.

Air China announced the opening of the Beijing-Havana route for late December with three weekly flights. The tourism official said that this is good news for the joint multi-destination project.

Chinese tourists are eager to visit new places as estimates say that more than 100

million of them tour different destinations around the world, according to the Dominican Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development -- one of the organizers of the forum.

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