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The 4th Meeting of Mixed Economy Commission between Turkey and Montenegro was held in Ankara on 16-17 November 2017. Within this framework, Kenan Hrapoviç, Minister of Health of Montenegro, who came to Turkey for this occasion had a meeting with Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, on bilateral cooperation issues on 16 November 2017.
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Having started his new post in Turkey, Hazar İbrahim, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, and the delegation consisting of Necibe Nesibova, Education Counsellor, and Müşfik Memmedov, Military Attaché, visited Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, on 22 November 2017.

During the meeting, the parties talked about the Azeri medical residents who come to Turkey with state scholarship for specialization training.

Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, received Officials of Qatar Medicine Firm

Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, received officials of Qatar Medicine Firm on 22 November 2017. During the meeting, it was requested to support the charity projects of Qatar Pharma, one of the leading companies in Qatar in the field of medical products/medicine production and export, and to this aim permit entry of its medical products in Turkey and to Syria via Turkey.
Within the framework of the high cooperation in the field of health between Turkey and Pakistan, a Pakistani patient got organ transplant operation in Turkey and after completion of the relevant treatment, he was received, together with his parents, by Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey. Expressing his wishes of swift recovery, Mr. Minister stated that Turkey hosts many patients under the scope of health tourism and reiterated his satisfaction for patients’ leaving for their country after recovering their health.

The Pakistani family, on the other hand, thanked to Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and everyone involved in the treatment process and underlined long-standing friendly relations between Turkey and Pakistan.

Following the bomb attack in Somali, 35 patients were transferred to Turkey for treatment together with their 34 attendants. 10 patients whose treatment process was completed and their attendants were sent to Somali after a ceremony organized at Gülhane Training and Research Hospital with the participation of Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Minister of Health. Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, and Jama Abdullahi Mohamed, Ambassador of Somalia, attended the organization as well.
Prof. Dr. İbrahim Bani Hani, Head of Health Commission of Jordan Parliament, and the 5-person expert delegation paid a study visit to Turkey on 13-17 November 2017, under coordination of WHO Turkey Office, in order to examine and receive information on health transformation program, PPP, national health insurance system, non-communicable diseases and tobacco control program. The guest delegation had a breakfast meeting with Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, on 16 November 2017. Mutual cooperation and exchange of experience between two countries were underlined during the meeting.

Delegation of Jordan Ministry of Health Visited Turkey

Dr. Faustine E. Ndugulile, Deputy Minister of Health, Society, Development, Gender, Elderly and Children of Tanzania, and his first secretary Ernasto Edward Mhawi Edward Nzela Mbanga visited Turkey between 4 and 11 November 2017 in order to discuss the cooperation issues on purchase of 400 ambulances by Tanzania, establishment of blood bank in 23 regions, rehabilitation of 77 health institutes and production of medicines and medical consumables in Tanzania, etc.

During the visit program, the Guest Deputy Minister visited Ahmet Baha Öğütken, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey on 6 November 2017. Elizabeth K. Kiondo, Ambassador of Tanzania also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the parties discussed realization of cooperation areas agreed in the field of health after Tanzania visit of the Turkish President in January 2017.
The 5th meeting of Lead Country Coordinators and 12th meeting of Steering Committee on Health were held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia respectively on 5 November 2017 and 6-7 November 2017. A delegation headed by Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of Ministry of Health, attended these meetings. Turkey acted as chairman and reporter of both meetings.

During the meeting of Lead Country Coordinators, works performed by the lead countries of different thematic areas of OIC were reviewed for 2016-17 period and new activities were recommended and reviewed for 2018-19 term.

During the Steering Committee on Health, agenda item of the 6th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers to be held in Saudi Arabia on 6-7 December 2017 was discussed.

OIC Center of Excellence for Vaccine

As per the decision taken in the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, procedures are still ongoing for establishment of an OIC Center of Excellence for Vaccine in Indonesia. Turkey underlined the need for issuing a document to shape the relevant center and it was decided to work in cooperation with Indonesia.

In this regard, an assessment meeting was held at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, with the participation of Health Institutes of Turkey and Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency, on 14 November 2017 in order to evaluate the concept note of Indonesia and decide the relevant contributions of Turkish side.
Undersecretary of Economy at Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran in Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Alireza Caferbeiglou, Undersecretary of Economy in Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran in Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 22 November 2017 and had a meeting with General Director Dr. Selami Kılıç. Medicines and medical devices were discussed during the meeting.

Dr. Rania Abdulkarem Al-Gunaid, Health Attaché of the Embassy of Yemen, visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Dr. Rania Abdulkarem Al-Gunaid, Health Attaché of the Embassy of Yemen, visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 17 November 2017 and had a meeting with Director General Dr. Selami Kılıç. General Directorate of Public Hospitals – International Relations and Emergency Health Services Department attended the meeting as well.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the following issues: sending technical staff of the Turkish Ministry to Yemen in order to establish the donated field hospital, transport and treatment of the second group patients and injuries from Taiz, establishment of a prosthesis center in Yemen and to this aim, training of Yemeni staff by the Turkish Ministry.

