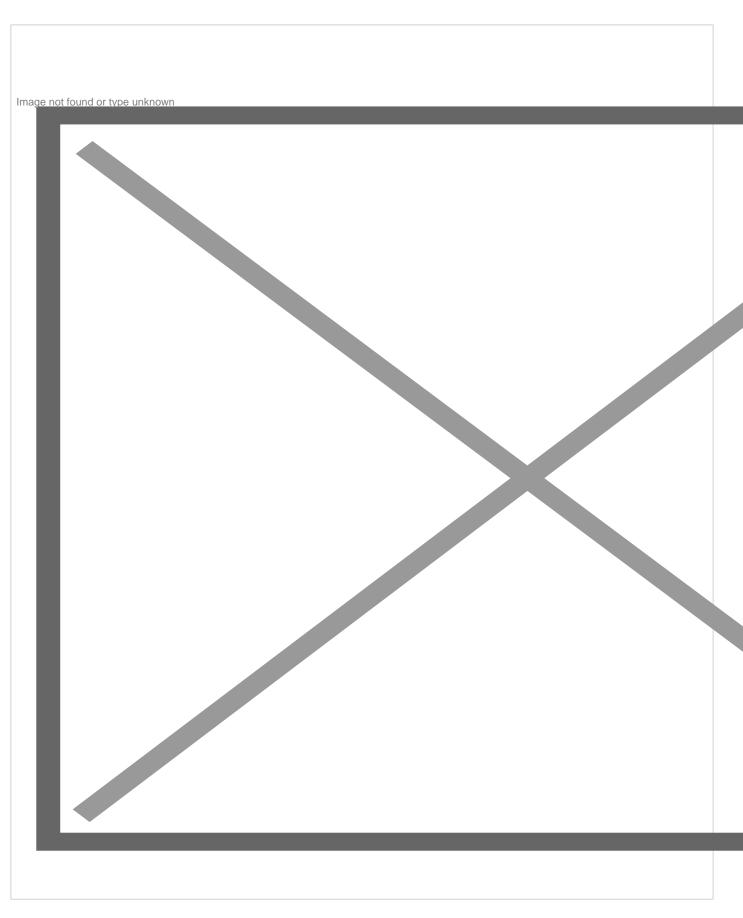
Hugo Chavez's legacy highlighted in Cuba on his 70th birthday anniversary



Havana, July 28 (RHC) -- The leadership defending today the independence and sovereignty of Venezuela, a legacy of Commander Hugo Chavez, will emerge victorious at the polls, predicted the ambassador of that country in Cuba, Orlando Maneiro.

During a commemorative act in Havana for what would be, this July 28, the 70th birthday of the deceased champion of the Bolivarian Revolution, Maneiro reaffirmed that only that process and its current leaders will continue to guarantee the Venezuelan people the peace, development and growth they deserve.

"Chávez lives under the mandate of President Nicolás Maduro Moros, who this Sunday, July 28, will win the Venezuelan presidential elections to continue leading the destiny of the Great Homeland of Simón Bolívar," said the diplomat.

In the tribute to Hugo Chávez, held in the allegorical museum to the statesman in the capital's Morro-Cabaña military complex, the ambassador and other speakers recounted experiences and teachings of the former Venezuelan president (1999-2013) in multiple facets of his life, dedicated to the service of his people, they acknowledged.

Maneiro described Chávez as a fervent defender of love for the family, baseball, the Armed Forces, for Venezuela and for the great excluded masses. He also had a life passionate about history and research about this country.

The statesman was also "the communicator par excellence of the Bolivarian Revolution who argues, makes people think and convinces," said the representative of the diplomatic legation, who also recalled his program Aló Presidente and his website Chávez Candanga.

For his part, the president of the Federation of Secondary School Students, Laniel Gómez, highlighted the wisdom, optimism, and leadership of Chávez who constitutes an example to follow for young revolutionaries around the world.

The relationship of the revolutionary from the South American country with the leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, was described by several attendees at the tribute as "infinite love between a son and his father."

Also present at the commemorative event for the 70th birthday of the Bolivarian commander were the intellectual and president of Casa de las Américas, Abel Prieto, the vice-minister of Culture Fernando Jacomino, among other personalities, ambassadors and representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Havana.

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