

Cuba and Belarus Broaden Cooperation in the Educational Field

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HAVANA, Cuba, Oct 17 (acn) The Cuban Higher Education Minister, Jose Ramon Saborido and his counterpart from Belarus, Igor Karpenko reaffirmed on Tuesday in Sochi the possibility of broadening cooperation in the sector.

According to Prensa Latina News Agency, Karpenko condemned the US economic blockade against Cuba in an attempt for Washington to isolate Cuba. This statement was made within the framework of the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students underway in Sochi, Russia.

He added that the meeting in Sochi constitutes an action to reaffirm solidarity with Cuba based on principles of the international community in support for each country to select its own political system without outside pressure or intervention.

Karpenko referred on the need to develop relations with Cuba in all sectors including education.

The Cuban Higher Education Minister recalled that his country has a lot of technology from Belarus above all, in the agricultural field and invited his counterpart to visit Cuba next February to assist the international forum on universities.

He added that there is a possibility of agreements in the pharmaceutical sector to prepare specialists in the field of medicine, while purchasing Belarusian technique requires special preparation.

A center of professional preparation can be created in Cuba with Belarusian instructors and train all those that need to upgrade their knowledge, he said.

Karpenko suggested that both States develop a program for students from Belarus to receive Spanish classes on the island.

This could be part of an expanded cooperation agreement signed by the two Ministries in 2008, said Saborido and Karpenko during an exchange in one of the meeting rooms of the Center at the Olympic Villa in Sochi.

The installation, located some meters from the Black Sea is home to thousands of youth from some 180 countries discussing global politics, future and technology, sports, sustainable development, culture, problems affecting youth and dozens of other issues.

The First Secretary of Cuba's Young Communist League Susely Morfa Gonzalez indicated that the festival will allow the direct communication among youths of the world.

The Cuban ambassador in Russia, Emilio Lozada and representatives of the Higher Education Minister were also in the meeting.

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