

# *Trinidad celebrates its 506th anniversary*

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Trinidad, January 13 (RHC)-- With the presence of Cuban Prime Minister Manuel Marrero, the solemn session of the Municipal Assembly of People's Power of Trinidad took place on Sunday on the occasion of the 506th anniversary of the founding of the village

Together with the Valle de los Ingenios (The Sugar Mills Valley), the city was declared a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO in 1998.

Tania Gutiérrez, president of the Municipal Assembly of Trinidad (Government), highlighted the revolutionary history of the third village founded in Cuba in which three generals of the war of independence against Spanish colonialism were born.

She also pointed out that the city is a "living legend, with happy and indomitable children" and highlighted the economic and social progress of the territory and said that Trinidad has the highest potential of the province.

The renowned Trinidadian artist Yudit Vidal received the Unique Prize for the Arts, awarded by the Municipal Assembly, for her outstanding work in the development of culture.

For her part, Katherine Muller-Marin, Director of Unesco's Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean, recalled the awarding of the status of Creative City to Trinidad - together with Havana - in the section of handicrafts and popular arts.

She said that 246 locations make up the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and praised the needle techniques used in this southern central city that have been converted into heritage.

Eduardo Torres Cuevas, director of the Marti's Program Office, delivered the keynote speech..

After the end of the celebration, participants visited several projects, including the official inauguration of the hotel La Popa by the Cuban Prime Minister Manuel Marrero.

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