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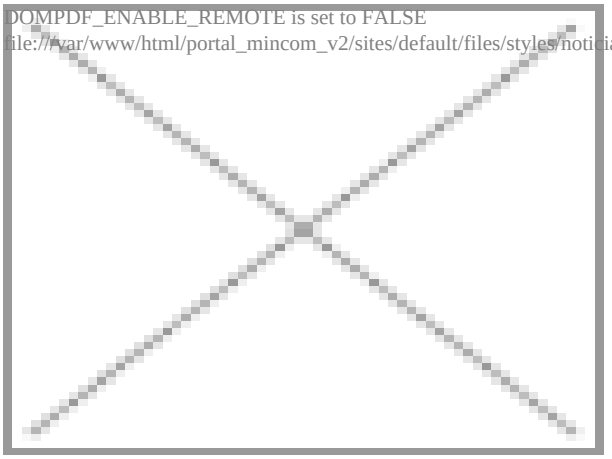

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Restoration, cleaning, drainage, transportation, computerization... These issues motivated the analyses during the Checkup of the Capital City Support Program, directed by the President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, the Prime Minister, Manuel Marrero Cruz, and the President of the National Assembly of the People's Power, Esteban Lazo Hernández.

Natural laboratory that seeks modernity

How the Computerization Program is progressing in the province was another point that was analyzed during the meeting. As it was expressed in the meeting, enterprises, universities, the wide existence of industries, productive and research centers, schools and regulatory entities located in Havana, make it a natural laboratory for the development of computerization.

Among the work projections that focus on this aspirational development, we include making public, in the first quarter of 2021, the new version of the Citizen's Portal that integrates the sites of the Provincial Government, the Municipal Assemblies, the provincial subordination entities, and the forms of public and private management that provide services and products to the city's population.

It has been considered, among other ideas, to promote the Scientific-Technological Park of Havana, as a space of innovation and generation of ideas for the computerization of the capital; to strengthen, from the territorial government, productive linkages and alliances between legal and natural stakeholders, which foster all kinds of solutions; and to implement the use of Transfermóvil and ENZONA payment gateways in all the units that provide services to the population.

Another goal is to supply the Provincial Government and the Municipal Assemblies with tools that make it possible to implement e-Government; to strengthen the Government's own data network, as the backbone of the tasks to be carried out.

On that subject, Díaz-Canel shared his thoughts when he said that Havana must be at the forefront of the country's computerization process. And it must be done in two areas: e-Government and e-Commerce.

Regarding the former, the Cuban President said that, regardless of the progress made, its purpose is for all organizations to computerize their management processes and services, every process on which a good operation depends.

As for e-Commerce, he pondered that if we had had it running more efficiently when COVID-19 appeared, we would have also been in a better position to face the situation of these months. Life has shown us that we have to move toward that type of commerce, he added.

The president emphasized the existing potentialities, and the need to enable mechanisms that make it feasible to certify our applications to put them at the service of the population. In that regard, he recalled, regulations that may benefit the public and private sectors have been approved.

To walk those paths of new technologies, as the dignitary commented, is to go after a smart capital, a smart city, a future development, a possible prosperity, and it means introducing efficiency in a group of processes. As he also remarked, specific goals must be set too, to know, entity by entity, when a place will be completely computerized and leave behind analogical technology.

Díaz-Canel also spoke of the robotics culture and the ways in which this can be applied; he brought up the subject of the electronics industry; and returning to the edge of potentialities he recalled the passion of children, everything that can be born if they are stimulated and offered technological tools.

Depicting a more futuristic city, the Head of State spoke of how those who live in Havana could one day know, through a cell phone, where they could go and what kind of services are available to them.

Near the end of the meeting, the state of compliance with the Plan for the Integral Development of the Historical Center of Guanabacoa was analyzed. In this scenario, where Martí left so many impressions, a careful work of restoration of monuments and sites of high heritage value is undertaken; inventories of pieces and important documents are updated; and trade and gastronomy are rearranged. Everything points to the fact that, as in other spaces in Havana and against the tide of great challenges, the capital will remain alive and proud of itself.
More information on the Presidency's website. For a city that is alive and proud of itself