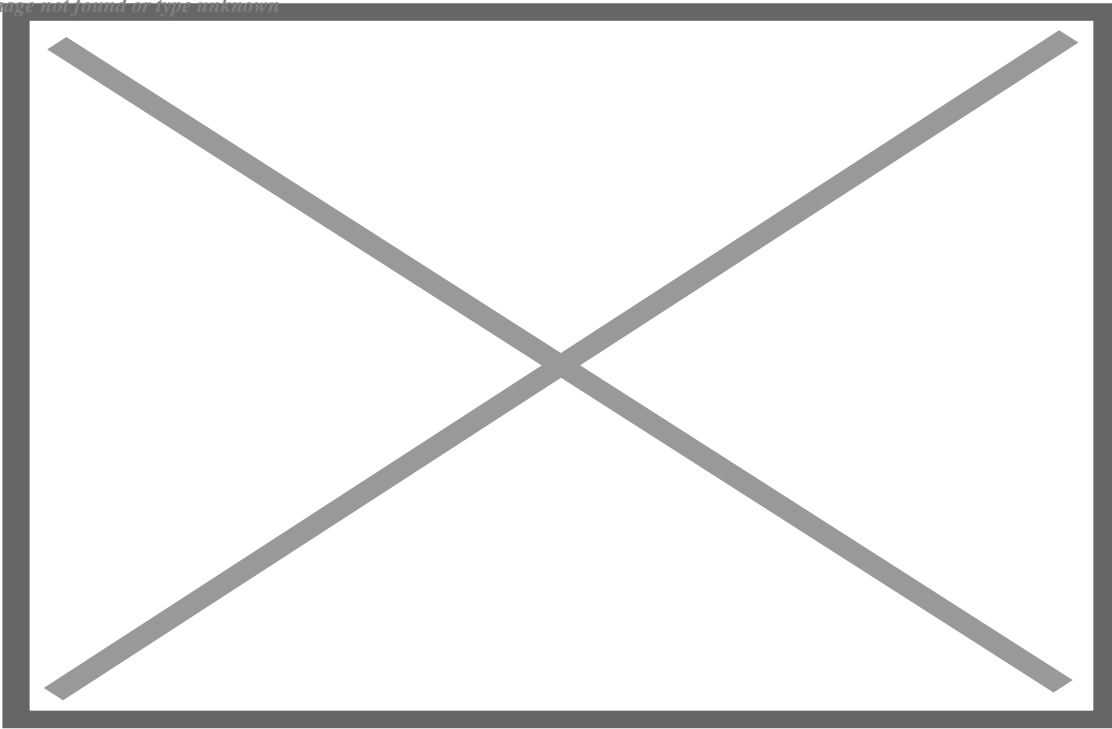


Cuba celebrates Children's Day with recognized achievements

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June 1st -- International Children's Day.

Havana, June 1 (RHC)-- Cuba celebrates Children's Day on Thursday with achievements in that area that place it at the level of developed countries, despite the complex domestic economic situation and the intensification of the U.S. blockade.

The legislative body created over six decades places children at the center of attention and guarantees their survival, development, protection and participation in society.

To ensure these rights, it has, among other provisions, the Family, Labor and Childhood and Youth Codes, as well as the Maternity Law.

Several programs for the extensive use of television for educational purposes, the massive study of computers and the most complete coverage with fully trained teachers, allow the full development of children.

The island also has 440 special schools, with an enrollment of more than 56,000 students, which meet the educational needs of children with disabilities.

According to the vice-president of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Luis Ernesto Pedernera, Cuba's work in protecting its children is commendable and can be compared to first world countries.

The fact that the Cuban Constitution places the best interests of the child and progressive autonomy at its center is an important achievement, as was the approval of the Family Code, said the expert in a meeting with representatives of the island's civil society organizations.

In the contact, Pedernera assured that the country is immersed in a very interesting process that began with the 2019 Constitution, which includes some axes of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

He considered his visit to Cuba as a historic and superlative experience, since it is the first time that an expert from the Committee attends an academic activity -I International Congress on Childhood and Adolescence- and has the opportunity to dialogue with the authorities on the recommendations made. The International Children's Day, instituted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1956, is dedicated to fraternity and understanding among the children of the world and promotes activities that directly involve the youngest members of the family.

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