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The 2nd International Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress took place in Istanbul on April 24-27, 2019. During the Congress, Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca held bilateral meetings with Health Minister of Somalia Dr. Fawzia Abiker Nur, Health Minister of TRNC Dr. Filiz Besim, Health Minister of Paraguay Julio Daniel Mazzoleni Insfran, Health Minister of Romania Sorina Pintea, Deputy Minister of Health of Ukraine Roman Ilyk, Health Minister of Jordan Ghazi Manwar Al-Zabin and Health Minister of Mongolia Sarangerel Davaajantsan and Health Minister of Djibouti Djama Elmi Okieh.

On the other hand, Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Mese held bilateral meeting with Deputy Minister of Health of Venezuela Maria Gabriela Castillo and Undersecretary of the Health Ministry of Nigeria Abdulaziz M. Abdullahi on April 25, 2019.
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Health Minister of Kazakhstan Yelzhan Birtanov visited Turkey on April 11-12, 2019.

Turkish Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca and his Kazakh counterpart had a bilateral meeting on April 12, 2019.

The parties exchanged opinions on cooperation in the field of health systems strengthening, development of health services in times of emergencies and disasters, public-private partnership, medicines and medical devices.

Following the bilateral meeting, the two Ministers had a joint press statements.

Health Minister of Kazakhstan and the accompanying delegation also visited the Ankara and Adana City Hospitals.
Health Minister of Turkey received the representatives from German-Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Health Minister of Turkey received the Board Chairman of the German-Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dr. Markus C. Slevogt and the accompanying delegation on April 18, 2019.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on investments in pharmaceutical sector and localization in medical devices, inclusion of medicines in the Customs Union Agreement, removing/mitigating the obligation to convert 80% of the export fees into TRY, development of ecosystem between the global firms and local manufacturers for localization efforts and increasing the recruitment of pharmacists.
Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe and the accompanying delegation attended the Bangladesh-Turkey Health Business Forum organized in Dhaka on April 4-9, 2019.

In addition to the 10-person delegation from the Ministry, 19 representatives from 13 Turkish private firms and a representative from the Pharmaceutical Industry Employers Syndicate took part in the forum. On the occasion of the forum, the parties discussed strategic cooperation areas such as increasing commercial and economic market share in the field of medicines and medical devices, pharmaceutical biotechnology, biosimilar medicines, pharmaceutical raw materials and vaccine production.

The Turkish delegation visited the Directorate General of Drug Administration of Bangladesh (DGDA). Within this framework, representatives from the Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Institution and Directorate General of Drug Administration of Bangladesh exchanged opinions on country regulations in the field of medicines and medical devices, market assessment, export, import, market authorization, pricing, inspection and medical devices regulation (product tracking system, medical device registration, market supply).

The Turkish delegation headed by Deputy Minister Prof. Alp Mese also visited the leading vaccine production facilities of Bangladesh within the framework of the localization process in Turkey. Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe had a bilateral meeting with Minister of Health and Family Welfare Zahed Melek, and they discussed joint vaccine and insulin production as well as the relevant R&D activities.

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Medicines and Medical Devices was signed by and between Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Institution and Directorate General of Drug Administration of Bangladesh on April 8, 2019 in presence of the Turkish Deputy Minister of Health and Bangladeshi authorities.
Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Muhammet Guven received EU Commission DG NEAR Director Myriam Ferran

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Muhammet Guven received EU Commission DG NEAR (Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations) Director Myriam Ferran and the accompanying delegation on April 11, 2019.

The parties exchanged opinions on current status of the Faculty for Refugees in Turkey (FRIT) mechanism created for transfer of €3+3 billion to Turkey committed to be paid by EU for the Syrians, and planning of the activities and other measures in the field of health for the 2nd term of FRIT mechanism.

DG ECHO (Directorate General for Humanitarian aid and Civil Protection) Neighborhood and Middle East Director Jean Louis de Brouwer and representatives from EU Turkey Delegation accompanied Ms. Ferran. Furthermore, FRIT Coordinator of the Presidency Halil Afsarata and the relevant departments of the Ministry of Health were present during the meeting.
Turkey-Kazakhstan Joint Health Week

Turkey-Kazakhstan Joint Health Week was held in Turkistan Province, Kazakhstan between the dates of April 7-15, 2019. Organized in cooperation with the Ministries of Health of both countries and Ahmet Yesevi University, the health week provided an opportunity for performance of some critical operations in the region.

114 specialized operations and 653 outpatient examinations were performed in the specialties of general surgery, urology, plastic surgery, gynecology & obstetrics, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, pediatric surgery, anesthesia and reanimation, radiology and emergency medicine, and health training was provided for 496 Kazakh health care professionals during the health week.

There was organized the first training about the lung tumors in radiology in Turkistan Province hosting 2 million people.

Concerning emergency medicine, emergency approaches to traumas, CPR, intubation, basic and advanced life support trainings were provided for emergency staff of all hospitals in the area.

Also official meetings were held with Vice Governor of Turkistan E. Amanbayev, Rector of Ahmet Yesevi University Prof. Dr. Botalbek Abdraslov, Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Cengiz Tomar, and Health Director of Turkistan Mukan Yegizbayev.
13th Meeting of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group

The 13th Meeting of the COMCEC (Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation) Poverty Alleviation Working Group was held on April 4, 2019 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Access to Health Services in the OIC Member Countries”.

In addition to the surveys filled in by the OIC member states on access to health services, the comparative case studies and analysis were also collected in a report and discussed during the meeting.

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs made a presentation concerning financing of and access to health services in Turkey.

Training of the TRNC Healthcare Professionals in Turkey

A three-day training program was organized by the General Directorate of Public Health between April 24-26, 2019 for 4 clinical psychologists employed at Fighting with Drugs and Support Line 1191 established under the Ministry of Health of TRNC (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus).

Visits for election of WHO Regional Director for Europe

Within the framework of the election preparations for Dr. Nedret Emiroglu nominated by Turkey for WHO Regional Director for Europe, courtesy visits were made to embassies of the member states of the WHO Regional Office in Ankara.

Embassy of Germany, UK, Finland and Sweden were visited in April. Representatives from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs were also present during the visit.
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