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"Imagine these thousands of young students, trained under certain concepts of medicine, getting to know one another and learning about the traditions of all these different countries; they will serve as a solid building block in the foundations of our nations' integration. They will undoubtedly be a significant element although this union needs many building blocks. Such is our dream for that medical school".

References to the original: [Speech given by DR. Fidel Castro Ruz, President of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba to the students graduating from the Havana Higher Institute of Medical Sciences, at the Karl Marx Theater on August 9, 1999](#)

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