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4th Turkish-Uzbek Joint Health Week (Special Supplement)

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New Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan

Congress on Health in Africa
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Congress on Health in Africa

The Congress on Health in Africa was held in Istanbul between June 20-21, 2017 in the coordination of Ministry of Health, Hayat Foundation, Istanbul Medeniyet University and FIMA. Within this context, representatives from Algeria, Bangladesh, Burundi, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe attended the Congress. After the opening ceremony on June 20, 2017 Thursday, Deputy Minister Ahmet Baha Öğütken, along with African Union Social Affairs Commissioner, had bilateral meeting with Ministers of Health of Niger, Uganda, Somalia and Sudan and Deputy Ministers of Sierra Leone and Chad.

The President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister of Health Dr. Ahmet Demircan attended the gala dinner of the program. The Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan had meetings with Africa Union Social Affairs Commissioner, Ministers of Uganda and Somalia; Deputy Ministers of Sierra Leone and Chad, and Undersecretary of Algerian Ministry of Health. At the cordial meetings, the guests presented their congratulations to the Minister for his new duty. The Minister shared with the guests his will to continue and strengthen the cooperation between countries. The guests had also meetings with the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.
Istanbul Ikitelli City Hospital Financial Close Ceremony

Istanbul Ikitelli City Hospital Financial Close Ceremony was held in Istanbul on July 21, 2017 Friday with the participation of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Africa Union Social Affairs Commissioner, Health Minister of Uganda, Sudan, Somalia had meetings with the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The President expressed his will to visit Somalia at the soonest possible time.
The General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs delivered protocol services.
After the announcement of the new cabinet by the Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım, Parliament Member from Samsun Dr. Ahmet Demircan appointed as new Minister of Health.

Previous Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ now holds a position as Deputy Prime Minister at the new cabinet. Previous Health Minister Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ who delivered a speech at handover ceremony stated that health services in Turkey had a major development after AK Party Government.

"Now we are here to hand over all the legacy created during all of the AK Party governments to the esteemed Minister" said Akdağ and also added: "We all know that the dear Minister Ahmet Demircan will raise this flag to higher positions with his own knowledge and capability. Turkey is a country which can achieve this. Turkey has become a model country in the field of health for all the countries in the world and I hope we will complete a period with the new Minister which can provide all our citizens with quality health services."

Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan stated that one of the main characteristics of all the living beings is the regeneration of themselves and said: "We are a living society and a nation who is in transformation and development. We placed this transformation on three basis. Transformation in the system, before that transformation in understanding and in application, transformation in the services."

Stating that the health is one of the services at the highest level in Turkey, the Minister said: "Turkey has elevated the bar rapidly in 15 years since 2002. Our part is to raise the bar higher in this relay race. And also to deliver services to our citizens on time in necessary modern way, improve these services and raise the flag to a higher position and hand over to our successors.

Ministry of Health Changes
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The Letter of Intent between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia negotiated and agreed upon between two Ministries of Health on the occasion of the visit of Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, was signed by previous Health Minister Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ on behalf of Turkey and Foreign Affairs Minister Retno L.P. Marsudi on behalf of Indonesia in the presence of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on July 6, 2016 at the Presidential Palace.

Johannes Hahn visited Turkey on July 6, 2017. During his visit, Mr. Hahn visited Altındağ Migrant Health Center and had a meeting with previous Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ.
At the meeting held on June 7, 2017 with previous Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ upon the request of Yemen Ambassador to Ankara Abdullah Ali Fadhel Al-Saadi, the Ambassador requested help from the Ministry of Health to combat the cholera epidemic.

With the directions of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the within the scope of "Be Their Hope" campaign, 120-tonnes aid supplies including 20-million TL worth two Field Hospitals, medical consumables, chlorine tablets and laboratory equipments was sent to Yemen with the ship which sailed from Iskenderun Port on July 9, 2017.

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### International Conference for the 10th Year of Tallinn Requirements Member States Group Meeting

On the occasion of the 10th year of Tallinn Requirements signed in 2008, a high level conference will be held in Tallinn, Estonia in 2018. At the conference, the focus will be on health systems and WHO request Turkey give contribution to form the Conference Agenda since Turkey is in the main group. Based on this, a Main Group Meeting was held in Brussel, Belgium on June 7, 2017 to make preparations for the conference. Deputy Undersecretary Assistant Professor Dr. Fatma Meriç Yılmaz and representatives from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the focus was on health system and current and possible challenges and scenario were discussed in order to provide perspective to policy makers.
4th Turkish - Uzbek Joint Health Week

4th Turkish - Uzbek Joint Health Week was held at Tashkent and Harezm Cities of Uzbekistan between the dates of July 1-9, 2017. The delegation of 20 specialist and nurses from Pediatric Surgery, Orthopedics, Anesthesiology, Pediatric Cardiology, Gynecology, General Surgery and Urology conducted surgeries that could not be done in the country and gave Uzbek colleagues short-term trainings.

After 5-day joint studies, the consultations of 159 Uzbek patients in need of health services were carried out with the efforts of Turkish and Uzbek physicians and 75 of these patients had operation out of charge. Also, 151 Uzbek health personnel were delivered applied, visual and theoretic courses in order to contribute their professional development. Detailed information about the Health Week is available at Special Supplement.

