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A delegation under the chairmanship of Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, participated in the 3rd Meeting of Turkey-Kyrgyzstan High-Level Standard Cooperation Conference which was held on 3 June 2014 in our country

Within the framework of the Conference, "Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan on Cooperation in the Fields of Health and Medical Sciences" was signed by Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health of Turkey and Ms. Dinara Saginbaeva, Minister of Health of Kyrgyzstan. Through this agreement, the following cooperation areas were decided:

- **Strengthening of health systems**
- **Fighting communicable diseases and immunization**
- **Strengthening of hospital management systems and health information systems**
- **Health statistics**
- **Development of projects towards maternal-child health and reducing maternal-child mortality**
- **Enhancing the human resource capacity in the field of health**
- **Exchange of information and experiences on drugs, pharmacy and medical devices**
- **Organization of emergency healthcare services and cooperation in the field of health in emergencies**
- **Health tourism**

Guest Minister paid a visit to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 4 June 2014. During the visit, issues regarding the health weeks planned to be held were discussed. Following the discussion, the delegation visited the Atatürk Training and Research Hospital.

On 5 June 2014, a bilateral discussion was held between Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu and Ms. Dinara Saginbaeva and mutual cooperation opportunities between two countries were discussed. In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Turkish Drug and Medical Device Institution and was informed on Drug Management – Development of Drug Database – Medical Equipment.

On 6 June 2014, guest Minister and her delegation paid a visit to Çankaya Family and Community Health Center and following the visit the delegation left Ankara for Bishkek.



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World No-Tobacco Day and Walking Event for Healthy Life



The Event: "World No-Tobacco Day and Walking Event for Healthy Life" organized by Turkish Public Health Agency was held on 4 June 2014 in Ankara.

The Event: "World No-Tobacco Day and Walk for Healthy Life" was held on 4 June 2014 in Ankara under the organization of Turkish Public Health Agency.

Prior the event, Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu and Mrs. Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe walked to support the programme.

The Program was carried out at ATO Congressium. During the program, the works to be provided by our country in the coming years towards the fight against tobacco were launched and plaques were presented to the parties contributing to the studies carried out up to date. Prof.Dr. Seçil Özkan, Head of the Turkish Public Health Agency presented the "Tobacco Control Program and Action Plan 2014-2018".

Mrs. Zerrin Güngör, President of the Council of State, Mr. Mehmet Şimşek, Minister of Finance, Mrs. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director for Europe and Mr. İhsan Karaman, Head of Turkish Green Crescent Society participated in the Event together with high level representatives of stakeholders, audit teams working on field, health staff, NGO's and students. Esteemed Minister Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu made a speech emphasizing the meaning and importance of the day. Both of the events were supported by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.



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The 2nd Meeting of Turkey-Iran Joint Working Group on Health and Treatment Implementation



The 2nd Meeting of the "Turkey-Iran Joint Working Group on Health and Treatment Implementation" was held on 4-6 June 2014 in Ankara.

On 4 June 2014, a presentation introducing the health system in Turkey was provided to the Iranian delegation of five officials under the chairmanship of Deputy Minister of Health of Iran at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs. Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, Prof. Dr. İrfan Şencan had talks on exchanging ideas with the members of delegation on cooperation between two countries in the field of health. In the final part of the meeting, issues regarding universal health coverage, were handled with the participations of officials from General Directorate of Health Researches.

On 5 June 2014, cooperation potentials of two countries on family medicine, communicable and non-communicable diseases were evaluated in a meeting involving the delegation and personnel from Turkish Public Health Institution as well as the deputy chairman of the Institution, Dr. Bekir Keskinliç. Following the first session, representatives from Turkish Public Hospitals Agency presented a briefing on the implementations in our country on secondary healthcare services, hospital management, hospital accreditation and human resource management in health. Possible cooperation areas were discussed following the briefing.

Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu accepted the Iranian delegation in his office. Mr. Agah Kafkas, Deputy Minister and Mr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, were also present during the discussion where Seyyid Hassan Qazizadeh Hashemi, the Minister of Health Treatment and Medical Education of Iran was invited to our country. It was also agreed that cooperation will be made between Turkey and Iran on the fight against communicable and non-communicable diseases through the reformation of the Memorandum of Understanding between two countries dating on 2010 and waiting for the validity procedures to be completed and that mutual projects on these issues will be developed.

