Under the patronage of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Hamad Medical Corporation and Qatar Pharma Pharmaceutical Industries signed a three-year framework contract agreement for medicines and other medical supplies.

Abdullah Talib Al-Shamr, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, expressed happiness at signing the agreement. The agreement is a testimony to the strong cooperation among all stakeholders. It is an important step to support national industries through coordination and linking manufacturers and suppliers with government sectors in Qatar to save the process of purchasing local products and enhance their competitiveness against imported products, thus protecting consumers and achieving consumer access to them.

Al-Shamr indicated that agreements and contracts with other manufacturers within the medical and other sectors are under the patronage of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to develop the establishment of basic local products and support indigenous industries. He added that this agreement will contribute to providing medicines and other medical supplies and will expand the establishment of the medical sector in Qatar. He also added that this agreement marks the beginning of agreements that would be signed in future.

Dr. al-Sulaiti assured that signing this agreement, which will contribute to providing medicines and other medical supplies, is a step that contributes to achieving Qatar’s self-sufficiency in this vital sector, in addition to its keenness to build effective partnerships with local manufacturers and private hospitals and institutions in various fields in Qatar.

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While there was no indication of when a move would be discussed or approved, the comments offer a hint of the degree of uncertainty, with policies to mitigate the pandemic impact, Governor Perry Warjiyo said at a news conference in Jakarta. Monetary policy will not be changed for some time that the blockbuster taper timetable.

The decision comes with the pandemic and the risk that the virus could spark a sell-off in emerging market assets, although emerging market currencies are relatively less exposed to the US dollar.

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