

# *Cuban president talks with top leadership of youth organizations*

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Havana, January 31 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel held a meeting at the Palace of the Revolution with the top leadership of the Union of Young Communists -UJC-, and the Federation of University Students -FEU-, in which he called on the country's youth to find spaces in both organizations, which entails, he said, a lot of observation and no prejudice.

"We have to build a climate where we can, within the Revolution, discuss even the things we do not agree on," said Díaz-Canel. "That gives us more development, more possibilities, because problems are so complex, life is so convulsive that none of us can assume that we are right about everything. One learns a lot from others," he stressed.

All projects that strengthen socialism, democracy, participation, values, welfare - defending the Revolution - we will take into account, because people feel more committed when they participate, said Díaz-Canel in an exchange with youth leaders that lasted more than three hours.

In the meeting, which was attended by Aylín Álvarez García, first secretary of the UJC, and Karla Santana Rodríguez, president of the FEU, the president spoke with the young people about the current Cuban situation, complex in view of the effects of COVID-19 and the intensification of the U.S. blockade, as well as the fundamental role played by young people in this difficult period.

Díaz-Canel was interested in the attention of the Ministries towards the universities - the well-known agreements - in which progress has been made, although dissatisfactions persist, especially in transportation and recreation issues that young people are demanding.

The First Secretary of the Party reiterated that the training organizations have to knock on the doors of the student institutions and not the other way around, because if we are saying that young people are the most important people, nobody can break with that concept.

Likewise, he asked the UJC and the FEU to be more active in the debates generated on violence against women, social welfare, racial discrimination, environment, among others, which are our issues and we have to promote them, he said.

Among the issues addressed by the President in this meeting - which was also attended by Roberto Morales Ojeda, Secretary of Organization and Politics of Cadres, and Rogelio Polanco Fuentes, member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee and head of its Ideological Department of the Central Committee - was also the attention of the UJC and the FEU to the most vulnerable young people, as well as towards the young people who are working in the non-state sector.

They talked about the growth in the ranks of the Communist Party; about achieving a more active youth movement in all the tasks of the nation, involving the pioneers; about adding more youth leaders in the groups that are currently analyzing and proposing new public policies; and about the FEU and the UJC getting closer to other youth movements that are also contributing a lot to the Revolution.

Likewise, the youth leaders raised material problems that affect university life, as is the case of the construction situation of student residences, especially in Havana and Matanzas.

Rest assured, said Díaz-Canel, that you will have all the support, all the understanding of the Party, you can even disagree with us on something, and we will discuss it in the atmosphere of comrades in struggle, of comrades, of revolutionaries, without any kind of problem. Never expect from us an imposition, he affirmed.

"We have all the will, all the desire and all the need for you to be participating in everything we are going to face," stressed the First Secretary of the Communist Party, who also asked to invite to these meetings at the Palace of the Revolution the young people of the Federation of High School Students.



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