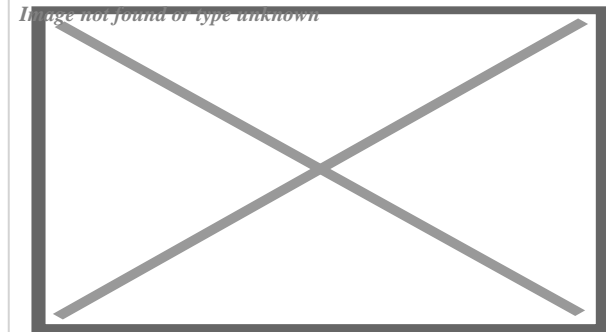


Culture and entrepreneurship with fellow citizens abroad

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In the useful path towards the consolidation of Cuba's link with its nationals abroad, representatives of the latter are attending here a meeting with investment purposes and cultural exhibitions.

In order to channel economic initiatives that benefit all parties, Cuban businessmen living abroad are taking part in the 39th Havana International Fair.

The most important commercial forum of the Caribbean archipelago welcomes the latter, who show business possibilities and offers and get acquainted with the ample opportunities to invest in this Caribbean market.

The second edition of the Festival of Culture called "Cuba goes with me", organized by the Ministries of Culture and Foreign Affairs and covering all art forms, also contributes to the collaboration and exchange with the country's nationals living abroad.

Thus, Havana residents can attend theatrical programs and witness visits to communities, where soloists and musical groups of Cubans living in other latitudes take part.

We are in the presence of two ways to strengthen ties with emigration, in a country where, according to statistics, one out of every three Cubans has family abroad, as evidence of a natural phenomenon that is widespread in the world.

The largest of the Antilles calls all its children willing to contribute to the good of the sovereign nation, regardless of where they live.

In that spirit, many of them have joined 134 groups, formalized in 57 nations.

Those who come from these spaces and others as individuals are getting ready to attend the Fourth Conference The Nation and Emigration, convened in Havana on November 18 and 19.

The government intends to talk there about everything that unites or interferes with that purpose and increasingly weave a dynamic nexus through different spheres of society.

Recently adopted provisions such as the elimination of the extension, cheapening and extension of the validity of passports, requests made by the nationals themselves and which Havana complied with despite the fact that they would reduce financial income to its coffers, are contributing to these exchanges.

Gradually, the path towards a fluid dialogue is being cleared even though the material circumstances in Cuba are difficult due mainly to the U.S. blockade.

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