

# *Lula da Silva and Raul Castro Visit Mariel Special Development Zone*

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Havana, February 26 (RHC)-- Former Brazilian head of state Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva and Cuban President Raul Castro toured the Special Development Zone, under construction at the Mariel Port, west of Havana, where the Brazilian leader described the project as an opportunity for an industrial revolution for Cuba.

During the visit to the project, which is being developed on a credit line granted by Brazil, Lula said he was happy because they have been able to share this moment with Cuba and he added that President Raul Castro is taking courageous decisions to modernize his country, "what we need to do is to break the U.S. blockade of Cuba so that the country can full develop itself."

Meanwhile, Raul Castro referred to the work related to all legal aspects of the project, in order to offer all activities on the site and favor investors.

During the tour, Cuban and Brazilian experts exchanged experiences on the use of different sources of renewable energy, such as biomass from sugar cane, as well as opportunities for collaboration in this area.

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