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## President Ho Chi Minh's birthday marked in Cuba, Mexico

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A floral tribute was paid to late President Ho Chi Minh at his statue in Havana, Cuba on May 19 on the occasion of his 124th birthday.

Held by the Vietnamese Embassy in Cuba, the Cuba Institute for Friendship with the Peoples and the Cuba-Vietnam Friendship Association, the event was attended by Yolanda Ferrer, head of the Cuba National Assembly's External Relations Committee, Vietnamese Ambassador Duong Minh, and overseas Vietnamese living in Cuba.

Ambassador Minh recalled milestones in President Ho Chi Minh's revolutionary cause, stating that his thoughts and principles continue to guide Vietnamese people in the country's national construction, development and defence.

He also informed participants of current tensions in the East Sea after China illegally placed a drilling rig in Vietnam's exclusive economic zone and continental shelf in early May.

The act seriously infringes Vietnam's sovereignty and jurisdiction as well as the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the East Sea, he added.

The diplomat also called on peace-lovers worldwide, including those in Cuba, to continue backing Vietnam's just cause of safeguarding its sovereignty and peace.

On the day, the Organisation of Solidarity with the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America also held a seminar to mark President Ho Chi Minh's 124th birthday and the 119th death anniversary of Cuban national hero Jose Marti.

Meanwhile, representatives from the Vietnamese Embassy in Mexico also paid tribute to the late President at his statue in the Peoples' Park in Mexico City .

On this occasion, National Coordinator of the Mexican Labour Party Alberto Anaya Gutiérrez, who is also head of the Mexican-Vietnamese Friendship Parliamentarians' Group, visited doctors of Vietnam's Central Acupuncture Hospital, who are on a working visit in Monterrey city.

He reaffirmed his consistent stance of supporting Vietnam's sovereignty, adding that he hopes the East Sea issue will be solved through dialogue and on the basis of international law.

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