

# *Venezuelan President Plans to Visit Iran*

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Caracas, January 18 (RHC)— Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro says he plans to pay an official visit to Iran in the near future to strengthen mutual relations and discuss avenues for further improving cooperation.

In a meeting with visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for European and American Affairs Majid Takht-e-Ravanchi in Caracas, Maduro reiterated Venezuela's support for the Islamic Republic and extolled the achievements of Tehran-Caracas cooperation in industrial, housing, scientific and technological fields.

For his part, Takht-e-Ravanchi, who is on a tour of Latin America, said Iran attaches significance to relations with Venezuela and expressed Tehran's determination to bolster bilateral cooperation.

The two men agreed that the Iran-Venezuela joint commission would convene soon to open up new business opportunities for Iranian firms.

Takht-e-Ravanchi arrived in the Venezuelan capital on Friday to hold talks with the country's senior officials after he wrapped up his two-day visit to Cuba.

He is scheduled to depart for Bolivia after concluding his visit to Venezuela.



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