

Exhibition on Fidel Castro and sports opens in France

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Paris, September 17 (RHC) -- The Cuba Coopération France -CubaCoop- association hosted on Friday at its stand at the Fête de l'Humanité the presentation of the exhibition Fidel Castro and sport, a meeting that became an act of solidarity with our country.

The exhibition, organized in coordination with the National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (INDER) of the Antillean nation, deals with the links and commitment of the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution with sports and pays tribute to great athletes, among them Olympic glories such as Mijaín López, Félix Savón, Julio César La Cruz and María Caridad Colón.

Speaking at the inauguration, CubaCoop's president, Víctor Fernández, framed the exhibition in the French association's will to accompany Cuban sports in the face of current challenges, among them the impact of the U.S. blockade on the Caribbean country.

In that sense, he shared with a part of the audience present at the traditional political-cultural festival of the Paris Region details of the project that the organization is carrying out to support the preparation of athletes from the island in preparation for the Paris-2024 Olympic Games.

Fernandez also affirmed the importance of taking advantage of any space to denounce and condemn the U.S. economic, commercial and financial blockade, as well as the inclusion of Cuba in Washington's unilateral list of countries sponsoring terrorism, which he called scandalous.

In the event of the opening day of the Fête de l'Humanité, the first vice president of Inder, Raúl Fornés, highlighted the legacy of Fidel Castro in the development of the sports movement in the Caribbean nation.

Before the triumph of the Revolution, on January 1, 1959, we only won five Olympic gold medals (all by fencer Ramon Fonst), while in subsequent events we surpassed 80, to place us among the top 20 countries in the world, he stressed.

Fornés also praised the training in recent decades of thousands of professionals (coaches and teachers) and the massiveness achieved in the sport.

For his part, the president of the Cuban Olympic Committee, Roberto León Richard, praised the exhibition for reflecting the commitment of the Revolution and its leader to sports since the early years of that process.

The island's athletes consider Fidel the greatest sportsman, he said.

The inauguration of the exhibition was attended by the head of the Cuban delegation to the Fête de l'Humanité, the member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Council of State Elier Ramirez, and the ambassadors to Paris, Otto Vaillant, and to Unesco, Yahima Esquivel.

Ramírez, Fornés and León Richard expressed their gratitude for CubaCoop's support to Cuban sports, particularly the support project for the Olympic Games.

It shows once again that solidarity cannot be blocked, warned the head of the Cuban delegation (Source: Prensa Latina).

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