

QCI MoU to support Indian Biomedical Engineers Competence

Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone Ltd. (AMTZ), Quality Council of India (QCI) and Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices, (AIMED) joined hands together on 16 Feb 2018 to form the Indian Bio-medical Skill Consortium (IBSC) by signing a tripartite agreement with an aim to strengthen the biomedical skill sector in country. The MoU was signed by Dr Jitendra Prasad (MD and CEO, AMTX), Dr Ravi P Singh (Secretary General, QCI)(in absentia) and Mr Rajiv Nath (Forum Coordinator, AIMED) in presence of Dr Shyam Sunder Bang (Chairman, National Accreditation Board for Certification bodies, NABCB) and Mr Sudhansh Pant (Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India).



The purpose of MoU to develop an equivalence structure based on experience, skill and qualification for Biomedical engineering sector. This would facilitate in providing certification for trainees after methodological assessment of skills & competencies, as per norms thereby supporting in achieving global mobility of skilled biomedical workforce from India through international equivalence partnerships. It would further facilitate to offer above services to

practitioners of biomedical engineering from mechanical, electronic, health, IT, clinical and allied engineering sectors on voluntary basis.

To facilitate the skills in the sector a large number of assessment centers are being planned across country where competency tests would be organized and these assessment centres would be accredited by NABCB as per requirements of ISO/IEC 17024. A certification committee Chaired by Mr Anil Jauhri (CEO, NABCB) would develop a certification system. This system would certify the capabilities of Indian Biomedical engineers whose competence would be required to be approved from NABCB accredited certification bodies as per requirements of ISO/IEC 17024 leading to recognition and acceptance of experience and knowledge internationally. Certification of Indian Biomedical engineers would help hospitals to recruit staff on basis of competence and capabilities for specific fields. Manufacturers will gain from being able to export to USA and Europe as overseas importers complained about shortage of skilled staff.