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Minister for Education Visits School in Rio de Janeiro Favela

The Minister for Education, Gilbert Licudi, visited a community school in one of the favelas in Rio de Janeiro. Mr Licudi, who was in Rio de Janeiro to speak at the Hedge Fund Brazil Forum, took time to visit two favelas, Rocinha and Vila Canoas.

The numerous favelas in Rio house 1.4 million people, around, 20% of the population. Mr Licudi was able to see the way of life in the favelas and to speak with several residents.

Mr Licudi visited the Para Ti community school in Vila Canoas where around 80 children from the favela come to take part in after school activities every day. Mr Licudi spent time looking at the work the children do and learnt about Para Ti, an NGO involved in the cultural and socio-economic development of the favela.

Mr Licudi said:

"I was impressed by the community spirit in the favelas and how volunteers come together in supporting the Para Ti project. Education must be at the centre of every community and it is heartening to see children being given additional support through this social project."

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