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PM hosts Cuban science minister

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Prime Minister Nguyễn Xuân Phúc yesterday greeted Cuban Minister of Science, Technology and Environment Elba Rosa Perez Montoya, who is on a working visit to Việt Nam.

The host spoke highly of the countries' partnership in science-technology through a string of projects on the research and transfer of biological technologies, agriculture and climate change.

Prime Minister Phúc affirmed Vietnamese leaders' and people's resolve and wish to enhance comprehensive ties with the Caribbean country.

In that spirit, the PM called on the two countries' high-ranking leaders, ministries and localities to maintain regular exchanges of visits and to facilitate co-operation between their businesses.

The two sides should improve the efficiency of bilateral co-operation mechanisms, especially the Inter-Governmental Committee, and speed up bilateral negotiations to reach co-operation agreements, particularly those in trade, investment and science-technology, he said.

The leader suggested the two ministries of science and technology continue to share their experience in managing and building legal documents, mechanisms, policies and programmes on science-technology and personnel training.

The Cuban minister said her visit aimed to consolidate the cooperation in science-technology and natural resources between the two countries.

She noted that the recent Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba approved a strategy on a scientific, technological and environmental development model by 2020, which is expected to facilitate the two countries' co-operation in these fields in coming time.

Cuba is ready to share its experience with Vi?t Nam in areas of its strengths, including health care and pharmaceutical products, according to the minister.

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