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New Delhi, January 15 (Prensa Latina) Cuba's First Deputy Minister of Communications, Wilfredo González, and India's Minister of State for Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, today reviewed the possibilities of advancing bilateral cooperation in that sector.

As part of the program of activities initiated on Monday in the South Asian country by the Cuban First Deputy Minister, the meeting took place in New Delhi, with the participation of outgoing Ambassador Alejandro Simancas; Abel Aballe, Chargé d'Affaires of the diplomatic mission, and officials of the Indian and Cuban portfolios.

Gonzalez and Chandrasekhar exchanged on the digital transformation processes taking place in both nations and in particular the opportunities on the island in the field of information technology, as well as in training and capacity building, the representative of the communications sector of the Caribbean country told Prensa Latina.

Steps are being taken for the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Communications (Mincom) of Cuba and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India to establish the main topics of cooperation between the two parties, he said.

Likewise, he pointed out, there was a first approach on the possibility of advice in Cuba by Indian experts on capacity building to support the process of digital transformation of the Caribbean nation.

The first deputy minister said that, likewise, the meeting provided an opportunity to invite a delegation of specialists from the Asian nation to participate in the nineteenth edition of the International Convention and Fair Informática 2024, to be held from March 18 to 22 in Havana.

We explained to the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology of India the possibility of creating a large space in the event with the largest number of entrepreneurs of his country in the area in the software industry and information technologies, he said.

For González, this would be an opportunity to connect the Cuban national applications industry with its Indian counterpart, taking into account the many common elements between the two countries.

There is a very broad and strong training process of young people in software development and also the possibility of creating entrepreneurship and startups, which is the name in English, which is nothing more than the creation of new ideas and solutions in the process of mobilizing the economies of both parties, he said.

Previously, the First Deputy Minister of Communications Cuba visited the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) where he received details of the prestigious research and teaching center based in the Indian capital. Accompanied by the Cuban ambassador, as well as by Hector Rodriguez, vice president of the Havana Science and Technology Park and Amauri Trujillo, director of Real Estate of the same institution, among other members of the delegation, Gonzalez expressed the confluence of interests in the exchange of experts in advisory and training programs between institutions in India and Cuba.

The meeting culminated with the exploration of the possibility of strengthening those links between the

Indian Institute of Technology and Cuban universities, as well as between the Havana Technology Park and the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer of the Asian country.

Later, the First Deputy Minister of Mincom met with executives of important companies of the Asian country's sector.

On Tuesday, Wilfredo Gonzalez will be the guest of honor at the reception for Cuba's National Day and the 64th anniversary of bilateral relations.

He will also attend the three-day India Soft event, which will begin next Wednesday in New Delhi, as one of the key activities of the Cuban delegation in the South Asian nation.

India Soft brings together every year representatives of more than a thousand technology and IT companies in a fair that highlights the competencies of the Indian software industry.

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