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Korea and Romania to strengthen cooperation in healthcare

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Two countries discuss ways to enhance collaboration in medical training, and the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device sectors



The Ministry of Health and Welfare, South Korea recently held a bilateral meeting with Alexandru Rafila, Minister of Health of Romania.

During the meeting, South Korea's Health Minister Cho KyooHong and Minister Rafila discussed key areas of mutual interest in the healthcare sector, including strengthening cooperation in ICT-based healthcare systems, expanding medical training, and enhancing partnerships in the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device industries.

Minister Rafila expressed Romania’s interest in collaborating with Korea on several fronts, including sharing best practices in hospital digitalisation, attracting investment in pharmaceuticals and medical devices, improving access to medical services through telemedicine, and establishing healthcare personnel exchange and training programmes, as well as promoting academic cooperation.

Minister Cho shared examples of cooperation between Korea and Romania during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the provision of vaccines and medical devices. He also highlighted Korea’s successful experience with smart hospitals leveraging advanced ICT and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, expressing his hope that future cooperation in medical training and the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device sectors would further advance the quality of healthcare in both countries.

Following the bilateral meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between George Emil Palade University of Romania and Korea University Guro Hospital to promote comprehensive cooperation, including healthcare professional education.