

# *Cuban president praises revitalization of Santiago de Cuba*

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Havana, March 15 (RHC)--Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of the Councils of State and Ministers, wound up Friday his second tour of Santiago de Cuba province since he took office in April last year.

In June 2018, Díaz-Canel visited Santiago, heading a government commission, and since then he toured each of the island's fifteen provinces, in an effort to assess how the provinces' performance in the economy, local development, agriculture, and investment, among other indicators.

The president began his agenda began in Santiago on Thursday, visiting Contramaestre municipality. He toured Laguna Blanca agricultural production center, the largest in the eastern province, with a total of 7,500 hectares, 6,833 of which are used for various crops.

Díaz-Canel, along with the ministers of Agriculture and Economy and Planning, Gustavo Rodríguez Rollero and Alejandro Gil Fernández, respectively, walked through some of the plantations of the center.

On Friday, the Cuban head of state met teachers and students at the Pedagogical School Floro Pérez, met with local government and party authorities.

Speaking with local residents that met him on the streets while he toured the city, Diaz-Canel highlighted the city's constant revitalization, with new recreational structures added to the urban landscape, with great reception ." This is what we aspire to have in all the cities of the country," he said.

Earlier in the day, the president paid tribute in the Santa Ifigenia cemetery to the historical leader of the Cuban revolution, Fidel Castro, to national hero, José Martí, and to important figures of the island's struggles for independence.

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