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Health Minister Dr. Koca received Ambassador of Pakistan to Ankara Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi on 28 June 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on the details of “Health Joint Task Force” to be established between Turkey and Pakistan, and increasing the means of cooperation in the field of health through USHAŞ.
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During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on the probable areas of cooperation in the field of health.
North Macedonia Visit of Deputy Minister of Health
Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe paid an official visit to North Macedonia and Kosovo on 18-20 June 2019 to hold bilateral meetings with Health Ministers of North Macedonia and Kosovo.

Within the scope of the North Macedonia visit, Deputy Minister held meetings with Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Skopje Tülin Erkal Kara and Health Minister Venko Filipche. During the meeting, the parties addressed the issues of USHAŞ and deepening cooperation between the two countries in the field of health, and Health Minister of North Macedonia Venko Filipche was invited to Turkey. Prof. Dr. Alp Meşe then went to Kosovo on occasion of the 6th Turkey-Kosovo Health Week.
The 6th Turkey-Kosovo Joint Health Week took place in Central Clinics of Kosovo University in Pristina, capital of Kosovo and Mamusha town densely populated by the people of Turkish origin on 15-23 June 2019.

Besides the officials of the Ministry of Health, a delegation of 26 medical doctors in the branches of general surgery, adult and pediatric cardiovascular surgery, adult and pediatric cardiology, infectious diseases, urology, gynecology and obstetrics, ophthalmology, orthopedics and traumatology, pediatrics, internal medicines and anesthesia and reanimation took part in this organization.

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe also went to Kosovo on occasion of the health week, and the Health Ministries of Turkey and Kosovo signed the Action Plan concerning:

- Health Systems Strengthening,
- Quality and Accreditation in Health Services,
- Cooperation in Medicines and Medical Devices,
- Cooperation in Health Tourism, and
- Health Weeks.

During the visit, official contacts were made with Health Minister of Kosovo Uran İsmaili, Minister of Public Management of Kosovo Mahir Yağcılar, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Pristina Çağrı Sakar, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey to Prizren Eylem Altunya, Directors of Central Clinics of Kosovo University and Mayor of Mamusha Municipality Abdulhadi Krasnic.

The health week became a success, with 103 operations, 1319 outpatient treatment and 446 trainings.
6th Turkey-Kosovo Joint Health Week
The 4th National Field Epidemiology Conference was held in Ankara on 24-25 June 2019 under the “Turkey Health Safety Project” of which the beneficiary is General Directorate of Public Health.

The official launch of the relevant project took place with participation of the Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe, and officials from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the organization as well.
Niger Visit of the Ministerial Delegation

A delegation from the Ministry of Health visited Niger on 12-17 June 2019 to have discussions with the Nigerien authorities concerning opening of the Niger-Turkey Hospital of Friendship. During the visit, the delegation was also received by Prime Minister of Niger Brig. Rafini and Minister of Public Health Dr. İdi İlliassou Mainassara. Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Niamey Mustafa Arı and TIKA Niamey Coordinator İsmail Biçakli accompanied the delegation. During the meeting with the Prime Minister of Niger, the parties underlined the friendly relations between the peoples of two countries, and exchanged opinions on free treatment of the Nigerien patients in Turkey who cannot be treated in Niger and the city hospitals that the Prime Minister heard about during his visit of 2 years ago. During the meeting with the Minister of Public Health Dr. İdi İlliassou Mainassara, the Turkish delegation underlined that the modern hospital constructed by Turkey will provide health services to the Nigerien people in Gynecology, Obstetrics and Pediatrics branches, and that they are ready to offer any support under their responsibility.

Turkey Visit of the Nigerian Delegation

A delegation of four persons from Niger visited Turkey on 24-28 June 2019 upon invitation of Niger-Turkey Hospital of Friendship Administrative and Financial Affairs Committee. The guest delegation had meetings with the Turkish delegation about the Niger-Turkey Hospital of Friendship. The delegation also visited Bilkent City Hospital and Etilk Zübeyde Hanım Training and Research Hospital.
Consultation Meeting for D-8 Health and Social Protection Initiative

Within the framework of Health and Social Protection Initiative planned by the Developing Eight (D-8) in the field of health, a consultation meeting was organized in Abuja, capital of Nigeria on 19-20 June 2019.

Iraq visit of the USHAŞ delegation

Director-General visited Iraq on 30 June-1 July 2019 to exchange opinions with the Iraqi authorities and sign the contract on medicines export to Iraq.

Regional Consultation Workshop on Health Sector Policy by Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)

Regional Consultation Workshop on Health Sector Policy organized by Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) took place in Istanbul on 27-28 June 2019 in order to discuss the health policies of the coming periods and evaluate the observations of the member states.

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the workshop and shared the planned activities of interest for IsDB.

25th Meeting of OECD Health Committee

The 25th Meeting of OECD Health Committee took place in Paris on 19-20 June 2019. General Directorate of Public Hospitals and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting and presented observations of Turkey about PaRIS Project aiming to develop a patient-centered health system, effects of obesity and unhealthy diet on economy and labor force to work in long-term care services.

ECO Health Tourism Congress and Expo

The 2nd Health Tourism Congress and Expo organized by Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) to develop health tourism between the member states took place in Ardebil, Iran on 18-19 June 2019. International Health Services Inc. (USHAŞ) and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the event and made a promotional presentation about USHAŞ.
Meeting on “Turkey-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement”

As a part of the Turkey-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement, Ministry of Trade organized a meeting on 12 June 2019 in order to decide the stance of Turkey concerning “source code” one of the sensitive issues under e-commerce. General Directorate of Health Information Systems and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

During the meeting, the institutions submitted their observations about their areas of interest, and e-mailed the new proposal text to the relevant bodies to ask for their opinions. No negative observation was presented by the Ministry of Health on the new proposal concerning the source code.

Meeting of Competent Authorities on Blood and Blood Components

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the Meeting of Competent Authorities on Blood and Blood Components organized by the EU Commission on 18-19 June 2019. During the meeting the following issues were discussed: revision of the EU acquis on blood and blood components, audit and licensing of these products, communicable diseases detected at the time of blood transfusion, serious negative effects and facts, clinical data, projects and joint actions on blood and blood components and researches at Council of Europe EDQM.

Preparatory Meeting for the 36th Session of Customs Union Joint Committee

The 36th Session of Customs Union Joint Committee, which was established to address and settle the problems concerning functioning of the Customs Union introduced with the decision no 1/95 of the Partnership Council, will take place in Brussels on 8-9 July 2019. In this regard, compliance with EU’s Good Manufacturing Practices for the pharmaceutical products, release analyses in EU and Turkish legislation on cosmetic products are the areas of interest for the Ministry of Health. A preparatory meeting was organized for this purpose on 28 June 2019 at the Ministry of Trade and attended by Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

6th Project Management Team Meeting for the Turkey Health Safety Project

The 6th Project Management Team Meeting was held at the meeting room of the General Directorate of Public Health on 28 June 2019 within the scope of the Turkey Health Safety Project that took its official start on 20 September 2018, financed by World Health Organization and European Union, and supported, in technical terms, by the World Health Organization. Relevant departments of the General Directorate of Public Health, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and WHO representatives attended the meeting and exchanged opinions on the activities performed or to be performed.
As always, it is also important to have a balanced diet at childhood.