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**Gambia President visited our country.
(10-13 February, 2014)**



Yahya Jammeh, President of the Republic of the Gambia, visited our country upon the invitation of **Abdullah Gül, President of Turkish Republic**, on February 10 to 13, 2014.

Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, the Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey was assigned as the Co-President of the Turkish part of the Turkish-Gambia Joint Economic Committee and led the Turkish Delegation.



With this occasion, "**Agreement on Cooperation in the Fields of Health and Medical Sciences between The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of the Gambia**" was signed by the Health Ministers of the two sides; **Mr.Mehmet Müezzinoğlu** and **Omar Sey** on the 11th of February, 2014.

The agreement contains the following issues:

- Providing support in strengthening health systems,
- Short-term training of health care personnel,
- Cooperation in combating against communicable diseases,
- Cooperation in the field of pharmaceuticals and medical devices,
- Sharing experience and development of joint projects regarding reducing maternal and child mortality,
- Cooperation in health tourism.

The Minister of Health hosted the Tajikistani Minister. (17-23 February, 2014)



The Minister of Health of Tajikistan, **Nusratullo Salimov**, visited our country on 17 to 23 February 2014.

The Minister and accompanying delegation were hosted at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of MoH and a presentation was conducted by **Mr.Salih Mollahaliloğlu**, member of the Health Policies Board of the MoH on Turkish Health System and Reform.



The delegation was also received by **Mr.Mehmet Müezzinoğlu**, the Minister of Health at his authority.



Family Medicine, performance-based supplementary payment system and efforts to contribute Tajikistan's health care reform through exchange of experts in the field of oncology, orthopaedics and organ transplantation were discussed at the meeting. It was agreed to conduct a meeting with the Embassy of Tajikistan and the General Directorate for EU and Foreign Affairs of the MoH as soon as to determine **Joint Working Groups** for the work mentioned.



Later an information meeting about general health insurance was held at the **Social Security Institution**. The other members of the delegation were briefed by the **Public Health Agency** on the implementation of public health services in Turkey.

The delegation also visited a Community Health Centre and Family Health Centre in Ankara and some private hospitals in Istanbul and left on 23rd of February.

The Minister of Health hosted the Kuwaiti Minister. (24-28 February, 2014)



Kuwaiti Health Minister Ali Saad Al-Obaidi and his accompanying delegation visited our country to discuss issues of cooperation in the field of health between **February 24 to 28 2014**. **Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, the minister of health** accepted Al-Obaidi at his authority on 25th of February.

Health tourism, fighting against tobacco, strengthening health systems, nutritional and deficiency physical activity were discussed at the meeting.



It was also agreed in principle to establish **joint working group of 3-4 people** to coordinate cooperation in this area.

The delegation also visited some private hospitals in İstanbul and left on the 28th of February, 2014.

Studies of establishing WHO GDO in Turkey



The Undersecretary of our Ministry, **Prof. Dr. Nihat Tosun**, Deputy Undersecretary, **Mr. Ekrem Atbakan** and the staff from the MoH dealing with the issues, met with World Health Organization (WHO) technical officials from 24 to 25 February 2014 to discuss on technical requirements concerning **Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS), Partnership Agreement** and the **WHO Geographically Dispersed Office (GDO)**.



Future activities, process and timetable regarding Country Cooperation Strategy issues were discussed and it was decided to establish Supervisory Team with a decision maker senior official and a Core Team with two-three authorized officials.

The other decision was to start the work on GDO and to conduct a second visit by WHO officials addressing technical issues that will take place from **March 31st to April 1st, 2014**.

Mr. Minister Welcomed the Counsellor and the Delegation of the Embassy of Japan. (February 18th2014)



Mr. Minister **Mehmet Müezzinoğlu** welcomed the delegation of **Mr. Yutoko Yukai**; Japan's Ambassador to Ankara, **Takao Seki**; President of the Japanese ITEC Company, **Nobuaki Tanaka**; Japan's former Ambassador and other officials from the embassy on **18th of February, 2014**.

We hosted the Deputy Counsellor of Kyrgyzstan Embassy (February 4th 2014)



Aybek Akaev, Deputy Counsellor of the Embassy of Kyrgyzstan and **Alima Okeev** visited our General Directorate and were received by **Mr. Öner Güner** on the **2nd of February, 2014**. During the meeting, views were exchanged on the on-going preparations about the cooperation agreement in the field of health and activities were discussed about joint health week between the two countries.

