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14 March Day of Medicine

The Turkish physicians who perform their professions abroad with great achievements in their respective fields were invited to the Day of Medicine Event organized by the Ministry of Health at the Presidential Complex and Grand Ankara Hotel on 14 March 2018.

In addition to the Turkish physicians living abroad, officials from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the events hosted by H.E. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan.
Turkey Alumni - Ankara Business World Meetings Health Sector Conference

Organized by the Ankara Chamber of Commerce and Ankara Chamber of Industry and supported by the Ministry of Health, “Turkey Alumni - Ankara Business World Meetings Health Sector Conference” was held in Ankara on 1-3 March 2018 in order to increase national and international business capacities of all stakeholders in health sector and create a synergy in this area. On the occasion of the Conference, Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan came together with the Health Ministers of Libya, Somalia and Kyrgyzstan.

Turkish Health Minister met with Health Minister of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Talantbek Batyrailiev, Health Minister of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, on 1 March 2018 on the occasion of Turkey Alumni - Ankara Business World Meetings Health Sector Conference.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions about cooperation possibilities in the fields of medicine and medical devices, Kyrgyz-Turkish National State Hospital of Friendship, provision of system support, curriculum in medical training and establishment of a faculty of medicine at Manas University.
Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, held a meeting with Ömer Beşir el Tahir, Health Minister of Libya, on 1 March 2018 on the occasion of Turkey Alumni - Ankara Business World Meetings Health Sector Conference.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions about the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2010, recent condition of physical therapy hospital in Misurata, treatment of the Libyan patients in Turkey, cooperation in the field of medicines and medical devices and establishment of a technical committee for medicines.

Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, held a meeting with Fawzia Abikar Nur, Health Minister of Somalia, on 1 March 2018 on the occasion of Turkey Alumni - Ankara Business World Meetings Health Sector Conference.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions about the recent situation of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Training and Research Hospital in Mogadishu, cooperation in the field of medicine and vaccines and establishment of dialysis and nephrotomy centers in Somalia.
Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan received Mr. Abdulgani Hussain, Founder of the Al-Rayyan Health Sciences University in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Abdulgani Hussain, Founder of the Al-Rayyan University in Medina paid a visit to the Turkish Health Minister on 29 March 2018 in order to hold official talks and exchange opinions. During the meeting, Mr. Hussain expressed the followings in brief: Al Reyyan University focuses on health sciences; they would like to benefit from experiences of Turkey regarding R&D activities and health services provision, and they would like to make cooperation in this field, which would also strengthen the ties between two countries. Within this framework, they plan to open hospitals affiliated to the University in Riyadh, Mecca and Medina and they wish to establish partnerships with Turkey for construction and operation of those hospitals. They also invited the Turkish Health Minister to visit the University in Medina.

On the other hand, the Turkish Minister stated that their cooperation with the Turkish companies for the provision of medicines and medical devices would be welcomed and Turkey was ready to share any experience and knowledge with them regarding hospital management and health training. The process would be expedited even more by establishing a Joint Working Group.

In addition to the Saudi Arabian delegation, Mr. Orhan Erdem, Deputy Health Minister of the National Education and Dr. Selami Kılıç, Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.
Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan received Dominick Chilcoort, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Turkey

Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, received Dominick Chilcoort, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Turkey on 7 March 2018. During the bilateral meeting further development of the collaboration in the field of health between the two countries was discussed.

Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan received Representatives of the Hitachi Firm

Dr. Ahmet Demircan, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, received representatives of Hitachi firm on 7 March 2018. During the meeting, investment opportunities and localization efforts were discussed and the guest delegation made a presentation about the investment, production and R&D activities planned to be performed in Turkey.
Lyazzat Aktaeva, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, visited Turkey

The Turkish Deputy Health Minister Ahmet Baha Öğütken received Lyazzat Aktaeva, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on 20 March 2018. Abzal Saparbekuly, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Ankara attended the meeting as well. During the meeting, the parties discussed such issues as increasing functionality of the Agreement of 1994 in the field of health and strengthening cooperation, establishing a Joint Working Group under the Agreement and organizing meetings, cooperating in the field of health tourism and transferring the Turkish experience in the field of health transformation and PPP experience. Following the meeting held at the office of the Deputy Minister, the delegation was received by the Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan.
Official Launch and Coordination Meeting of the Second Generation of Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness

Official launch of the Second Generation of “Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness” led by the Islamic Development Bank and Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and addressing the African countries in need was held in Istanbul on 19 March 2018. Besides several NGOs, Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Selami Kılıç, Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs and Yusuf Irmak, Head of Department, attended the meeting. Moreover, another meeting chaired by Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş was held in Istanbul on 22 March 2018 with the participation of the directors of Islamic Development Bank and Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and representatives of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs concerning the contributions of Turkey.
3rd Djibouti-Turkey Health Week

Within the framework of the humanitarian aid activities of the Turkish Ministry of Health, the 3rd Djibouti-Turkey Health Week was organized on 9-17 March 2018 in Djibouti. Dr. Selami Kılıç, Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs, Dt. Abdullah Sert, Head of Department and Turkish physicians specialized in the fields of Anesthesia and Reanimation, Orthopedics, Pediatric Surgery, Cardiology, Plastic Surgery, Gynecology, General Surgery, Urology, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology and Radiology participated in the Health Week.

