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Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Punjab Province of Pakistan, and the accompanying delegation visited Turkey

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ had a meeting with Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Punjab Province of Pakistan, and the accompanying delegation on 26 August 2016 in Istanbul. Addressing improvements in the field of health, the parties agreed on a team to be charged with site audit in Punjab, Pakistan by the Ministry and to reconvene for the actions to be taken later by speeding up the process.

A technical team was sent to Punjab in August by the Ministry as the Crimean–Congo Hemorrhagic

Fever (CCHF) Epidemic erupted in the region and joint studies were carried out.

After the meeting, 'Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and the Punjab Health Departments of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Strengthening of Health Systems and Public Health Programs' has been signed by the Undersecretary Prof. Dr. Eyup Gumus, on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Rana Sanaullah Khan, Minister of Punjab Law & Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of the Punjab Province.



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Prof. Dr. Recep Akdag received the Chairman of the Arab Tourism Organization

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdag received the committee consisting of Dr. Bagdar Bin Fahd Al-Fuhaid, the Chairman of the Arab Tourism Organization (ATO); Eyad Al Zuhairi, the Vice Chairman of the Organization; and Ismail Hakki Bener, ATO Coordinator for Turkey on 3 August 2016 in his office.

Dr. Oner Guner, the Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs and Prof. Dr. Nurullah Okumus, the Director General of Health Services attended the meeting as well.

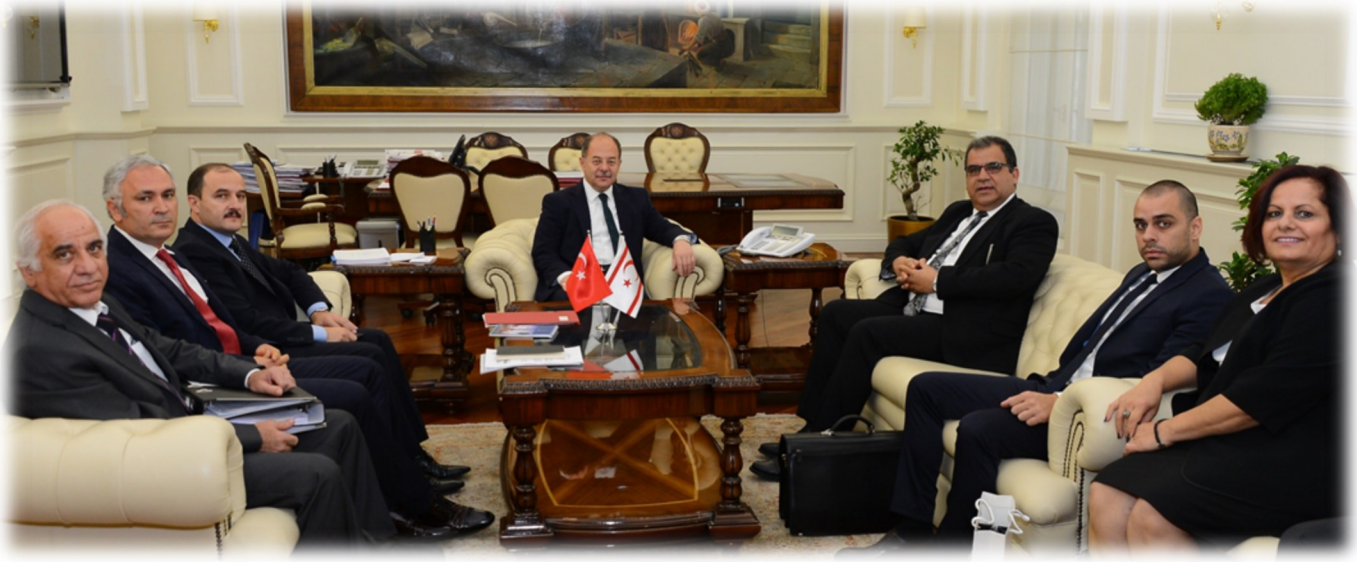
In the meeting, decrease of the number of tourists because of recent events, actions to be taken for this decrease, studies and projects within Health Tourism and mutual investment opportunities were on the agenda.

Besides, the parties agreed on forming a study group between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Health and ATO, and also forming a health tourism unit in Istanbul Office of ATO.



