Cuban Vice President Evaluates Exchanges and Projects with a Minister of Vietnam

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The Vice President and Minister of Economy and Planning of Cuba, Ricardo Cabrisas, and the head of Vietnam's Finance, Dinh Tien Dung, Advances in the exchange of bilateral experiences, as well as joint investment project negotiations.

During the meeting, Cabrisas informed the Vietnamese minister about The main agreements of the VII Congress of the Communist Party of the island in the economic area and on the result of the economy in the first half of 2017, according to the state Cuban News Agency.

In the first half of this year, Cuba managed to halt the decline of its economy, after having registered a decrease of 0.9% in 2016 - The first recession in the last 23 years, according to official data, and for the moment maintains GDP growth forecast at 2%.

Minister Dinh Tien Dung, Who made an official visit to the island in charge of a delegation of businessmen and officials of the agency he heads, referred to the close relations of the latter with the Ministry of Finance and Prices through the permanent exchanges carried out during the last ten years.

He also informed Cabrisas about a donation of means of infocommunication To

support training and working contacts.

The meeting also included the Cuban Minister of Finance and Prices, Lina Pedraza, along with officials from that portfolio and the Department of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment.

Cuba and Vietnam tightened ties since the 1960s, when they became symbols of resistance to the US, And visits to the island by members of both the Government and the Communist Party of Vietnam are frequent.

Vietnam, considered by Cuba as a political and economic ally, is the second The Asian trading partner of the island after China, with a bilateral exchange that in recent years amounted to 200 million dollars on average.

Vietnam exports to the island Products such as rice and consumer goods, while the Caribbean country sends him biological products and medicines.