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● Policies ●

Education Law 2019 Becomes Effective on Jul 1

Vietnam's Law on Education 2019 became effective on July 1, including terms about the connections between levels of education and career path guidance. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 1)

Vietnam Taxes COVID-19 Support, Workers Propose No Tax

Vietnam's taxation sector has taxed the COVID-19 unemployment support of workers correctly, however, labourers and lawyer proposed no taxes on such support due to hardship of workers. Recently, Taiwan-invested footwear maker PouYuen Vietnam Co. Ltd., the largest employer in Ho Chi Minh City, has recently terminated the labour contracts with 3,000 workers due to the drop in orders, which is a consequence of COVID-19. As a result, PouYuen provided unemployment support to those workers, with the amount of up to VND200 million (\$8,583). The authorities then applied 10% of personal income tax (PIT) on the taxable amount. The Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) suggested that the taxation sector should reconsider and remove/ revoke such tax applications. COVID-19 has so far impacted 30.8 million people at the age of 15 or above in Vietnam, such as people losing jobs, reducing workload, receiving lower incomes, including 1.4 million people losing their jobs in the first half of 2020 (H1), said the MoLISA. ([VOV](#), [Tien Phong](#), [Saigon Dau Tu](#) Jun 29)

DVET Leaders Work with Association of Technology and Economics Colleges (ATEC)

The DVET's General Director Truong Anh Dung and some officials from the DVET have recently had a working session with representatives from the Association of Technology and Economics Colleges (ATEC) led by its President Tran Cong Chanh. The session focused on recruitment of TVET units. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 5)

Vietnam to Honor Outstanding Learners at TVET Institutes for First Time

The DVET, under the MoLISA, will honour learners at local TVET institutes for the first time in 2020. The DVET on July 1 held a meeting of the evaluation committee on the work. So far, the committee has received 138 eligible documents from provinces and cities. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 2)

DVET Delegation Works with Bac Ninh on TVET Issues



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A delegation from the DVET led by its General Director Truong Anh Dung worked with the DoLISA of northern Bac Ninh province on July 1 on local TVET issues. The event focused on problems and proposed solutions on mechanisms and policies in TVET. In 2019, Bac Ninh recruited 52,518 into TVET and 41,657 graduated. ([DVET](#) Jul 2)

HCM Youth Union Honours 63 Outstanding Skilled Workers in 2020

The Ho Chi Minh Youth Union's Central Committee on July 5-6 held the 11th ceremony of national skilled workers and honoured 63 outstanding individuals. ([Nhan Dan](#) Jul 5)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

GIZ Suggests Vietnam Urge Firms Participate More in Vocational Training

Vietnam should urge businesses to participate more in vocational training, including financial tasks, suggested Dr. Juergen Hartwig, director of the Program Reform of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in Vietnam, under the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). He lauded that Vietnam's policies are more and more encouraging TVET units to cooperate with firms and have more autonomy. However, such cooperation is still weak and Vietnam should provide more policies, such as preferential tax policies, to encourage firms to join in TVET. He gave an example that the GIZ's Vietnam-Germany TVET reform program led to positive results, such as firms paid for the training of learners during courses at firms. Besides, he suggested that Vietnam should encourage experts from firms, firms, associations, and the VCCI to join hands in building standards of training programs and ratings of learners. ([ThoiBaoTaiChinh](#) Jul 1)

TVET Vietnam Supports Training for Candidates to Join 46th WorldSkills Competition

TVET Vietnam has supported the DVET, under the MoLISA, in training candidates who will join the 46th WorldSkills Competition, which is slated to take place in Shanghai, China in September next year. In the water technology sector, TVET Vietnam will provide training in two periods, from May to August 2020 and from September 2020 to August 2021. Hochiminh Vocational College of Technology has been selected as the training spot. The college has received support from the GIZ in building key majors, including drainage and wastewater treatment. The GIZ has also helped improve the capability of teachers and aided advanced teaching equipment, moving towards making the college become an excellent training centre for the major. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 6)

ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work

The teleconferenced 36th ASEAN Summit on June 26 adopted the ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work. ([VOV World](#) Jul 2)