During the Health Week, surgical operations that could not be performed for various reasons were made and professional capacity-building trainings were provided for the Djiboutian healthcare professionals. Furthermore, 5 ambulances granted by the Turkish Ministry of Health were delivered with a ceremony at the beginning of the Health Week. Throughout the Health Week, 119 operations, 1251 consultations, 66 personnel trainings, 150 ECO, 69 tomography and 264 ultrasound examinations were performed.
Sudan-Turkey Health Week

In cooperation with the Sudanese Islamic Medical Association (SIMA) and Turkish Ministry of Health, a Health Week focused on cleft lip/palate was organized in Hartum, Sudan on 09-16 March 2018 in the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with the participation of a specialized delegation from the Turkish Ministry of Health. Sudanese Ahmed Abdülkerim whose 9-year old son was operated on the occasion of the Health Week stated that “Cleft lip of my son has been operated. He will start talking soon. I love Turkey so much.”

Arif Çetin, Head of Department at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs stated that all operations that started on 9 March were completed smoothly.

Throughout the Health Week, cleft lip/palate of 100 Sudanese children were operated.

The Turkish delegation also visited the Nyala Sudan-Turkey Training and Research Hospital and held a meeting with Assoc. Prof. İrfan Neziroğlu, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Hartum.
WHO Migration and Health Visit to Turkey

WHO Office for Europe and Turkey Country Office organized a working visit on 19-23 March 2018 with the participation of healthcare professionals from Greece, Italy, Serbia and Sweden. The relevant public institutions, Migration Health Centers and hospitals providing services for migrants were visited in Ankara, Izmir and Istanbul. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and General Directorate of Public Health accompanied the delegation throughout the visit. The delegation also held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 20 March 2018.
Ambulance Use and Pre-hospitalization Emergency Response Training for the Sudan Healthcare Professionals

Ambulance Use and Pre-hospitalization Emergency Response Training for the Sudan Healthcare Professionals was held in Sudan on 4-8 March 2018 under the “Emergency Preparedness and Response Capacity Strengthening Project” in the OIC member countries. TIKA, SESRIC, General Directorate of Emergency Health Services and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs took part in the training.
Mr. Salou Adama Gazibo, Ambassador of Niger in Ankara, visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 28 March 2018 and had a meeting with the Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç. During the meeting, the parties talked about the process regarding execution of the Protocol on Establishment, Joint Operation and Transfer of Niger-Turkey Friendship Hospital that was finalized upon mutual agreement, and invitation for participation of Dr. İdi İlliassou Mainassara, Minister of Public Health of Niger, in the 1st International Traditional and Complementary Medicine Practices Congress planned to be held in Istanbul between 19-22 April 2018.

Dr. Selami Kılıç personally submitted the invitation letter signed by the Turkish Health Minister Dr. Ahmet Demircan and addressed to his Nigerien counterpart, and underlined that the Protocol may be signed during this visit if the Minister of Public Health of Niger participated in this Congress. During the meeting, another topic was the use of quotas regarding treatment of 50 Nigerian patients in Turkey within the framework of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and Government of the Republic of Niger on Cooperation in the Fields of Health and Medical Sciences dated 8 January 2013.

SESRIC (Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries) Delegation visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

The SESRIC delegation visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 20 March 2018 and received by Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç and Head of Department Yusuf İrmak. During the visit, parties exchanged opinions about the Workshop of the 1st International Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress, projects undertaken by the Turkish Ministry of Health before the OIC and the projects under planning.
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 2 foreign healthcare staff received training as of 31 March 2018.

Training of 37 foreign healthcare staff is ongoing at the Research and Training Hospitals affiliated to the Ministry of Health.

Training of the Uzbekistan Healthcare Professionals in Turkey

Within the framework of the healthy system support activities, 20 emergency healthcare staff working in different cities of Uzbekistan were provided “Emergency Healthcare Services and Disaster Management Trainer’s Training” on 25 March – 7 April 2018 in Izmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center (Urla-Sim).

Within the scope of the training program, theoretical and practical trainings were provided in the following fields:

- Structuring of health and emergency health services in Turkey
- Introducing Izmir 112 ambulance service and ambulance types
- Handling emergency patients and management of the scene
- Introducing ambulance materials and applications
- Basic life support and relevant practices
- Algorithm of advanced life support treatment
- Cardiac arrest scenarios
- Team approach to traumatic patient
- Shock/trauma management scenarios
- Crush syndrome
- Hospital disaster plan
- Medical emergency case management simulation
- Scene management and debris simulation exercise

1st Meeting of G20 Health Working Group

1st Meeting of G20 Health Working Group was held in Argentina on 5-6 March 2018. During the meeting, antimicrobial resistance and childhood obesity were discussed as they were selected as the primary health concerns under the G20 Term Presidency of Argentina. Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.

WHO Emergency Reform and Emergency Medical Equipment Structure Workshop to Develop Coordination and Cooperation for Emergencies and Migration Health Response

“Emergency Reform (WHE) and Emergency Medical Equipment (EMT) Structure Workshop to Develop Coordination and Cooperation for Emergencies and Migration Health Response” organized by the World Health Organization took place in Istanbul on 6-8 March 2018.

During the workshop, EMT structuring of WHO was presented in detail, coordination process was specified and application procedure was shared. Information was provided about UMKE and participation of Turkey in EMT was discussed.

Relevant departments of the Ministry of Health and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.

Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 62 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 271 patients – 333 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of 31 March 2018.
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