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National solutions equal more quality of life and technological sovereignty

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The computerization of society has special relevance to Cuba's economic and social progress, with the potential to increase the population's quality of life. Thus the country's highest leadership is constantly reviewing progress in this arena, especially the development of e-commerce and e-government, to promote the use of information and communication technologies in daily life. The country's efforts have shown their worth before, but their importance has been reaffirmed during our battle against the new coronavirus.

During a recent discussion of the issue, the President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, insisted that electronic commerce is key to the life of the country and our strategic goals, noting that if more progress had been made, we would have been in a better position to face the COVID-19 epidemic.

During the meeting, attended by several ministers, including Jorge Luis Perdomo Di-Lella, head of the Ministry of Communications, Díaz-Canel stated, "As we move forward on this issue, we will have fewer vulnerabilities in commerce and will be able to offer more facilities and better quality service," adding that national solutions can ensure technological sovereignty.

The President noted that the country needs infrastructure to support e-commerce, which, he said, the electronics industry must take the lead in developing.

The thousands of engineers in Electronics, Telecommunications, Automatic Control, Computer Science and other specialties, trained in Cuban universities, provide Cuba the potential for the development needed in these areas, he continued, adding that all industries must be "capable of producing for strategic sectors, including telecommunications."

