

*Anniversaries of the Pioneers
Organization (OPJM) and the
Union of Young Communists
(UJC) celebrated in Italy*



Rome, April 7 (RHC)-- The Cuban community in Italy and the Caribbean country's embassy celebrated in Rome the 64th anniversary of the José Martí Pioneer Organization (OPJM) and the 63rd anniversary of the Union of Young Communists (UJC) of that nation.

As part of the initiatives to commemorate the date, a children's party was held at the Giulio Glorioso sports field, located in Rome's San Paolo neighborhood, as well as a softball match between teams from Cuba and the Dominican Republic, made up of nationals from both countries residing here and diplomatic officials.

The event was presided over by the island's ambassador, Mirta Granda, who recalled that the Pioneers' group was founded on April 4, 1961, while the UJC was created on the same date the following year, in 1962. She emphasized that both play an important role in the formation of new generations committed to the revolutionary process.

Lázaro Martín, coordinator of the associations of Cubans residing in the center and south of this European nation, spoke about the importance of honoring the children and youth of the Caribbean country, who are part of a heroic people affected by the criminal economic, commercial, and financial blockade of the United States.

Cuba needs "the greatest support and solidarity we are capable of providing" amid difficult conditions, primarily as a result of the measures of the US government, which also include the unilateral and unjust inclusion on the list of countries that allegedly support terrorism, he emphasized.

Granda thanked the Cubans residing in Italy for this initiative, which was supported by the diplomatic mission, and noted that it was one of the events within the framework of the XVII Meeting of Cubans Residing in Europe (ECRE), to be held in Rome from October 24 to 26 of this year.

This event will be a fundamental space for bringing together good compatriots who support and defend the Cuban Revolution from all over the world. They will be able to exchange ideas on topics of common interest, and new cultural and solidarity projects will be presented.

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