

Germany relations take a healthy turn

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A high-level delegation from the German Federal Ministry of Health is scheduled to visit Qatar from May 6 – 8 in a bid to bolster relations as well as co-operation between the two countries' ministries of health.

The delegation, expected to be led by parliamentary state secretary and deputy health minister Marion Caspers-Merk, will be accompanied by a business delegation comprising representatives of the healthcare sector and medical technology experts.



[Lindenau .. preparing ground for the delegation's visit](#)

Christian Lindenau, managing director of Germany-based Gepa2 GmbH, who was on a preparatory mission to Doha recently, said the entrepreneurs would meet with the representatives of Qatar's health sector such as the Ministry of Health, Hamad Medical Corporation and Sidra Medical and Research Centre, as well as the Qatar Chambers of Commerce.

Caspers-Merk was planning to hold a meeting with HE Sheikha Dr Ghalia bint Mohamed al-Thani and representatives of the HMC board to discuss health issues, he said, adding that she also hoped to meet the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability HE Sheikha Hessa bint Khalifa al-Thani.

"German leads in medical expertise and Qatar is adopting modern medical technology as it strives to be a leader in the medical field within the Arab region," he said, adding, "More than 12 companies will be making presentations about their healthcare products."

"We have come to realise that Qatar is willing to invest in quality medical products and that the Qatari government is also looking to strengthen bilateral relations with any forward looking country," he noted while adding that he hoped Caspers-Merk would initiate projects with Sidra Medical on its planned state-of-the-art hospitals. Lindenau said the agenda included an exchange of expertise between the two countries in terms of medical training courses and field experience. Lindenau has met with senior officials at the Ministry of Health, Sidra Medical and HMC during his visit to Qatar.