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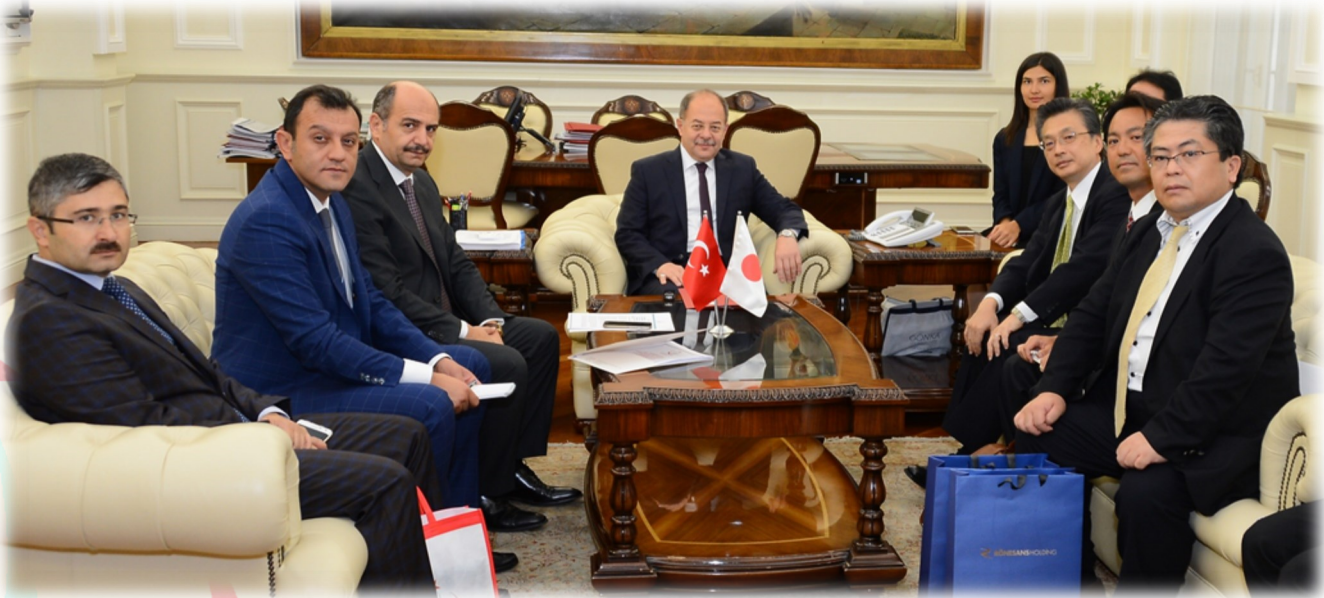
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Visit of Dr. Faiz Sucuoglu, Minister of Health of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdag received Dr. Faiz Sucuoglu, the Minister of Health of TRNC and the accompanying delegation on 24 August 2016 in his office. In the meeting, the Health System of TRNC and plans of a new hospital were addressed.

Besides, it was discussed to provide the support needed for reconstruction of the Health System of TRNC.



Minister of Health received Hiroshi Oka, Ambassador of Japan and Sojitz Firm

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdag received Hiroshi Oka, Ambassador of Japan and the committee consisting of the authorities of Sojitz Firm on 17 August 2016.

In the meeting, Ikitelli and Sancaktepe Health Campus Projects and new PPP projects were discussed.

Consultation Meeting with the Deputy Manager of Recep Tayyip Erdogan Training and Research Hospital in Somali

A meeting with Hussein Nor, Deputy Manager of Recep Tayyip Erdogan Training and Research Hospital in Somali, was held on 25 & 26 August 2016 at the General Directorate to discuss the issues of the training of specialty in medicine to

be provided at the Hospital, personnel policies and operation of the Hospital. In the meeting, opinions were exchanged in the framework of demands of Somali delegation and liabilities of Turkey under the Protocol.

Coordination Meeting Regarding to Yemen

Officials of the General Directorate also attended to the coordination meeting regarding to Turkey's commitment for aid to Yemen, held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 22 August 2016.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, promised to grant for 2 field hospitals to Mansur Hadi, President of Yemen, in the course of his visit to Turkey in February. At the first stage, a field hospital was planned due to security reasons and grant operations still continue.

