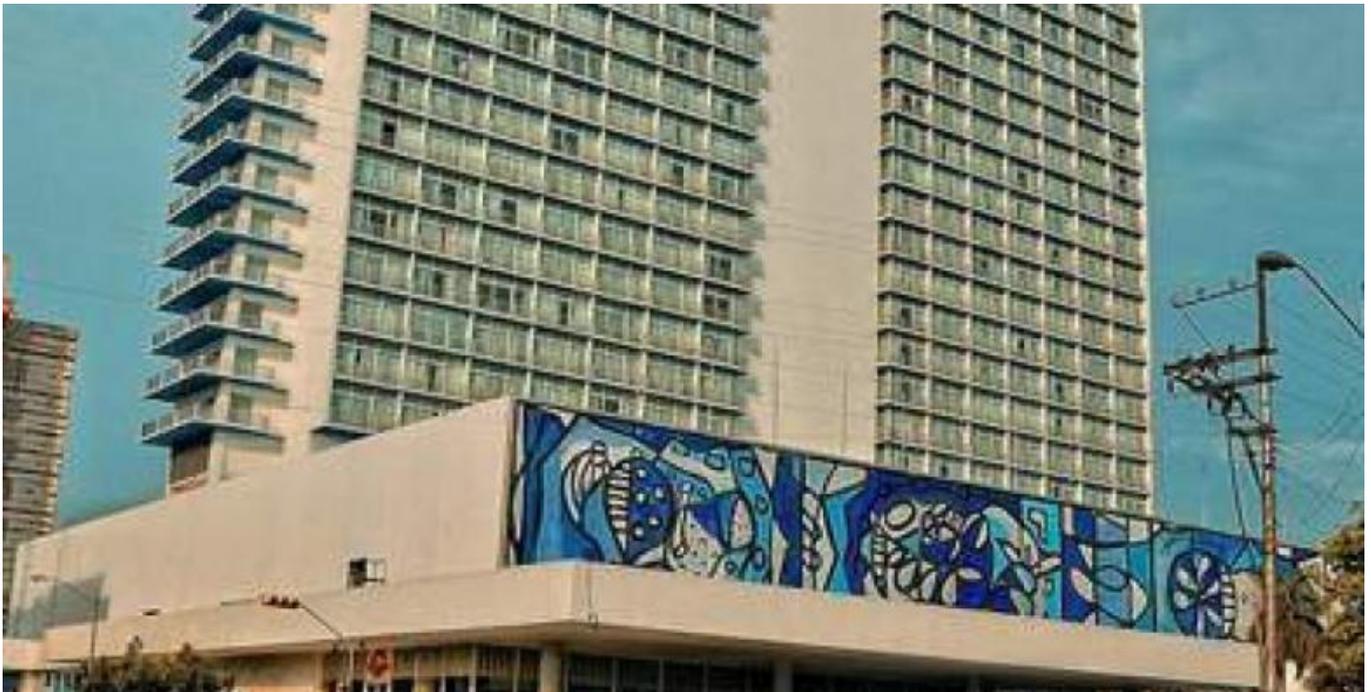


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Habana Libre Hotel Celebrates 59 Years

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Havana, Mar 20 (Prensa Latina) One of Cuba's most emblematic hotels, Habana Libre, former Habana Hilton, celebrated its 59th anniversary this weekend with the premise of maintaining high quality services, the facility's management said today.

Tryp Habana Libre, part of Gran Caribe Hotel Group, is located in one of Havana's central places, La Rampa, the capital's most frequented artery, not only by Cubans but also foreigners.

Executives of the facility highlighted its cultural importance and rich history that includes hundreds of events since the opening in 1958.

Politics, culture and sport personalities, chose the hotel, among them the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, who stayed for three months, after his arrival at the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, on January 8, 1959, they remembered.

The hotel's halls have been for many years the venue of the international renowned Capablanca in Memoriam Chess Tournament, as well as congresses of writers, health, movement for peace, among other events.

The director of the hotel, Luis Basterra, showed today satisfaction with the work done to renovate and improve the facility thanks to appropriate investments.

He added that the level of occupation is favorable, and the main markets for them is Europe, especially Spain.

The 25-story building is close to the University of Havana, other hotels, various ministries and labor centers, the Malecón (waterfront) and many restaurants and nightclubs, while offering a nonpareil view of the city.

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