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G20 Health Ministerial Meeting

G20 Health Ministerial Meeting took place in Mar del Plata, Argentine on 3-4 October 2018, and hosted “One Health Simulation” concerning Antimicrobial Resistance. Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca and accompanying delegation attended the meeting on behalf of the Turkish Ministry of Health.

At the margin of the visit, Health Minister Dr. Koca held bilateral meetings with Health Minister of Argentine Mr. Adolfo Rubinstein, Health Minister of Saudi Arabia Mr. Dr. Tawfiq Fawzan Al Rabiah, Deputy Minister and President of National Health Institute of the Korea Republic Mr. Do Joon Park and State Secretary of Federal Health Ministry of Germany Mr. Thomas Gebhart on 3 October 2018.
Cooperation Agreement in the field of Health and Turkey Visit of Health Minister of Romania Sorina Pintea

Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Romania in the field of Health and Medical Sciences, which will end enforcement of the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Romania in the field of Health and Medical Sciences dated 10 January 1991 and Additional Cooperation Protocol on Health between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Romania signed in Ankara on 19 July 1994 and establish the new legal framework of the cooperation, was signed by Health Minister of Turkey Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Health Minister of Romania Ms. Sorina Pintea on 15 October 2018 during Turkey visit of the Romanian Prime Minister H.E. Viorica Dancila upon invitation of the Turkish President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

Following enforcement of the Agreement, parties will cooperate on health systems strengthening, encouragement of mutual investments, medicines, pharmacy and medical equipment, hospital management, public health and family medicine system, geriatric and gerontology, organization of emergency services through exchange of knowledge, experience and experts as well as increasing qualifications of the healthcare professionals and representation in conferences and scientific meetings by expert staff. Furthermore, Parties will establish a Joint Working Committee which will meet in Bucharest and Ankara alternately to review cooperation activities and set priorities.
At the margin of the 5th Turkish Medical World Congress hosted in Istanbul between 27 and 29 October 2018, Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca held bilateral meetings with Vice Prime Minister and Health Minister of Malta Mr. Christopher Fearne, Health Minister of Malesia Mr. Haji Dzulkefyl Bin Ahmad, Health Minister of TRNC Dr. Filiz Besim, Health Minister of Kyrgyzstan Dr. Kosmosbek Çolpanbayev, Health Minister of Moldova Ms. Silvia Radu, Health Minister of Romania Ms. Sorina Pintea, Deputy Health Minister of Azerbaijan Mr. Elsever Agayev and Deputy Health Minister of Cuba Dr. Alfredo Gonzales Sorenzo.

The agenda items of the meetings were transfer of the Turkey’s experiences in the field of health to the requesting countries, cooperation for health systems strengthening, indigenization and localization efforts for medicines, medical equipment and supplies. Furthermore;

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Ministry of Public Health of Cuba on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Sciences was signed by Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe and Deputy Public Health Minister Alejandro Gonzales Lorenzo.
- Action Plan for Cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection of Moldova was signed by Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health, Labor and Social Protection Silvia Radu.
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Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Korea to Ankara Hong-Ghi Choi on 23 October 2018. During the meeting, the Parties talked about medical tourism, fighting with chronic diseases, elderly care as well as medical equipment, medicines and vaccines.

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Lord Robin Janvrin, Trade Envoy of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on 17 October 2018. Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Ankara Mr. Dominick Chillcott was also present in the meeting. During the meeting, Parties exchanged opinions on execution of a cooperation agreement in the field of health as well as the other bilateral cooperation areas and trade.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Ankara Alişer Ağzamhocaev

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Ankara Alişer Ağzamhocaev on 17 October 2018. During the meeting, the Guest Ambassador handed over personally the Cooperation and Road Map text discussed during the meeting of the Turkish President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the Uzbek President H.E. Mirziyoyev in May, and Health Minister Dr. Koca requested revision of the texts prepared during the 5th Turkish Medical World Congress and presented by the Uzbek Ambassador within the shortest possible time and submission thereof to the Uzbek side. The text is planned to be signed on the occasion of the Turkey visit of the Uzbek Health Minister Alişer Şadmanov.

