Raúl receives senior official of the Communist Party of Vietnam

• ON the afternoon of November 6, Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee, received compañero Vo Van Thoung, a member of the Political Bureau and Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Secretariat and president of its Propaganda and Education Committee, on an official visit to the island.

During the meeting, the two officials discussed the excellent state of relations which unite the two peoples, parties and governments, and their willingness to continue strengthening these.

Participating on the Vietnamese side were compañeros Nguyen Trung Thanh, the country's ambassador in Havana; Nguyen Tuan Phong, vice president of the department of Foreign Affairs of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee; and Phan Hai, the department's director general for the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Also in attendance were José Ramón Machado Ventura, second secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba (CPP) Central Committee, and Jorge Arias, deputy director of the CPP International Relations Department. •



Elections corresponding to our times



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• ON November 26, the municipal assembly elections will see a strong turnout from our people, especially since the day is preceded by the first anniversary of the death of Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz, the greatest architect of the Cuban electoral system.

This, according to Alina Balseiro Gutiérrez, president of the National Electoral Commission (CEN), during a press conference to detail the steps underway as part of the general election process across the country, and the following measures to be implemented once the results of the nomination process for candidates to delegates of Municipal Assemblies of People's Power (AMPP) are known.

In this sense, Balseiro stressed that since November 1st, photos and biographies of the candidates nominated in each of the municipalities of the country have been displayed, while electoral training processes will continue through November 17.

She noted that following the first round of elections for municipal assembly delegates on November 26, a second round will take place December 3 in those constituencies where no candidate receives more than 50% of the valid votes cast. The AMPPs will be constituted 21 days following the election of all delegates

Regarding the conclusion of the nomination process, the CEN president high-lighted the enthusiasm and commitment with which people attended constituency assemblies, despite the destruction caused by Hurricane Irma, while she described the results obtained as favorable, adequate and corresponding to our times.

Moreover, she emphasized a number of points that voters should bear in mind on the day of the vote, most notably the need to know the location of the polling station where they can exercise their right to the vote, as well as verifying their details on the electoral register, which will be displayed in visible and highly frequented places in each community. •

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