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President of Iran H.E. Hasan Ruhani and the accompanying delegation came to Turkey, as the guest of the Turkish President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, in order to attend the 5th Session of the High-Level Cooperation Council on 20 December 2018.

On this occasion, “Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine” was signed by Health Minister of Turkey Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran Muhammet Cevat Zarif 20 December 2018 in Ankara.

Through enforcement of the Memorandum of Understanding, it will be possible to exchange experience and cooperate in the fields of health systems strengthening, health information systems and health statistics, fighting with communicable and non-communicable diseases, primary healthcare services and family medicine, universal health coverage, health sciences and health researches, hospital management and payment systems, health system, hospital accreditation, monitoring and evaluation of clinical quality, organ-tissue transplantation and blood transfusion, organization of emergency health services and cooperation during disasters, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, increasing capacity of human resources, medical tourism and short-term training for healthcare professionals. It is also targeted to exchange delegations, experts and healthcare professionals, develop joint projects, and promote participation in national and international meetings in the field of health.

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Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Vice Chair of Presidential Committee on the North-East Initiative (PCNI) Alhaji Tijjani Musa Timsah and the accompanying delegation from the non-governmental organization of GABASAWA on 4 December 2018. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on organization of trainings in the field of health, through International Health Services Co. (USHAS), and provision of assistance by the Turkish Ministry of Health for the north and north-east regions destructed by Boko Haram insurrections, with a special focus on concluding an agreement between two countries to form a legal basis for the cooperation activities.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Singapore to Turkey

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Singapore to Turkey A. Selverajah on 6 December 2018. The parties expressed their determination to develop bilateral cooperation in the field of health with a special focus on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Ministry of Health of Singapore dated 20 March 2012.

On this occasion the Turkish Health Minister stated that Turkey would welcome sharing her experiences from the Health Transformation Program, development of cooperation options, establishment of commercial cooperation between private sectors of two countries in the field of medicines and medical devices, establishment of further cooperation for technology transfer and R&D in the fields of health industries, medicines, vaccines, medical equipment, cosmetic, etc. as well as the efforts of Turkey for domestic production of the medical supplies, provision of joint investments, as well as the initiatives of the Singaporean authorities to encourage multinational companies in Singapore to make investments or establish cooperation in Turkey, and development of cooperation in the field of health information system and hospital management and other innovative applications, and mutual exchange of experiences in various areas such as city hospitals that Turkey successfully put into practice through PPP model, and laboratory and imaging service procurements, etc. Moreover, Mr. Ambassador A. Selverajah invited Dr. Koca to Singapore for an official visit.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Japan to Turkey Mr. Akio Miyajima on 6 December 2018. During the meeting, the parties agreed on revision of “Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan” dated 7 January 2014 according the needs of the time and execution of an agreement. The Turkish Health Minister mentioned, under the light of the current developments, about diversification of cooperation options including health systems strengthening and elderly care, establishment of commercial partnerships between the private sectors of two countries in the field of medicines and medical devices, development of cooperation with the Japanese companies for such strategic sectors as medicines, medical equipment, medical supplies and cosmetic with the guarantee of purchase within the framework of the efforts of Turkey for domestic production and the possibility of giving bid, by the Japanese firms, for the newly constructed city hospitals. Furthermore, Dr. Koca invited his Japanese counterpart Mr. Takumi Nemoto to attend the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress to be held in Istanbul on 24-27 April 2019.

Ambassador of Japan to Turkey Mr. Akio Miyajima, on the other hand, stated that the Turkish President will be attending the G-20 Summit to be held in Japan on 28-29 June 2019, and they would like to see Dr. Koca in the Ministerial Meeting to be organized on this occasion. Mr. Ambassador further added that they are ready to take part in the projects to increase resistance of the hospitals and schools in Turkey against earthquake, they are willing to develop cooperation with Turkey in the field of health, and there are already Japanese firms engaged in İkitelli City Hospital project, and the Japanese firms also would like to participate in the tenders of Aydın and Antalya city hospitals, and the drug company Takeda is about to buy the Ireland-origin Shire firm, after which factories of Shire located in Turkey will pass to the Takeda drug company.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Iraq to Turkey

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Iraq to Turkey Mr. Hussain Mahmood Fadhlalla Alkhateeb on 13 December 2018. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on cooperation areas in the field of health with a special focus on health tourism.

Turkey Visit of the Libyan Delegation

Dr. Samir Sagar, from Government of National Accord of Libya – National Health Reform Center, Mr. Badreddin M. Abuhajar, from Health Investment and Administration Company, and Mr. Talal M. Ramadan Ajaj, from Public Health Insurance Fund, accompanied by a group of doctors from Medical Training Committee of Libya, visited Turkey on 9-12 December 2018 in order to receive information about health transformation program and public-private partnership, and exchange opinions about commercial opportunities in the field of medicines, pharmacy and medical equipment as well as the future cooperation activities to be carried out jointly. The Libyan delegation was also received by Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca.
Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Delegation Headed by Deputy Minister of Health of Iran Mr. Ghasem Janbabai Molla

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Delegation Headed by Deputy Minister of Health of Iran Mr. Ghasem Janbabai Molla on 26 December 2018. During the meeting, the parties talked about the exchange of experience in the field of family medicine system, health information systems, hospital automations and city hospitals, and development of cooperation opportunities between two countries.

The Action Plan prepared by the Turkish Ministry of Health based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between two countries on 20 December 2018 was presented, and the parties exchanged opinions on development of cooperation between Health Ministries of two countries based on concrete foundations.
Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Delegation of WHO Migration Program activities that may be carried out based on the successful healthcare services provided by Turkey for the migrants.

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Ambassador of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to Turkey Mr. M. Allama Siddiki on 12 December 2018.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on medicines and medical devices, development of mutual commercial activities and organization of Health Business Forum.
Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Ambassador of Turkey to Bucharest

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the newly appointed Ambassador of Turkey to Bucharest Ms. Füsun Aramaz. Prof. Dr. Alp Meşe expressed her wishes of success for Ms. Aramaz, and the parties talked about the cooperation opportunities in the field of health between Turkey and Romania.

Product Tracking System (PTS) Project Congress

Congress was organized in JW Marriot Hotel on 26 December 2018 concerning Product Tracking System (PTS) launched in cooperation with the Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Institution and TUBITAK BILGEM Software Technologies Research Institute. Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe delivered a speech in the Congress which brought together representatives from provincial health directorates, non-governmental organizations and other related ministries as well as the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.
The 2nd round of Infection Control and Intensive Care Training organized in cooperation with the Turkish Ministry of Health and OIC SESRIC took place in Ankara between 26 November and 14 December. Trainees consisting of 20 persons from Djibouti, Mauritania, Chad, Sudan and Palestine had theoretical and practical trainings at the affiliated hospitals of the Ministry for 3 weeks. Certificate of participation was presented to the trainees at the end of the training. Also a short Ankara trip was organized for the participants as a cultural activity.

Ambassador of Somalia to Turkey visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of Federal Republic of Somalia Mr. Jama Abdillahi Mohamed visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 11 December 2018 to have a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on initiation of another 5-year operating period, as of August 2019, for the Protocol on Operation of Mogadishu Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Training and Research Hospital; treatment of 250 Somalian patients in Turkey under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and Government of the Republic of Somalia on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Sciences, signed in Istanbul on 27 June 2013, and management of the hospital in Somalia.
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