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Libya to Ankara, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Abdurrazaq Mukhtar

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Libya to Ankara, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Abdurrazaq Mukhtar on 8 October 2018. During the meeting, the Parties discussed planned visit of the Chair of Libya Presidency Council and areas of cooperation in the field of health besides the collection of receivables arising from treatment of the Libyan patients and injured in Turkey.
Global Symposium on Tackling Taboos and Empowering Women

Global Symposium on Tackling Taboos and Empowering Women and the award ceremony was held in Antalya on 26 October 2018 with the participation of First Lady Ms. Emine Erdoğan. Organized in partnership with UNFPA, the Symposium provided an opportunity to discuss effects of the social taboos on sexual and reproductive health.

The symposium attended by Minister of Family, Labor and Social Policies Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk, Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, UNFPA Director-General Dr. Natalia Kanem and Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe brought together many opinion leaders from different sectors.
The 2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care was organized in Astana, Kazakhstan on 25-26 October 2018 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Alma Ata Declaration. The Conference provided a venue for exchanging country experiences in strengthening of primary health care services and discussing social equity and good practices. Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe attended the symposium on behalf of Turkey.

HIMSS Eurosia’18 EMRAM Training Conference and Health Information Expo

HIMSS Eurosia’18 EMRAM Training Conference and Health Information Expo, the biggest health information event of Turkey, took place in Istanbul with participation of many international speakers. Organized on 25-27 October 2018, the event was inaugurated with the speeches of Deputy Health Minister Dr. Şuayip Birinci, Health Minister of Malesia Dr. Dzulkefyl Ahmad, Health Minister of TRNC Dr. Filiz Besim, HIMSS USA Director Mr. Harold Wolf and Rector of Medipol University Prof. Dr. Sabahattin Aydın. The event hosted many different sessions on the second day.
1st Meeting of the Steering Committee for Hatay Dörtyol Hospital Project

Within the framework of the agreement signed between the Ministry of Health of Turkey and French Development Agency (AFD) on 20 June 2018, a grant was received under the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRITI) as a part of the health infrastructures strengthening project. The grant will be used fully for construction of 250-bed state hospital in Dörtyol, Hatay and purchase of medical equipment and fixture.

Visit of the Bosnia-Herzegovinian delegation to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Having come to Turkey upon invitation of the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services, Directors of Bosnia-Herzegovinian Social Security Fund visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç on 18 October 2018. At the General Directorate, a presentation was made for the delegation concerning medical tourism strategy of Turkey.

NATO Health Subgroup Autumn Meeting

"NATO Civil State of Emergency Planning Committee/ Joint Health, Agriculture and Food Group, Health Subgroup Meeting" was held in Belgium on 22-23 October 2018. Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats, insufficiency of healthcare professionals, cyber security and medical support in military operations were discussed and civil experts were elected during the meeting, where Turkish Ministry of Health was represented by officials from the General Directorate of Public Health and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

4th Meeting of Turkey-Qatar High Strategic Committee

Concurrently with the Turkey-Qatar political consultations, officials from the Ministry of Health attended the Senior Officers Meeting prior to the 4th Meeting of Turkey-Qatar High Strategic Committee held on 4 October 2018 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting enabled exchange of opinions with the representatives of Qatar Gulf Helicopters – Redstar Aviation Company.
Meeting on Foreign Patient Tracking System

On 3 October 2018, a meeting was organized at the meeting room of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs to enable registration of the foreign patients sent to Turkey for treatment under the Military Protocol of the Ministry of National Defense, and ensure insertion of them in the available patient tracking system. Health Affairs Department of the Ministry of National Defense, General Directorate of Public Hospitals and General Directorate of Health Information Systems attended the meeting.

Legislation Meeting for Medical Tourism Portal Project

Within the framework of Medical Tourism Portal Project aiming to make Turkey a global brand in medical tourism and performed in cooperation with the General Directorate of Health Services and General Directorate of Health Information Systems, a legislation meeting was held at the Ministry on 04 October 2018. Relevant departments of the Health Ministry and contractor firm of the project attended the meeting, and representatives of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs exchanged information on processing of personal data and transfer of the same to the third countries.

Meeting of the Steering Committee for Kilis Grant Agreement

Within the framework of the Grant Agreement of 01.06.2018 between the Ministry of Health of Turkey and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), a grant was received under the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRITI1) as a part of the health infrastructures strengthening project. The grant will be used fully for construction of 300-bed state hospital in Kilis and purchase of medical equipment and fixture.

An Executive Board was constituted in order to discuss important aspects of the project and ensure an effective coordination among the key partners, and the first meeting was held on 31 October 2018 with the participation of representatives from EU Delegation, CEB and Ministry of Health.
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