

Cuban Book and Culture Fair underway in Argentina

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Buenos Aires, October 9 (RHC)-- The third edition of the Cuban Book and Culture Fair began Saturday in Buenos Aires with an extensive program of activities, aimed at highlighting and strengthening relations between Argentina and our country.

Fifty years after the reestablishment of diplomatic ties between the two states and 40 years after the return of democracy in this nation, the event proposes an approach to those events and will highlight the historical and friendly ties between the two peoples.

The event will last until tomorrow and will be held at Casa Patria Grande in this city. A simultaneous chess game and a reading session, dedicated to the Argentine-Cuban guerrilla Ernesto Guevara (1928-1967), are scheduled for this day.

In addition, the Narrating Solidarity contest will be launched and the public will be able to enjoy musical and dance groups.

The book *El renacer de las cigarras. La dictadura no pudo con las mujeres argentinas*, by Cuban journalist and writer Hedelberto Lopez, which highlights the role of women in Argentina's history and in confronting the horrors committed by the last civil-military dictatorship in this South American country (1976-1983).

Published by Editorial Acercádonos, with a prologue by the president of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, Estela de Carlotto, the text gathers the testimonies of 16 survivors who denounce the dehumanization, torture, sadism and wickedness of the military dictatorships that burst into Latin America with the support of the United States.

On the other hand, the photographic exhibitions *Narrar Cuba: formas de contar la épica cotidiana* and *Fidel Castro-Argentina 2003* will be on permanent display, the latter dedicated to the visit of the historic leader of the Revolution to this capital city, during which he gave a speech on the steps of the Law School of the University of Buenos Aires.

Likewise, participants are invited to build a collective mural with photos, drawings, postcards and solidarity messages.

According to the organizers, the fair "seeks to reflect the spirit of integration of Our America, the commitment with the identity, the emancipation of the peoples and the conscience of being women and men of our time to think the world with a critical spirit that always shows us the revolutionary Cuban deed". (Source: Prensa Latina).

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