Consultation Meetings for Health Tourism

A meeting was held on 2 August 2016 with the participation of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, and authorities of the General Directorate for Health Promotion to discuss the issues regarding to future status of the Department of Health Tourism continuing its operation under the General Directorate for Health Promotion. After the meeting, another evaluation meeting was held

under the presidency of Prof. Dr. Eyup Gumus, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health; with participations of Prof. Dr. Alper Cihan, President of the Public Hospitals Agency of Turkey; Dr. Oner Guner, Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs; Ibrahim Barbaros Akcakaya, General Director of Health Promotion and Prof. Dr. Nurullah Okumus, General Director of Health Services .

Consultation Meeting regarding to activities of the Training and Research Hospitals in Somali and Sudan

A working meeting was organized on 3 August 2016 under the presidency of Huseyin Celik, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health and Prof. Dr. Cevdet Erdol, Rector of the University of Health Sciences to discuss planning of specialization training to be provided at the hospitals in Somali and Sudan operated jointly by two countries; taking over the Midwife-Nurse Vocational Health School located at the RTE Training and Research Hospital in Mogadishu and planning of trainings to be provided at this hospital as well as determining a joint model to operate these two hospitals on the basis of public-NGO cooperation.

Dr. Oner Guner, Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs; Prof. Dr. Nurullah Okumus,

Director General of Health Services; Dr. Murat Parpucu, Vice President of the Public Hospitals Agency of Turkey (PHAT); Keman Ozdemir, Head of TİKA Middle East-Africa Department; İHH/AID (International Doctors Union) and Union of Doctors Worldwide attended the meeting.

Another meeting concerning the same issue was held on 5 August 2016 at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs with participation of the authorities of Public Hospitals Agency of Turkey. In the meeting, assignment of personnel for the hospitals in Somali and Sudan, and the processes of buying were discussed. In addition, cooperation issues between the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and PHAT were addressed.

Foreign Healthcare Personnel with Ongoing Training in Turkey

In the framework of the bilateral agreements, training programs for foreign personnel being as observer in the affiliated Training and Research Hospitals of the Ministry of Health still continue.

Within these programs, a total of 146 foreign healthcare personnel received training in Turkey as of 31 August 2016.

Besides, trainings explained below for 25 foreign healthcare personnel still continue in Training and Research Hospitals;

- 1 Afghan healthcare personnel; between 17 April-15 October 2016 in the field of Gynecology,
- 1 Kosovan healthcare personnel; between 9 May -7 October 2016 in the field of Invasive Cardiology
- 10 Azeri healthcare personnel; between 11 July—7 October 2016 in the field of Cardiology, Gynecology, Laboratory, Urology,
- 13 Tajikistani healthcare personnel; between 21 August –2 September 2016 in the fields of the Training Project for Emergency Health.

Visit of Dr. Ala Alwan, WHO Regional Office Director of Eastern Mediterranean, to Gaziantep

Dr. Ala Alwan, WHO Regional Office Director of Eastern Mediterranean paid a visit to Gaziantep on 11 August 2016. Personnel at expert-level from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the program as well.

In the meeting, actions of WHO within Syrian Crisis were evaluated. According to the presentations made by WHO Office authorities and non-state actors being active in the field, humanitarian assistance in the field of health provided to the region increased especially in the last year. State of insecurity, lack of human and financial resources, and variability in political situation in the region have been addressed in the presentations and it was stated that these conditions suspended health services. Besides, activities of WHO to meet the health needs were summarized and main steps including opening of Migrant Health Centers, speeding up adaptation trainings for doctors and nurses, employing 300 medical translators were stated. It was stated that if first stage services would be presented within a more efficient system, stress on the second and third stages could be decreased.

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Meeting with the Representatives of Islamic Countries Statistical, Economical and Social Research and Education Center

A meeting was held on 4 August 2016, with a delegation under the presidency of Mehmet Fatih Serenli, Director of SESRIC Training and Technical Cooperation at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

In the meeting between the Ministry of Health and the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) to evaluate cooperation fields for future, the parties agreed on forming a study group by the Ministry and SESRIC to prepare a survey and guide for the member countries to be able to gather effective data in the field of health in line with the aim of providing system support for other countries within our Health Transformation Program.

In addition, a joint study including Training program regarding to preparedness for health emergency cases, for the member countries of OIC was accepted in the meeting.

Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

In accordance with 'Additional Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359, 83 patients and in accordance with the Bilateral Agreements and Protocols, 555 - 638 foreign patients in total- had treatment in Turkey as of 31 August 2016.

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