“All Extraordinary Growth of Bangladesh Medicine Industry: Potential of Cooperation with Turkey” Seminar

“All Extraordinary Growth of Bangladesh Medicine Industry: Potential of Cooperation with Turkey” Seminar was organized at JW Marriot Hotel on 15 November 2017 by the Embassy of Bangladesh and with the support of Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Health Industry Employers Union and Bangladesh Medicine Industry Institution.

Orhan Yeğin, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Security, Hakkı Gürsöz, President of Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency and Allama Siddiki, Ambassador of Bangladesh as well as General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this seminar. Detailed presentations were made concerning background and current situation of the Bangladesh medicine industry and participants were informed about the probable cooperation areas. Following the presentations, the participant Turkish firms and Bangladeshi officials held bilateral meetings.
Genti Gazheli, Ambassador of Albania in Ankara, visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Genti Gazheli, Ambassador of Albanian Republic in Ankara, visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 5 November 2017. “Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine” dated 1999, treatment of 100 Albanian patients in Turkey and development of health-related cooperation between Albania and Turkey were discussed during the meeting.

Training of the Nigerian Healthcare Staff about Patient Follow-up System

Mohamed Goumour, Health Attaché of Niger, Dr. İlle Salha, Ministerial Advisor, and Dr. Saley Hammaddou visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 22 November 2017. Patient treatment and admission procedures under the “Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Sciences” dated 8 January 2013, and functional use of patient follow-up system were discussed during the meeting. Furthermore, a presentation was made for the officials of the Nigerian Ministry of Health concerning use of Patient Follow-up System.
Training of the Moldavian Healthcare Staff

Two-week emergency training of 20 Moldavian healthcare staff was completed in Urla, İzmir, in cooperation with TIKA, General Directorate of Emergency Health Services and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the ceremony of certificate presentation on 16 November 2017.

Training of the Pakistani Healthcare Staff

During Pakistan visit of Mr. President on 16-17 November 2016, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Turkish Ministry of Health and Punjab Province of Pakistan in order to support the Health Transformation Program of Punjab Province and share experiences of Turkey. As per the relevant Memorandum of Understanding, trainings are organized for doctors, nurses, laboratory and emergency staff of Punjab Province and by the end of 2017, 170 Pakistani healthcare staff will have been trained in Turkey.

“4th round of Emergency Health Services and Disaster Management Training for Trainers” was provided at Izmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center between 19 November and 2 December 2017 for the Emergency Healthcare Staff of Punjab Province of Pakistan consisting of 20 persons.

Common Consultation Meeting on National Draft Report of Turkey under NATO Defense Process

A Consultation Meeting was held at the General Staff on 16-17 November 2017 with the participation of NATO officials in order to evaluate the draft report of Turkey prepared based on the replies of the relevant institutions under the Defense Planning Skill Survey published in 2017. General Directorate of Emergency Health Services, General Directorate of Public Health and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

Response capacity of the Ministry in natural disasters and emergency situations was described during the meetings coordinated by the General Staff and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and attended by the NATO officials.
Foreign Healthcare Professionals with Ongoing Training in Turkey

Training programs of the foreign healthcare staff who are receiving training as observers in the affiliated training and research hospitals of the Ministry are ongoing under bilateral agreements. Within the framework of such programs, a total of 311 foreign healthcare staff received training as of 30 November 2017.

Training of 3 foreign healthcare staff is ongoing at the Research and Training Hospitals affiliated to the Ministry of Health.

Meeting on Reporting Development Aids of Turkey to OECD

Development aids of all institutions of Turkey for the developing or underdeveloped countries are transferred to database of TIKA (Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency) in order to be reported to OECD under coordination of TIKA.

On 24 November 2017, a meeting was held at the central building of TIKA in order to develop and complete insufficient information of this database.

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this meeting during which details of the database were presented and recommendations of the representatives were noted.

Sudan Project Working Meeting

Within the framework of “Increasing Emergency Preparedness and Response Capacity of Sudan” project prepared by the Turkish Ministry of Health, a working meeting was held on 22 November 2017 at the service building of SESRIC in Ankara. In addition to TIKA and SESRIC representatives, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this meeting.

Consultation Meeting on Epidemic Intelligence Information System Data Protection Agreement

On 1 December 2017, a briefing was made for Prof. Dr. İrfan Şencan at the General Directorate of Public Health concerning EPIS (Epidemic Intelligence Information System) of ECDC (European Center for Disease Prevention and Control). During the briefing meeting, information was provided on functioning of the system and EPIS Data Protection Agreement to be signed by the General Directorate of Public Health as the data receiver. The relevant agreement will be sent to ECDC after signed.

WHO Standing Committee of the European Regional Committee Meeting

WHO Standing Committee of the European Regional Committee (SCRS) Meeting was held on 28-29 November 2017 in Tbilisi-Georgia. Dr. Hakkı Gürsöz, Head of Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency, and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting as a member of WHO SCRC.

G-20 Working Meeting

On 2 November 2017, a working meeting was organized at Undersecretary of Treasury, representative of Turkey in G-20, to discuss the position of Turkey and probable agenda items that may come up during chairmanship of Argentine, which will take over the term chairmanship from Germany. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this meeting as well.

Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 143 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 691 patients - 834 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of 30 November 2017.
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