

# *Cuba and Japan Explore Trade Expansion*

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Tokyo, June 11 (RHC) — Cuba's ambassador to Japan, Marcos Rodríguez Costa, met in Tokyo on Tuesday with Deputy Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Midori Matsushima, to assess the current state of bilateral relations in those sectors," Prensa Latina news agency reported.

According to a statement issued by the Cuban Embassy, Matsushima and Rodríguez "analyzed the potential for the development and expansion of the economic and commercial links between the two countries."

Matsushima is also in charge of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs. She visited Cuba in May 2007, when she was Deputy Foreign Minister.

During the meeting, Rodríguez emphasized "Cuba's interest in developing an active Japanese participation in the island's development plans and provided details of ongoing economic and social reforms," Prensa Latina said.

To that end, he gave the Japanese minister a copy of the newly enacted Cuban Foreign Investment Law, translated into Japanese, and described the advantages of the Special Development Zone at the Port of Mariel, west of Havana.

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