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Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Abdurrazaq Mukhtar, Ambassador of Libya to Turkey and his accompanying delegation on 28 August 2018 in the Ministry of Health.

During the meeting, transfer of recent experiences in health reform in Turkey to further develop bilateral relations with Libya; support to Libya Misurata Physical-Therapy Centre; cooperation on localization activities by Turkey in strategic fields such as pharmaceuticals, medical devices, consumables and vaccines; treatment of Libyan patients in public, private, university and foundation hospitals in Turkey through an agreement to be signed with International Health Services Joint Stock Company (USHAŞ) established with the recent legislation, and medical education opportunities for Libyan students from health, nursing and other fields were among discussion topics. It was reiterated that some Turkish investors were facing financial challenges over the last 6 years as they could not have received their payments and that immediate action on this issue was crucial for such companies due to the recent fluctuation in exchange rates.
Ministry of Health welcomed Republic of Uzbekistan Development and Strategy Centre Delegation

7 representatives from the Republic of Uzbekistan Development and Strategy Centre visited the Ministry of Health between 13 and 17 August 2018. The delegation consisted of delegates from various fields including health, finance, economy, social security and justice who are commissioned by H.E. Sevket Mirzoyayev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to continue reform activities in the field of health in the country. The official visit started with a presentation by Dr Selami Kılıç, the General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, sharing the “Health System in the Republic of Turkey” and the achievements in health over the last 16 years.

The Uzbek delegation was received by the Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe to discuss joint collaboration activities. In this regard, Health System Support, Health Tourism, Collaboration in Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, Health Education, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model Experience Exchange, Health Weeks, Compulsory Health Insurance and Tele-Medicine were among discussion points and a draft memorandum of understanding was prepared. Following the evaluation of the draft document by relevant authorities of the two countries, the signatory process will be initiated.

During the official visit, the delegation received a series of briefings in the following topics to have a better insight about good practices in Turkey:
- “Drug Tracking System” by Turkish Medicine and Medical Devices Authority
- “Health Information and Communication Centre” by the General Directorate of Health Promotion
- “Social Security System” and “Health Financing System” by Social Security Institution
- “Update on City Hospitals” and “Performance based Payment System” by the General Directorate of Public Hospitals
Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received Dr. Pavel Ursu, WHO Head of Office appointment as the Deputy Minister of Health of Turkey. During the meeting, the current cooperation between WHO and the Ministry as well as the activities ahead were discussed with information exchange between the two delegations.

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ead of World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office in Turkey, Dr. Pavel Ursu paid a courtesy visit to Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe on 16 August 2018 in her office. Dr. Ursu extended WHO’s congratulation message on Prof. Alp Meşe’s

- “Licencing of Private Hospitals”, “Health Education” and “Health Tourism” by the General Directorate of Health Services
- “Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases”, “Early Warning System”, “Mother and Child Health”, “Geriatric and Disabled Health” by the General Directorate of Public Health
- “Coordination System in Disasters and Emergencies” and “Ambulance Coordination and Tracing System” by the General Directorate of Emergency Health Services.

Furthermore, an observation visit was held to Ankara Atatürk Training and Research Hospital and to Bilkent City Hospital, which is planned to be opened in late 2018.

In the last day, the guest delegation visited the Presidential Complex with the coordination of Public Relations Department of the Presidential Office.

The Uzbek delegation expressed that their evaluation report of the visit would be submitted to the President of Uzbekistan in the following week and steps would be taken to implement the areas defined in the draft plan.
Consultation Meeting-AFAB (Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness) for Somalia

In the frame of Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness, a consultation meeting was held with the representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Islamic Development Bank in the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 1 August 2018. The meeting focused on the Alliance’ possible activities to be conducted in Somalia. The participants also discussed the 3 day visit to Somaliland and Puntland with representation from ISDB, following action plans, planned centres and attendance of one doctor and technician from those areas to the AFAB training in September-October.

The second-phase trainings of Capacity Building on Preparedness and Response for Health Emergencies in OIC member countries

The second phase trainings of Capacity Building on Preparedness and Response for Health Emergencies in Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries were held in Khartoum on 12-17 August 2018. The trainings are conducted in collaboration among the Ministry Health of Sudan, OIC, SESRIC and TİKA. Under the supervision of Turkish Health Ministry’s trainers, this phase is provided by Sudanese trainers who have already completed the previous trainings.

Consultation Meeting on “Special Conditions” Document under Health Security Strengthening Project in Turkey

The official documentation preparatory work for the “Health Security Strengthening Project in Turkey” that is expected to be initiated in 2018 in the frame of Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance-IPA Regulatory Reform and Acquis Alignment Action (RRRA) 2014 Programming are continued. To this end, a consultation meeting was held in the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 6 August 2018 with a view to finalizing the “Special Conditions” document by the participation of representatives of World Health Organization, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and General Directorate of Public Health.
**Video-Conference with the European Commission on Medical Devices**

In order to discuss harmonization activities in Turkey to Medical Devices legislation issued by EU in 2017, a meeting was held in the Ministry of Trade on 31 August 2018 with the European Commission representatives. The meeting was called upon the request of Turkey Medicine and Medical Devices Authority. Assigning verified institutions in line with the new legislation, EUDAMED database and exporter definitions were among the discussion points. On 27 August 2018, a video-conference was organized as a preparatory consultation.

**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 141 foreign healthcare staff received training as of 31 August 2018. Training of 22 foreign healthcare staff is continued at the Training and Research Hospitals affiliated to the Ministry of Health.

**Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey**

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 228 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 594 patients – 822 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of 31 August 2018.
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