Dr. Öner Güner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, Visited Pakistan

Dr. Öner Güner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, and two Head of Departments who are responsible for Organ Transplantation and Health Tourism from General Directorate of Health Services went to Pakistan between the dates of July 25-29, 2017 to have meetings with the authorities from Federal Ministry of Health of Pakistan with the intent to meet the needs of Pakistani patients especially about organ transplantation and cardiac diseases within the scope of health tourism.
**Niger-Turkish Friendship Hospital**

The Ministerial Delegation made examinations at the Niger-Turkey Friendship Hospital constructed by Turkey in Niamey, capital of Niger, on the request of TIKA. During the visit, Dr. Idi Illiassou Mainassara, Public Health Minister of Niger, Hüseyin Özdemir, Turkish Ambassador to Niamey, visited Issaka Gazoby Maternity Hospital, Obstetric Fistula Reference Center, Magori Private Policlinic and TIKA Niamey Program Office Coordination Center and made examinations.

Technical meetings were held in the presidency of Undersecretary of Niger Public Health Ministry with the participations of General Directors of human resources, health investments, strategy and maternal and infant health. At the meetings, draft protocol on joint management of the hospital was prepared and negotiations were made about the operational cost. The list of medical devices and consumables planned to be purchased by TIKA were examined and our change proposal about the list was presented to TIKA.

**Foundation of Public Health Laboratory and Hospital Evaluation in Somalia**

24-tonnes medicine, medical device, laboratory equipments and consumables provided by Ministry of Health within the scope of the aid for cholera epidemic that occurred in Somalia were sent to Somalia on June 4, 2017 with the ship provided by Turkish Crescent and AFAD within the scope of "Be Their Hope" campaign initiated for Somalia with the direction of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

Within this context, 3-personnel team from Ministry of Health, along with a Head of Department from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs went to Somalia between the dates of July 26-30, 2017 to give support to the establishment of Public Health Laboratory in Somalia, give training to the personnel who will work at the laboratory, make epidemiological studies and make evaluations at Mogadishu Somalia Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Training and Research Hospital.

**Deputy Health Minister of Saudi Arabia Visited Turkey**

Deputy Minister of Health of Saudi Arabia Dr. Fayad Dandashi and accompanying delegation of 10 people visited Turkey between the dates of July 9-12, 2017 in order to participate to the localization studies carried out in the field of medicine and medical devices.

Deputy Undersecretary of Ministry of Health Prof. Dr. Fatma Meriç Yılmaz, President of Economic Monitoring and Coordination Hakan Yurdakul, authorities from Turkish Medicine and Medical Devices Institution and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and representatives of Ministry of Economy and Social Security Institution attended the meeting held in Istanbul on July 10-11, 2017.

**Visit of Pakistan Punjab Health Ministerial Delegation**

A delegation of 8 from Punjab Province of Pakistan attended the training in the fields of information technologies, human resources, effective monitoring and evaluation between the dates of July, 23-29, 2017 at the Department of Early Warning and Respond of Turkish Public Health Institution within the scope of support studies of Ministry of Health of Turkey to Ministry of Health Punjab State of Pakistan.
Pakistan Ambassador Visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Sohail Mahmood, Pakistan Ambassador to Ankara, and Taher Mahmood, Clerk of Embassy, visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on Monday, July 03, 2017 and had a meeting with Dr. Öner Güner. At the meeting, they exchanged opinions about the treatment of Pakistani patients in Turkey for a fee.

Visit of Zambia Health Ministerial Delegation to Turkey

Delegation of 5 from the Ministry of Health of Zambia, who attended the Congress on Health in Africa held in Istanbul between the dates of July 20-21, 2017 within the coordination of World Bank, made examinations at the institutions and organizations of the Ministry of Health in Ankara between the dates of July 23-29, 2017.

Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 134 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 466 patients - 600 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of Monday, July 31, 2017.

Nyala Sudan Turkey Training and Research Hospital

July 15 Martyrs Day Events

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**12 Bedded Emergency Intensive Care Unit**
12 Bedded Emergency Intensive Care Unit was put into service at Mogadishu Somalia Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Training and Research Hospital which deliver health services since the last quarter of 2014 to Somalians and other patients in neighbor countries as well.

At the hospital which has the first and only fully-equipped intensive care unit in East Africa, there are 9 adult intensive care beds and 16 neonatal intensive care beds. With the recently opened unit, the total number of intensive care beds reached 37.

**The number of Hemodialysis Device increases**
5 new devices will be added in August to Hemodialysis Unit which deliver services with 22 devices in total, 7 devices at the main building of the hospital and 15 devices at the additional service building in Banadir. By this way the total number of devices will reach to 27. In the region, there is no other center than Mogadishu Somalia Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Training and Research Hospital which provide hemodialysis services.

**Eid Al-Fitr in Foreign Countries**
Turkish personnel who work at the Mogadishu Somalia Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Training and Research Hospital paid a bairam visit the Ambassador Olgan Bekar because of Eid Al-Fitr.

Hospital personnel hosted by the Ambassador, benefited from social opportunities of Turkish Embassy in Mogadishu.
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