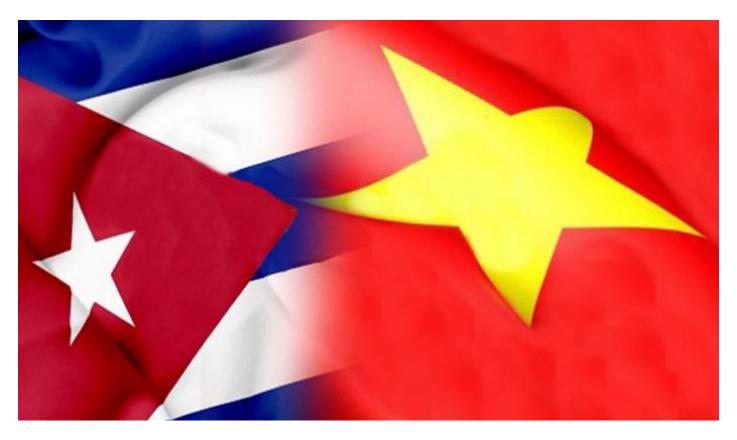
General Secretary of Viet Nam's Communist Party to visit Cuba



Havana, March 27 (RHC)-- The Secretary General of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Nguyen Phu Trong, will arrive in Cuba for a state visit from March 28th through the 30th.

During his stay, the Vietnamese political leader will fulfill a packed agenda that includes talks with Cuban political and government authorities.

The Vietnamese leader visited Cuba in April 2012. At that time, he affirmed that the Caribbean island is an example for his people.

'For the Vietnamese people, Cuba is an example of revolutionary heroism, selfless internationalism, iron will and deep conviction in the cause of freedom and independence,' he said. On that occasion, the secretary general of the Communist Party of Vietnam held a meeting with the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro.

Havana and Hanoi share a historic friendship that spans for more than half a century, but both parties agree that there is potential to expand ties, especially in the economic and trade areas.

Vietnam is Cuba's second trade partner in the Asia and Oceania region and the island's main supplier of rice.

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