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2018, Relevant for Cuba in Health Research

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The year 2018 saw the highest growth in scientific categorization, doctoral defenses and master's degrees in the Cuban National Health System, highlighted Tuesday on Twitter Health Minister Jose Angel Portal.

During the celebration of Cuban Science Day on January 15, the Minister assured that the country has more than 4,323 researchers and 1,075 PhDs in science.

The Minister of Public Health also pointed out that the new Constitution encourages scientific research, focusing on solving problems that affect society's interests and the benefit of the people, referring to the new Draft Constitution that will go to a popular referendum on February 24.

During the ceremony of the 41st edition of the Annual Health Award, Portal said it is a premise for us to harmoniously integrate the dimensions of science, technology, innovation and the environment as part of capabilities to achieve greater management and impact results in what we do.

The National Health System currently has 37 centers categorized as Science, Technology and Innovation Entities, out of which 18 are classified as research, three as Scientific-Technological Services, and 16 as Development and Innovation Units.

The sector is currently boosting the development of specialties and will launch new projects such as the Cuban precision medicine program, nanomedicine and robotics, as new paradigms to address the health care of our people, the Minister emphasized.

Scientific and technological development is undoubtedly an integral part of the social program begun in Cuba in 1959. The current results have come from a long process and are based on a strategy whose practical expressions have been observed since the early 1960s, especially in areas such as education and health, as well as technological and industrial development.

Cuba has maximized conscientious and professionally trained citizens, for which reason the country currently invests 10 percent of its Gross Domestic Product in education and more than one percent in research-development.

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