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Havana, September 24 (RHC) The new president of Sri Lanka, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, today ratified his Cuban counterpart, Miguel Díaz-Canel, the intention to work together towards global peace and justice.

In a message responding to Díaz-Canel's good wishes for Dissanayake's new management as head of state, Dissanayake thanked him for his support in building a solid relationship between the two countries.

Sri Lanka and Cuba in 2024 celebrate 65 years of diplomatic ties with the goal of strengthening bilateral ties in various sectors.

These links were promoted with the visit of the guerrilla fighter Ernesto Che Guevara in July 1959 to the former Ceylon as part of a tour indicated by Fidel Castro through the signatory countries of the Bandung Pact, resulting from a meeting of progressive states from Asia and Africa with invited Latin American nations.

Havana established its embassy in Colombo in 1960, while the Sri Lankan authority did so in 1987. Both countries have maintained excellent diplomatic ties.

Likewise, in the celebrations of the ties, authorities from Colombo and Havana agreed on the importance of strengthening ties and expanding them with a boost to various spheres.

Sri Lanka is one of the nations included in the scholarship program to study medicine and other professions in Cuban universities. Cuba has also provided medical assistance to the South Asian nation during the tsunami calamity and the Covid-19 pandemic.

The two countries cooperate closely and exchange views in various international forums, including the United Nations. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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