Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals

At the behest of the Hon' ble Prime Minister of India, a Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals has been launched by Ministry of AYUSH to spread India's traditional knowledge worldwide and to provide India's leadership in assuring quality of yoga practices across the World

2. The Ministry of AYUSH, in pursuance of the above and in the wake of declaration of International Day of Yoga, identified Quality Council of India (QCI) to develop a Scheme for Voluntary Certification of yoga Professionals recognizing that QCI has expertise in developing such quality frameworks based on international best practices

3. The focus of the Scheme for Voluntary certification Yoga Professionals, as it is being called, is to certify the competence of Yoga Professionals, who provide Yoga lessons/classes as teachers or by whatever nomenclature they are called

4. The scheme for Voluntary certification Yoga Professionals has been develop by adopting the principles and requirements laid down in the international standard, ISO/IEC I 7024:2012(E) General Requirements for Bodie Operating Certification of Persons especially clause 8 that describes the elements of the Scheme.

5. The Scheme aims to certify Yoga professionals using the principles of third party Assessment through the following process:

a. Defining the competence requirements in terms of knowlodge and skills to be complied with by the yoga professionals in the form of Competence Standard.

b. Defining the process evaluation and certification in the form of the Certification Process.

c. laying down requirements for competence and operation of assessment bodies through Accreditation.

6. The Scheme, for Yoga Professionals, as of now, will evaluate four levels of competence, namely, Yoga Instructor, Yoga Teacher, Yoga master, Yoga Acharya (being the advanced level)

7. The Scheme is launched by Ministry of AYUSH and implemented by Quality Council of India. 8. For further details on the scheme, please visit: - yogacertification.qci.org.in