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:CUBA-CANADA
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR PRAISES CUBAN PROGRESS IN CATTLE BREEDING:
HAVANA, OCT 9, REUTER - MICHAEL KERGIN, THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN CUBA, PRISED CUBA'S PROGRESS IN THE FIELDS OF CATTLE BREEDING AND REFORESTATION. THE CUBAN NEWS AGENCY AIN REPORTED SUNDAY FROM THE EASTERN CUBAN CITY OF HOLGUIN.

THE ARTICLE SAID THAT KERGIN WAS ON A THREE DAY TOUR OF THE REGION ACCOMPANIED BY RAMON CASTRO, THE OLDER BROTHER OF FIDEL CASTRO AND ONE OF CUBA'S LEADING CATTLE EXPERTS.

+NOW I CAN SAY THAT CUBA IS A MAGNIFICENT COLLABORATOR ON THE BASIS OF ITS RESULTS IN CATTLE EMBRYO TRANSPLANTS AND IN THE ATTAINMENT OF NEW BREEDS OF CATTLE THROUGH CROSS BREEDING,+ KERGIN WAS QUOTED AS SAHING.

CANADA HAS BEEN A MAJOR COLLABORATOR OF CUBA IN THE FIELD OF CATTLE RAISING. DURING THE XISTIES AND EARLY SEVENTIES, CUBA BOUGHT CANADIAN PRIZE BULLS TO INITIATE ITS CATTLE DEVELOPMENT PLANS. ALSO, CANADIAN CATTLE EXPERTS FREQUENTLY VISTED CUBA UNDER GRANTS FROM THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

KERGIN ALSO VISITED HUGE REFORESTATION AREAS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS MINING DISTRICTS OF EASTERN CUBA.

+IT IS A LONG TERM INVESTMENT BUT IT WILL PERMIT FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY THE ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS,+ KERGIN TOLD THE CUBAN NEWS AGENCY.

KERGIN SAID THAT ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING AREAS FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION BETWEEN CANADA AND CUBA WAS IN THE CUBAN TOURIST INDUSTRY. HE SPOKE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT CANADIAN VENTURES WITH THE CUBANS IN BUILDING HOTELS ON THE CARIBBEAN ISLAND.

AT PRESENT, 40,000 CANADIAN TOURISTS VISIT CUBA EACH YEAR.
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