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Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and US-Turkey Business Council at Bilkent Campus of the Ministry. The 15-person delegation headed by Director-General of U.S. Chamber of Commerce Ms. Jennifer Miel included representatives from international technology, medicine and medical equipment companies.

Health Minister Dr. Koca pointed out that “We do not want to continue being a country where only chemical medicines are produced or packed. We want to produce new-tech medicines and biologic products.”

Underlining that Turkey is outsourcing 54% of medicines and almost 100% of medical equipment, Dr. Koca stated that “This is not sustainable for Turkey and we would like to establish strategic partnerships with the countries having such technology.”

Health Minister further added that “We target establishment of production facilities within the country, in strategic partnership, meeting needs of the domestic market and the surrounding external markets from those facilities, and in short production of high-tech medicines and medical equipment in Turkey.

Sale of the well-quality and cost-effective products manufactured at these facilities to the emerging markets, and establishing partnership in a model beneficial for both sides would be much better.” Dr. Koca also mentioned about importance of know-how transfer, R&D activities, and design of new and more developed products at these facilities.





Memorandum of Understanding on Receivables from Libya

“Memorandum of Understanding on Receivables of the Turkish Hospitals concerning Treatment of the Patients and Injured” regarding payment of the receivables arising from health services provided in Turkey for the Libyan citizens was signed on 09 November 2018 in Istanbul by Deputy Minister of

Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe and Acting Minister of Health of Libya Muhammed Haysem İsa in the presence of the Turkish President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Chair of Libya Presidential Council H.E. Fayiz el-Sarac.



Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Delegation of Montenegro Parliament

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the Montenegro delegation of nine persons headed by Chair of Health, Labor and Social Development Commission Suad Numanic on 6 November 2018. Ambassador of Montenegro to Ankara Mr. Branko Milic also attended the meeting. The Parties agreed establishment of a joint working group to lay down the areas of cooperation and revive the concrete cooperation activities between two countries on the basis of “Agreement between the Government of the

Republic of Turkey and the Government of Montenegro on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Sciences” signed in Podgorica on 5 December 2014. Furthermore, the Parties exchange opinions on share of Turkey’s Health Transformation experience in the last 16 years, supporting family medicine system to be established in Montenegro, treatment of the Montenegrin patients in Turkey under a contract to be concluded with UHSAS and training of the Montenegrin students in Turkey in medicine and specialty in medicine.



World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)

On behalf of the Turkish Ministry of Health, Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe and the accompanying delegation attended the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) organized in Doha, Qatar on 13-14 November 2018. In the Summit attended by around 2000 persons from over 100 countries, participants discussed the policies to support and facilitate the innovations concerning treatments.

Prof. Dr. Alp Meşe took part, as panelist, in the Antimicrobial Resistance session moderated by high-level representative of the Ministry of Health of the United Kingdom Ms. Dame Sally Davis. In her speech, Prof. Dr. Alp Meşe underlined importance of result-oriented national and international action plans covering such other sectors as agriculture, environment and food based on the approach of “one health”.

Deputy Minister also stated that Turkey adopted 99 actions including Rational Drug Use Action Plan, and put into practice in cooperation with main stakeholders such as physicians, pharmacist and representatives of health industries. In this regard, Turkey could obtain a reduction of 17% in the use of antibiotics within a year by making use of rapid antigen tests, in-service trainings, public service ads and drug tracing system. Also the rate of prescription of antibiotics decreased to 29.5% from 34.94%.

Underlining the importance of global initiatives besides the national policies, Prof. Dr. Alp Meşe expressed her belief that events organized by Turkey at the margin of the 67th Session of the World Health Assembly and G20 Summit 2015 provided an opportunity to raise awareness about AMR.





Delegation of Uganda Parliament visited Turkey

A delegation from Parliamentary Health Commission of Uganda paid an official visit to Turkey on 11-17 November 2018 to conduct comparative evaluations on the bill of law concerning “Patient Rights and Responsibilities” planned to be enacted in Uganda.

On 16 November 2018, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs made a presentation for the delegation on health transformation system, patient rights legislation and hospital practices, and the delegation also visited the Atatürk Training and Research Hospital.



Delegation of Pakistan visited Turkey

A delegation consisting of senior Pakistani public directors attending the 109th National Administration Course visited the Ministry of Health of Turkey on 5 November 2018. General

Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs made a presentation for the delegation on the “Turkish Health System” for the exchange of experiences.



8th Joint Health Week of Turkey-Uzbekistan

Within the framework of the humanitarian assistance activities of the Turkish Ministry of Health, the 8th Joint Health Week of Turkey-Uzbekistan was organized in Nukusta, capital of Karakalpakstan in cooperation with Health Ministries of Turkey and Uzbekistan, and TIKA.

The 15-person team consisting of specialist doctors and nurses carried out 124 successful operations. Moreover, 579 consultations were made throughout the health week, and theoretical and practical trainings were provided for 143 Uzbek healthcare professionals for capacity development.

The 3rd Round of Intensive Care and Infection Control Training Project

Within the framework of “The 3rd Round of Intensive Care and Infection Control Training Project” carried out in cooperation with Turkey and Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC), trainings were provided between 26 November – 14 December 2018 for 20 healthcare professionals from Djibouti, Sudan, Palestine, Chad and Mauritania.

There are organized and provided three-week trainings – one week of theoretical training and two weeks of practical training at the hospitals – by the specialist doctors and healthcare professionals working at the training and research hospitals in Ankara.

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