

# *Mexican Businesspeople Explore New Trade Opportunities in Cuba*

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Havana, February 3 (RHC)-- A delegation of Mexican business representatives from various industries will travel to Cuba in February, along with Economy Secretary Idelfonso Guajardo, to extend trade relations with the island.

The representatives will seek new opportunities to invest in Cuban oil, tourism, metal mechanics, food and agriculture, medical and pharmacological sectors, said Jaime Torres, president of the Mexico-Cuba Business Committee of the Mexican Business Council of Foreign Trade in an interview with the newspaper *La Jornada*.

According to the executive, the intention was that five owners of large companies would travel with President Enrique Peña Nieto, in the official visit he paid this week to the Caribbean nation, but that plan was cancelled due to his short stay.

He announced that the plan now is to shape a larger, more representative business delegation, to gain a new economic position in Cuba for Mexico, PL news agency reported.

The date of the Mexican businesspeople's trip has not been decided yet, but Torres considered that it should be immediately, because they are at their peak with Cuba, with which 120 Mexican companies are doing

business, some of them for more than 30 years.

Three days ago, during a meeting in Havana, Peña Nieto and Cuban President Raul Castro reiterated their mutual willingness to continue developing trade, especially in the economic-trade and cooperation sphere.

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