

*Simultaneous chess match to
celebrate Che Guevara's 95th
birthday in Uruguay*

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The 95th anniversary of Ernesto Che Guevara's birth is celebrated in Uruguay.

Havana, June 10 (RHC) -- The 95th anniversary of Ernesto Che Guevara's birth was celebrated in Montevideo with a simultaneous chess game, a sport he was passionate about, and of which he was an

enthusiastic promoter in Cuba.

It was an initiative promoted by the association of doctors graduated from the Latin American School of Medicine, the Che Guevara Study Center, the Cuban Chess Federation, the Uruguayan Anti-imperialist Committee of Solidarity with Cuba and the Federal Association of officials of the University of the Republic.

Chess players from Montevideo and the interior of the country faced the Cuban International Grand Master (first with that rank in the island), Vivián Ramón Pita, and the Uruguayan International Master Bernardo Roselli, who has won more than twenty national championships in his country.

Also the young Uruguayan Pilar Silverira, who represented her country in the Chess Olympiad held in India.

For the Cuban Grand Master, who directs in Havana the Chess Study Center "Isla" of the University of Sports, Che Guevara was a promoter of that sport in the largest of the Antilles.

In an interview with Prensa Latina, Pita affirmed that the Argentinean-Cuban revolutionary contributed to the massification of chess in Cuba, with the creation of the inter-organizational tournaments and the Capablanca In Memoriam, where the best chess players of the planet have competed.

Che was together with Fidel Castro in the idea of the Chess Olympiad in Havana in 1966, which turned out to be historical, he underlined.

For all these reasons, Cuban chess has a historical debt with him, and that is why we are sure that he would be applauding this simultaneous in which Uruguayans and other nationalities participate, he commented just before the beginning of the competition.

For his part, International Master Bernardo Roselli applauded the initiative and acknowledged Comandante Guevara's gifts as a chessboard player.

According to what I know from Cubans who worked with him and those who played against him, Che Guevara would have an Elo of 2,330 points today, which would give him the category of Fide Master, he assured Prensa Latina.

The Cuban ambassador, Zulan Popa, praised the participation in the simultaneous, particularly of young people, which, she said, would have been celebrated by Ernesto Che Guevara.

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