

# *Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel receives Salvadorian counterpart Salvador Sánchez Cerén*

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Havana, October 26 (RHC)-- Cuban president Miguel Díaz-Canel met Thursday in Havana with his visiting counterpart from El Salvador, Salvador Sánchez Cerén, who is paying a five-day official visit to our country.

After the official welcoming ceremony, both dignitaries reviewed the state of bilateral ties and the regional situation.

During the exchange, Díaz-Canel and Sánchez Cerén expressed their satisfaction with the state of bilateral relations, which they said reflect the bonds of friendship between both governments and peoples, and voiced a common interest in further strengthening trade and economic ties.

The Salvadorian president was accompanied at the meeting by his country's ministers of Foreign Affairs Carlos Castañeda, Economy Luz Estrella Rodríguez, Education Carlos Canjura and Culture Silvia Elena

Regalado, as well as Salvadorian ambassador here Sandra Geraldine Alvarado.

Also participating in the meeting on the Cuban side were the country's Ministers of Foreign Trade and Investment Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz, Education Ena Elsa Velázquez Cobiella and Culture Alpidio Alonso Grau, as well as deputy foreign minister Marcelino Medina González and Cuba's designated ambassador to El Salvador René Ceballo Prats.

Prior to his meeting with the Cuban president, the Salvadorian head of state paid homage to Cuban National Hero José Martí, at Havana's Revolution Square.

Salvadorian president Salvador Sánchez Cerén is also scheduled to visit Santa Ifigenia cemetery in eastern Santiago de Cuba province to pay tribute at the gravesite of historical leader of the Cuban Revolution Fidel Castro.

Diplomatic relations between Cuba and El Salvador were reestablished in June of 2009, following the assumption of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) to the presidency in the Central American nation. Ever since, the two countries maintain have worked toward strengthening cooperation ties in areas such as health, education, culture, agriculture and the environment.

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