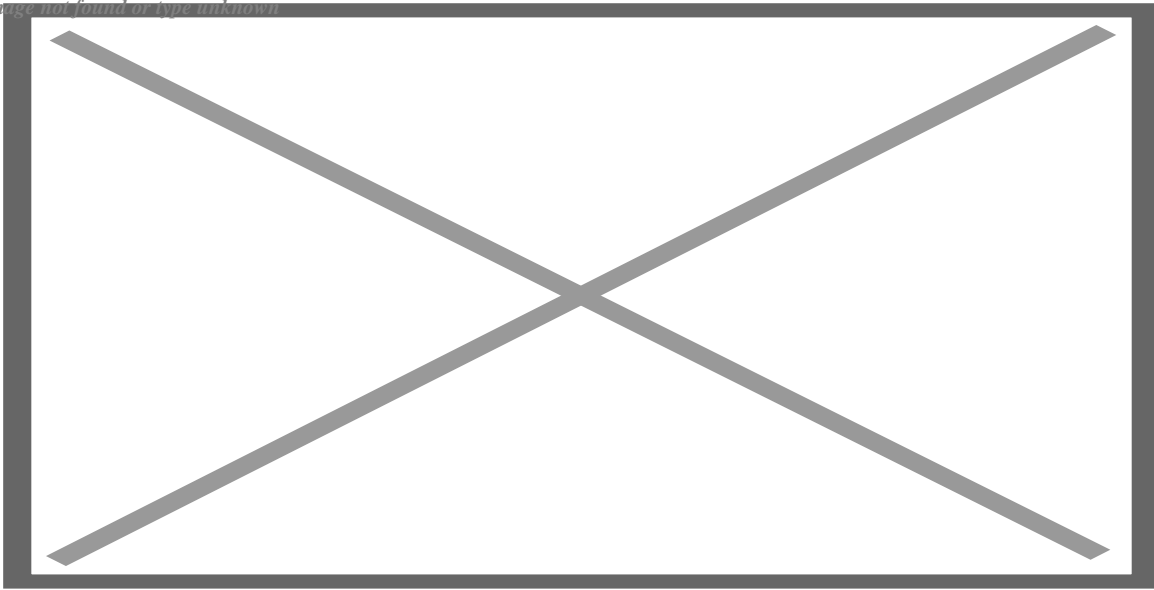


# *One year of fruitful cooperation between Cuba and China*

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**Cuba and China are not stopping in their search for new areas of cooperation**

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Cuba and China are not stopping in their search for new areas of cooperation in education and science, pillars of the fruitful exchange that both countries have maintained for decades in various fields.

The year 2024 has been a year of intense work on this path, in which there have been numerous meetings between the authorities of both nations and the signing of various agreements to further strengthen a profitable bilateral cooperation.

Recently, several memorandums of understanding were signed in the Chinese capital, Beijing, opening up new opportunities in education and scientific research.

Currently, there are more than 67 framework agreements between the University of Havana and higher education centers in the Asian giant.

At the end of September, the thirteenth meeting of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation was held in Havana, a mechanism that, according to the authorities of both nations, has allowed for increasingly broad results and tangible benefits for the economic development and life of both peoples.

The meeting identified ways to strengthen public health emergency response capabilities. In the latter area, the existing bilateral cooperation proved its effectiveness during the COVID19 pandemic. In China, Cuban biotechnology products were used to treat people infected with the new coronavirus.

Now the focus is also on nanotechnology, which is advancing in the world and is being used in medicine, environmental sanitation and food production.

In this regard, Cuba's Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment, Eduardo Martínez, expressed the importance for the Caribbean nation of close cooperation in the application of technology to food production, given all the obstacles posed by the hostile policies of the United States.

Since 1990, the Joint Commission in the Scientific Area has been established, which in all these years has contributed to the development of joint projects in biotechnology and the pharmaceutical industry, technology transfer and the production and commercialization of medicines and equipment.

According to information, China has about 10 laboratories for scientific development that are part of the Silk Road Initiative. Two of these centers were established with the support of the Greater Antilles.

Cuba and China are working together for a better future for their citizens, united by strong ties of friendship and solidarity that have allowed for fruitful cooperation in many areas.

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