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Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Imran Khan held a bilateral meeting with Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca on 4 January 2019 in Ankara. The Parties exchanged opinions on universal health coverage and health systems strengthening. They also agreed on formation of joint working groups for further development of cooperation between the two countries.
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Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca held a meeting with Acting Health Minister of Libya Mohamed Haithem İsa and Ambassador of Libya to Ankara Abdurrazaq Mukhtar on 16 January 2019 in Ankara. The Parties exchanged opinions about the bilateral cooperation areas planned to be fulfilled in the coming period, and details of the payment of debts of Libya to the relevant institutions based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Istanbul on 9 November 2018. Following the meeting, the guest Minister visited the Bilkent City Hospital planned to be inaugurated and start admission of patients soon, and received information from the officials there.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Canada to Ankara Christopher Cooter

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Canada to Ankara Christopher Cooter on 3 January 2019. The Parties exchanged opinions on execution of a memorandum of understanding between the two countries with a view to developing cooperation in the field of health, reinforcement of cooperation in medicines, medical devices, scientific and academic researches, health tourism and training as well as development of relations between TUSEB and its Canadian counterpart Canada National Health Institute (CNIH), development of commercial and economic relations and establishment of partnerships for making use of artificial intelligence in such areas as diagnosis and treatment and exchange of experiences on public-private partnership.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Ankara Ismail Issa Ismail Rifaie

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Ambassador of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Ankara Ismail Issa Ismail Rifaie on 3 January 2019. The Parties exchanged opinions on execution of an agreement to form a legal basis for the health relations between the two countries during International Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress between 24 and 27 April 2019, development of cooperation in the field of training and health tourism through activities of USHAS, and establishment of joint working group to focus on emergencies and disasters, medicines and medical supplies production, public-private partnership and health services for migrants.

The Parties also underlined their net and firm stance on the status of Kudus.

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received Medtronic Global CEO Omar Ishrak, Medtronic Executive Vice President and President of EMEA Region Rob Ten Hoedth and President of CEMA Region Majid Kaddoumi on 30 January 2019.
Turkey Visit of the Delegation from the Ministry of Health of Kosovo

The Kosovan delegation headed by Undersecretary of the Health Ministry of Kosovo Dr. Naim Bardiqi visited Turkey on 15-18 January 2019 to see developments in the fields of Accreditation in Health and Pharmaceutics. The delegation obtained information about health transformation program and quality and accreditation, and visited Ankara University Ibni Sina Hospital and Ankara Koru Hospital.

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the delegation on 15 January 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on cooperation in the field of medicines and medical devices, emergency medicine training, health tourism and also activities of the recently established USHAŞ (International Health Services Company). Furthermore, Health Minister of Kosovo was invited to attend the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress to be held in Istanbul in April 2019.

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Muhammed Güven received the Ambassador of Nigeria to Ankara Iliyassu Audu Paragalda

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Muhammed Güven received the Ambassador of Federal Republic of Nigeria to Ankara Iliyassu Audu Paragalda and the accompanying delegation on 22 January 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions about the probable cooperation areas in the field of health.
Ambassador of Djibouti to Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of Djibouti to Ankara Aden Houssein Abdillah visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç on 22 January 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on treatment of the Djiboutian patients in Turkey, and the Djiboutian party was informed about the activities of USHAS (International Health Services Company).

Ambassador of Palestine to Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of Palestine to Ankara Dr. Faed Mustafa visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç on 24 January 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on the Gaza Palestine-Turkey Hospital of Friendship and cooperation activities between the two countries.
Minister Counsellor of People’s Republic of Bangladesh to Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Minister Counsellor of People’s Republic of Bangladesh to Ankara Md. Raid Hasan Sarower visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç on 25 January 2019 and 31 January 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on the Bangladesh-Turkey Health Business Forum and execution of a memorandum of understanding between the two Ministries on cooperation in the field of medicines and medical devices.

Ambassador of Niger to Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of Niger to Ankara Salou Adama Gazibo visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kılıç on 18 January 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on treatment of the Nigerien patients in Turkey and other cooperation areas in the field of health.
Undersecretary of the Embassy of Nigeria to Ankara visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Undersecretary of the Embassy of Nigeria to Ankara Ahmed Monguno visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Director-General Dr. Selami Kilic on 24 January 2019. With reference to the meeting of the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Iliyasu Audu Paragalda and Chair of TUNIAD (Nigerian Industrialists and Businessmen Association of Turkey) Tahsin Koparan with Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Muhammet Güven on 22 January 2019, the Parties exchanged opinions on execution of a memorandum of understanding between the two countries, support of Turkey for the health activities in Nigeria, health tourism, treatment of the Nigerian patients in Turkey, medical training, organization of joint health week in Nigeria, health investments and cooperation in the field of medicines, medical devices and cosmetic products.

G20 Consultation Meeting

A consultation meeting was organized by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance on 31 January 2019 in order to exchange opinions with all relevant institutions concerning the 2019 activities of G20. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs also attended this meeting.

Workshop on Laying Down Working Principles and Procedures for the Clinics of Foreign Nationals

Workshop on Laying Down Working Principles and Procedures for the Clinics of Foreign Nationals took place in Haymana, Ankara on 18-19 January 2019. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs also attended the workshop which focused on preparation of the legislation for Clinics of Foreign Nationals acting under health directorates and community health centers providing healthcare services for the foreigners of various nationals and status.
WHO Executive Board and Program, Budget and Administrative Committee Meetings

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9th session of the WHO Program, Budget and Administrative Committee (PBAC) took place in Geneva, Switzerland on 21-23 January 2019. 144th session of the WHO Executive Board, which regularly convenes in January and May of each year, took place in Geneva, Switzerland on 24 January – 1 February 2019.

The meetings focused on communicable and non-communicable diseases and GPW-13 Program as well as 2020-2021 budget of the World Health Organization.

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and General Directorate of Public Health also attended the meetings.

Meeting on Registration of Biodiversity for Traditional Complementary Medicine

Within the framework of the “Registration of Traditional Knowledge based on Biodiversity” project launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in 2017, a meeting was organized at the executive Ministry on 11 January 2019. The meeting provided a venue for consultations in the field of sustainable use of biologic resources in traditional and complementary medicine, development of new products making use of the traditional data based on the biodiversity, production of biologic resources used in the traditional and complementary medicine practices, achieving standardization in products and production and encouragement of R&D activities.

General Directorate of Health Services, Medicines and Medical Devices Institution of Turkey and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

Care Model Workshop for Mentally Handicapped People

Within the framework of the “Social Inclusion for Mentally Handicapped People” project financed by the EU and WHO and beneficiaries of which are General Directorate of Public Health and Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services; a policy workshop was organized on 14-16 January 2019 in order to create a national care model draft and define role of each institution in the model.

Outputs of this workshop will be used as a basis for the planning of the future services and preparation of training modules for the staff working at the community-based service providing facilities. Representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ankara provincial directorates and WHO as well as senior advisers experienced in planning and implementation of care services for mentally handicapped persons attended the workshop.

Environmental and Public Health Monitoring Workshop as an Instrument of Comprehensive Amelioration

A multilateral workshop named “Environmental and Public Health Monitoring Workshop as an Instrument of Comprehensive Amelioration” was organized in Tbilisi, Georgia on 31 January-01 February 2019 within the framework of Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Mechanism (TAIEX) by the European Commission Directorate General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations - Corporate Structuring Unit. Representatives from the General Directorate of Public Health and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the workshop.
Regular physical activity has a key role in maintaining energy balance and weight control.