On 6 June 2014, an informative presentation on drugs and medical devices was delivered to the delegation by the authorities from Turkish Drug and Medical Device Agency and cooperation areas were discussed together. After the presentation, the Iranian delegation visited the Health Emergency Coordination Centre and was informed about the current implementations.

Finally, a Draft Action Plan was prepared involving the discussions made during the visit. Guest delegation left Turkey on 6'th of June 2014.



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Minister of Health visited Kosovo and Macedonia

Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu the Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey paid visits to Kosovo and Macedonia on 20 June 2014.

The Minister attended to the opening ceremony of İsa Bey Mosque established in Mitroviça, Kosovo and then left Kosovo for Macedonia to participate in the graduation ceremony of International Balkan University in Skopje. The Minister returned to Turkey on the same day together with the delegation accompanying to him.

Meeting with the Co-Chairman of Turkey-Gambia Joint Economic Commission

Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu had a met with Mr. Abdou Kolley, Co-Chairman of Turkey-Gambia JEC and Minister of Trade, Regional Integration and Employment of Gambia in İstanbul. During the meeting, health and tourism investments planned to be provided towards Gambia and the required Eximbank loans were discussed.

Mr. Abdulla bin Khalid Al Qahtani, Minister of Public Health and General Secretary of Health Council of Qatar and His Delegation visited Our Country.

Mr. Abdulla bin Khalid Al Qahtani, Minister of Public Health and General Secretary of Health Council of Qatar and his delegation paid a visit to our country on 24-26 June 2014 as honored guests of Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu.

The Minister of Public Health of Qatar and his delegation arrived on 24 June 2014 Due to the sudden illness of the father of Mr. Qahtani, bilateral discussion between the Ministers proposed to be held on 25 June 2014 was carried out in the evening of the 25'th at the residence of Mr. Salem Mubarek Al-Shafi, Ambassador of Qatar in Ankara. The discussion involved topics including health tourism and investments in the field of health. Guest Minister returned to his country on 25 June 2014 while the delegation stayed for the proposed program.

On 25 June 2014, the delegation paid a visit to the General Directorate of Emergency Healthcare Services. Afterwards, a presentation on Public-Private Partnership was delivered to the delegation in the building of the General Directorate of Health Investments. The day ended after the visit to Atatürk Training and Research Hospital.

On 26 June 2014, the Qatari delegation paid visits to several institutions including the General Directorate of Emergency Healthcare Services, General Directorate of Health Investments, Atatürk Training and Research Hospital, Private Hospital of the University of Economics and Technology of TOBB (Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges), Private Memorial Hospital and Hacettepe University where they met with the Rector of Hacettepe University, Prof. Dr. Murat Tuncer.



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Visit of the Delegation from the Ministry of Health of United Arab Emirates to our Country

Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed Al Hashimi, Ministry of Health of United Arab Emirates ,Deputy Medical Director of Dubai and his delegation paid a visit to our country on 10-13 June 2014.

The delegation made investigations on stock management in the General Directorate of Emergency Healthcare Services, 112 Command-Control Center in Provincial Health Board of Ankara and Turkish Public Hospitals Agency. Dr. Al Hashimi also participated in the Medical Tourism Expo in Istanbul.

Conference on Employment Policies in Turkey

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Health participated in the Conference on Employment Policies in Turkey held by EU Coordination Department of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security on 25 June 2014.

During the conference; employment, social inclusion and training issues were discussed together with the introduction of the Operational Program on the Improvement of Human Resources conducted by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security.

The 3rd Session of Turkey-Poland Regular Consultation Meeting

Authorities from the General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the 3rd Session of Turkey-Poland Regular Consultation Meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Health. The Meeting was held in Ankara on 13 June 2014 under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Nihat Zeybekçi, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Turkey and Mr. Janusz Piechocinski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Poland

During the Meeting, the following issues were discussed:

- Exchange of information and experience as well as mutual cooperation on health information systems, e-health, Sağlık.NET and Electronic Health Records*
- Exchange of information and experience as well as mutual cooperation between Turkey and Poland on improving the quality in health institutions and agencies, patient and employee safety and accreditation of health institutions and agencies*
- Exchange of information and experience as well as mutual cooperation on health tourism*



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Training on Emergency Healthcare Services to be Held in Sudan Simultaneously with TDGG (Turkish Maritime Task Group)

On 15-20 June 2014, Sudanese health personnel were trained on Emergency Healthcare Services in the ships of Turkish Maritime Task Group charged in Port, Sudan which is among the harbors visited by the Turkish Naval Forces Command within the scope of Activation for 2014 of Barbaros Turkish

Maritime Task Group.

