

Scientific development prioritized

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THE reorganization and development of the entities which make up the Cuban Science, Technology and Innovation System, are today, priorities for the country, stated deputy minister of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, (Citma), José Santana, in Havana.

In a press conference, the deputy minister noted that the government has designated a budget of 90 million pesos in order to achieve these objectives, reported PL.

It is important that scientific research is not affected or stopped during the reorganization process, which will be carried out through 2015 in accordance with the Economic Guidelines of the Party and Revolution, stated Santana.

For his part, the director of Citma's Science, Technology and Innovation section, Ulises Fernández, announced that Cuban Science Day, celebrated every January 15, will be commemorated this year with a schedule of events through March 20.

Given its positive results, Mayabeque province was chosen to host the main act, while Holguín and Guantánamo were highlighted as outstanding provinces, noted Fernández.

The celebrations include workshops and exchanges between specialists and public meetings in which employees from the ministry headquarters will be recognized.

The minister added that an informative activity will be take place with the collaboration of the media to highlight the achievements of research entities and collectives.

Activities to celebrate January 15 took place this year in the context of the 100th anniversary of the death of Carlos Juan Finlay, the eminent Cuban scientist who discovered that mosquitoes were carriers of yellow fever, and was nominated on numerous occasions for the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

The celebrations for Cuban Science Day will end on March 20 with the awarding of national prizes for innovation, as well as special distinctions from Citma.

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