Contributions to Economic and Political Reforms for Yemen



Regarding the fourth meeting of the **Friends of Yemen** in September 2012 in New York, concerning the contribution of U.S. \$ 100 million on aid commitments by Turkey, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, with the Participation of all of the ministries' representatives on the **26th of February, 2014**.

During the meeting; negotiations on project proposals, cost and stakeholder components as well as areas the contribution will be made, took place.

Our General Directorate was also represented at the meeting with a proposal of "**Project on capacity building of Yemeni health personnel training**".

We attended the 37th meeting of the Advisory Forum of ECDC. (26-27 February, 2014)



The **37th meeting of the Advisory Forum of ECDC** (The European Centre of Disease Prevention and Control) was held in Stockholm from **26 to 27th of February, 2014**.

The Advisory Forum meets at least four times a year and advises the Director of the Centre on the quality of the scientific work undertaken by ECDC. It is composed of senior representatives of national public health institutes and agencies, nominated by the Member States on the basis of their scientific competence, and a public health official from the European Commission. The European scientific associations and civil society groups also send observers to the Advisory Forum. The Advisory Forum is also a mechanism for exchanging information, pooling health knowledge and furthering public health cooperation.

Iraqi Health Ministry delegation visited our country. (11-14 February, 2014)



A delegation from the Iraqi Ministry of Health visited our Ministry to get information about the Turkish health care system, to exchange views on training programs that will be organized for Iraqi medical staff and to establish a joint working group on **11 to 14th of February, 2014**.

Within the agenda, a presentation about the Turkish health care system was delivered at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of MoH. The delegation then moved to the Turkish Public Health Agency and short presentations were made about primary health care services, environmental health, immunization program, combating communicable diseases and active surveillance system, women's and reproductive health, child and adolescent health and family medicine issues and the implementation of the system in our country. Other stops of the visit were Ankara Training and Research Hospital and Social Security Institution and a private hospital in Istanbul.

Field Studies for Roma People

Within the scope of the efforts for Roma people starting with the **Roma Initiative** in December 2009 and the framework of **Roma Community-NGO Dialogue Group**, where the MoH is also represented, meetings and field studies for Roma Community were conducted upon the invitation of **Elazığ Governor's Office** on **3 to 4 February, 2014**.

The Establishment of the High Level Cooperation Council Studies with Iran (February 24th 2014)



During the visit of the **Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** to Iran in **January 2014**, it was decided to establish a **High Level Cooperation Council** to improve relations between the two countries.

Within this context, it is expected to review the agreement about Iran that is anticipated to be signed or to be updated by the relevant institutions and organizations in our country.

A coordination meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on **24th of February, 2014** to coordinate the work in accordance with the memorandum of understanding in the field of health, signed in 2010 between the two countries, it was agreed to continue the cooperation on the identified areas.

We attended the 1st Africa Strategy Coordination Meeting (February 28th, 2014)



Staff from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of the MoH attended the **1st African Strategy Coordination Meeting** held on the **28th of February, 2014** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Relevant ministries and institutions exchanged information about activities in Africa. The Ministry of Health made a presentation about the work carried out in Africa.

6th Turkish -Afghanistan Health Week (20 February - 2 March, 2014)

The 6th Turkish-Afghan Health Week, was held on February 20 to March 2, 2014 in the town of Sheberghan in Afghanistan at Afghan Friendship Hospital for Children with the participation of Turkish experts in General Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Anaesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynaecology branches.



A total of 155 surgeries, 410 circumcision surgeries and 1.108 outpatient surgeries including;

16 surgeries, 372 outpatient clinics in General Surgery, 32surgeries, 166 outpatient clinics in Paediatric surgery, 83 surgeries, 314 outpatient clinics in Plastic Surgery, 24 surgeries, 91 outpatient clinics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology were performed.



Workshop on Survey Preparation and Implementation on Market Surveillance and Supervision Activities

A workshop on **Survey Preparation and Implementation on Market Surveillance and Supervision Activities** was held by the Ministry of Economics on 26th of February, 2014. The survey is expected to measure the level of awareness on product safety of the commercial enterprises. At the meeting, views were exchanged on the content and way of application of the questionnaire.



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