During the visit, 2 surgery kits and a CPR Model procured by TIKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency) were granted to the Ministry of Health of Sudan.



European Reference Network Conference

Authorities from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Health of Turkey participated in the European Reference Network Conference which was held by the Directorate General for Health and Consumers of European Commission (DG SANCO) on 23 June 2014 in Brussels.

Current state in the organization of high-level specialized networks and their members was discussed during the conference. Actions to be taken for the call towards service providers intending to be affiliated in the Reference Networks in 2015 were negotiated together with the Commission Implementation Decisions on European Reference Networks adopted on 10 March 2014.

11th Session of Turkey-EFTA Joint Committee Meeting on Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

Officials from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Health of Turkey attended in the 11th Session of Turkey-EFTA Joint Committee Meeting on FTA held on 19 June 2014.

During the meeting, relations with EU, Exchange of Information on Bilateral Trade and Service Trade were discussed. In the afternoon session, issues handled were on Merchandise Trade, Trade and Sustainable Development, Facilitation of Trade, Competition Rules in terms of Public Enterprises, Public Procurement, Protection of Intellectual Property, Geographical Signs, Draft Joint Committee Decisions, Legal and Horizontal Issues and Bilateral Agriculture Agreement.



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Pakistan-Turkey Amity Hospital became operational

Within the framework of the Joint Administration of 70-Bed Pakistan-Turkey Amity Hospital (Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Hospital), which was established in Muzaffargarh, Punjab by the Republic of Turkey following the flood disaster in Pakistan in 2010, a health delegation from the Ministry of Health involving 11 persons paid a visit to Pakistan.

Officials from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs arrived in Pakistan on 19 June 2014 in order to prepare for the opening ceremony of the hospital on 27 June 2014 and to arrange the transportation, communication and coordination issues regarding the Turkish health staff to be deployed in the hospital.

During the visit, several discussions were made with the representatives of the Ministry of Health of Punjab, Pakistan, the health staff to be deployed in the hospital, officials from TIKA responsible for Pakistan and also officials from the Embassy. The place for the accommodation of the Turkish personnel for 2 months and the opening ceremony of the hospital were investigated on site.

On 22 June 2014, Turkish health staff was met at Lahor airport and transferred to their staging place during their deployment in the hospital. Afterwards they visited the Hospital to meet the Pakistani health staff they would work together for the coming 2 months.

The hospital started operating with 11 Turkish Health personnel. As the opening ceremony was postponed, authorities from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs returned to Turkey.



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As of 2 June 2014,
174 Foreign Health Personnel (141 MD, 33 allied health personnel) have completed their training
75 Foreign Health Personnel (43 MD, 32 allied health personnel) are proceeding their training
77 Foreign Health Personnel (43MD, 34 allied health personnel) have been planned for training
Total: 326 Foreign Health Personnel (227 MD, 99 allied health personnel)

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| UZBEKISTAN (8 person) | Pediatrics | 8 | 1-28 June 2014 | Dr. Sami Ulus Children Health and Diseases Training and Research Hospital |
| KOSOVO (16 person) | Emergency Aid | 16 | 1-14 June 2014 | İzmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center |
| GAMBIA (8 person) | Neonatology Radiology | 8 | 1-28 June 2014 | Ankara Etlik Zübeyde Hanım Gynecological Diseases Training and Research Hospital |
| TURKMENISTAN (10 person) | Neurosurgery Urology | 10 | 15-29 June 2014 | Ankara Training and Research Hospital |
| JORDAN (15 person) | Emergency Aid | 15 | 3-15 August 2014 | İzmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center |
| KOSOVO 10 person) | Surgery, Intensive Care, Radiology | 10 | 15 September – 15 October 2014 | Dışkapı Yıldırım Beyazıt Training and Research Hospital |

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