UCI's role in the informatization of Cuban society highlighted

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The University of Computer Science (UCI Spanish acronym) celebrates its 15th founding anniversary this December 12 with important achievements in teaching, research and software production, a few days after having been subject to an accreditation process by the National Council of the Ministry of Higher Education.

In a meeting with the press, PhD Miriam Nicado Garcia, Rector of the institution and member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, highlighted that even when they do not have the results, voluntarily subjecting to an external evaluation like that was a "boldness", which they undertook with the challenge that it would remain as a working tool.

Experts from all over the country and from different bodies took part in this process; in which they evaluated over 500 students in several subjects, visited 13 classes and several institutions —among them the Mariel Special Development Zone, the Prosecution, the General Customs of the Republic and the Council of State's Office of Historic Affairs— geared at confirming UCI's role in the informatization of society.

High organizational culture, leadership, active role of the student organizations

favored by a solid staff committed with the Revolution, were some of the preliminary opinions left by the specialists, which the rector commented on.

"The UCI arose from an idea of Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro", she added, "with the criterion that it would assume different ways of teaching, of preparing young people and conveying knowledge; and that it would be both a teaching and producing center, hence its atypical nature.

She remarked that the institution has done its bit to the informatization of the country, with the deployment of software products in more than 130 institutions, among organizations, ministries and entities.

In Cuba, its graduates represent 52 percent of Computer Sciences specialists, and so far 14,458 professional have received their university titles here.

Today, this center, attached to the Ministry of Higher Education, ranks first and third respectively, among Hispanic American universities that collaborates the most with national and international entities and the most committed one with free software.

Fidel's dream has become true, because today the UCI has chained its productions with industry, and produces tablets, laptops and minicomputers with operating systems developed right here.

In addition to Computer Science Engineering, Bioinformatics Engineering began in the current school year with only 34 students, figure that will grow in the coming years.

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