

# *Cuban and Ecuadorian Peoples United by Culture and History*

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Havana, February 6 (RHC)-- A large Ecuadorian delegation is participating in the 27th edition of the International Book Fair, presided over by Minister of Culture and Heritage Raúl Pérez Torres.

The Ecuadorian culture minister, himself a writer and literary critic, who won the coveted Casa de las Américas Literary prize in 1980, will offer a master lecture on the legacy of Cuban National Hero José Martí and Ecuadorian Hero, Eloy Alfaro.

Ecuadorian Ambassador María Augusta Calle said the strong ties between the Cuban and Ecuadorian peoples today was forged centuries ago by heroes like Ecuadorian Eloy Alfaro and Cubans José Martí and Antonio Maceo, who planned to fight together for the independence of both nations.

Other personalities in the Ecuadorian delegation attending the Cuba book fair include intellectual Ernesto Carrión -- also a Casa de las Américas Literary Prize laureate in 2017-- young writer María Auxiliadora Balladares and writer, essayist and book editor Antonio Correa Losada, as well as representatives from the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador.



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