

# *China and Cuba Strengthen Medical Cooperation*

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Havana, September 24 (AIN-RHC) -- The Minister of China's Food and Drugs Administration (CFDA) Zhang Yong visited Havana's Center for the State Control of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment (CECMED) in a further action to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the health and biotechnology sectors.

Zhang Yong visit came on the heels of an invitation by Cuban Health Minister Dr Roberto Morales and is part of actions to follow up on a bilateral accord signed in July during the visit to Havana by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Cooperative links between the Cuban and the Chinese entities were established in 2001 with the signing of a memo of understanding, which has been updated over the past years, said Dr Rafael Perez, director of the Cuban institution.

The two entities have favored the successful implementation of projects such as the joint ventures between Changheber and Biotech Pharmaceutical for the production of Cuban pharmaceuticals in China.

China has registered 98 products of 12 different suppliers in Cuba, which have been imported for the local health sector.

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