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Havana, November 14 (RHC)-- Cuban sports stars Mijaín López, Julio César La Cruz and Omara Durand will participate in the First Junior Pan American Games in Cali-Valle I (Colombia) as Panam Sports' deluxe guests.

Ariel Sainz, vice-president of the Sports Institute (Inder), confirmed the news to Radio Habana Cuba (www.radiohc.cu) and added that the top continental sports entity also invited former basketball player Judith Aguila, president of the National Commission for Athletes' Assistance.

"These are three of the active figures who have given more glory to Cuban sport and the other guest is the head of the department that ensures the care of athletes," said Sainz.

All of them have had a 2021 year of excellence and will be a mirror and example for the 214 children in 26 disciplines who will defend the colors of Cuba in the competition.

Mijaín became a legend in the top competition of 2021, the Tokyo Olympic Games, by winning his fourth crown, an unprecedented event in wrestling, male branch.

The great figure of Cuban boxing, Julio César La Cruz, also won gold in Tokyo, his second under the five rings, and then added his fifth world title at the World Championships in Belgrade.

Omara Durand, meanwhile, further added to her Paralympic Games history by winning three more gold medals (100, 200 and 400) in Tokyo, in the T12 category - profoundly visually impaired - to increase her total to 8, in addition to improving her world record in the 200 meters.

The three stars of Cuban sport are currently on vacation or on an active rest period.

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