66 Vietnamese Companies Named among Best Asian Workplace Ranking 2020

As many as 66 Vietnamese companies have been honoured in the ranking of the “Best Companies to Work for in Asia 2020 – HR Asia Awards” by HR Asia Magazine, one of Asia’s leading publications for human resources (HR) professionals. Those firms which appeared on the list vary from sector to sector such as banking, finance, insurance, food and beverage product, airlines, among others; with notably many companies in the finance and banking filed such as Techcombank (HOSE: TCB), TP Bank (HOSE: TPB), and HD Bank (HOSE: HDB), among others. HR Asia Awards aims to honour companies with the best HR policies, attractive remuneration, top working place and regularly organizing exciting internal activities to engage employees. The ranking is considered through three rounds with the researching progress by HR Asia; an in-depth survey, which under the standard called Total Engagement Assessment Model (T.E.A.M); and the interview with companies’ HR leaders to find the strategic and HR policies. Thus, the results will be released depending on the three aforementioned progress. ([Cong Thuong, Vietnam Finance, ICT News](#) Jul 2)

Vietnam Seeks to Enhance Vocational Training Cooperation with South Korea

Vietnam seeks to enhance vocational training cooperation with South Korea, said General Director Truong Anh Dung of the DVET, at the “Meet Korea 2020” meeting in Hanoi on June 30. He suggested further cooperation at all levels, between governments, localities, businesses, and training units, among others. He proposed more collaboration via policies, cooperation between South Korean firms and Vietnamese training units, learning contents and teaching methods, mutual recognition of learning outcomes, among others. Besides, Mr. Dung hailed South Korea’s recent assistance to Vietnam in vocational training, via the South Korea Embassy in Vietnam, the Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training (KRIVET), and the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIMBANK), among others. He also listed achievements, including 12 Vietnam-South Korea TVET institutes in Vietnam. ([DVET](#) Jul 1)

Many Countries Want to Continue Receiving Vietnamese Labourers: Official

Employers from many countries and territories, such as Taiwan and South Korea, want to continue receiving labourers from Vietnam to serve their production and businesses, said Mr. Nguyen Gia Liem, deputy head of the DoLAB, under the MoLISA. He noted that such countries/territories are unable to meet requirements on quarantine places and time. Besides, they do not suspend receiving foreign labourers. Regarding Japan, the East Asian nation currently has a high demand for workers in fields of agriculture, care for the elderly, and food processing. However, Japan has restricted immigration. The country is expected to re-open its door for foreign labourers from July-August. In the first half of this year, Vietnam sent abroad 33,500 labourers, down 40% y/y. So far, over 5,000 Vietnamese labourers have come back to their homeland due to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jul 1)



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Vietnam Labour Export Firms Racing to Resume Sending Workers abroad

Vietnam's labour export activities are showing signs of a pickup after COVID-19, as many companies are pushing to resume sending workers to key foreign markets. Hoang Long CMS., JSC sent 29 labourers to Taiwan in mid-June and is expected to connect between 70 and 80 people with this market in June and July, down 60% y/y, said Director of the firm Nghiem Quoc Hung, citing obstacles in worker visa application and expensive commercial flights. Mr. Vu Thanh Hai, head of the Interserco., JSC, said that his company has been preparing to send labourers to Taiwan. Regarding the Malaysian market, Vietnamese workers will be permitted to enter there after August 31 as the expiry of travel restrictions order by the host country, said the DoLAB, under the MoLISA. Japan and Vietnam are negotiating to reopen labour exchange market in late July, Head of the DoLAB Nguyen Gia Liem said, adding that labour export to South Korea will be resumed soon. ([Thanh Nien](#) Jul 7)

More than 1.4K Workers in Vietnam Dong Thap Waiting for Working Abroad

Dong Thap sent 724 labourers to work abroad in the first half of this year and still has 1,427 training-workers waiting to go abroad due to COVID-19, according to the provincial DoLISA. Accordingly, Dong Thap sends 1,500 workers to work abroad each year. Notably, in 2019, the province sent more than 2,000 labours to work in Japan, South Korea, among others with an average incomes of VND25 million-VND30 million (\$1,000-\$1,300) per month. Dong Thap is also leading the Mekong Delta region in terms of labour export. Mr. Nguyen Van Duong, chairman of the provincial People's Committee, said the program of exporting labour brings great outcomes, providing jobs and raising incomes for citizens. He required the localities to continue collaborating with the labour export firms to prepare for the next batch of labour export. Japan is a shortage of workers now. The country will receive foreign workers, including Vietnam, to back to work in July if the COVID-19 situation is put under control. ([SGGP](#) Jul 7)

Footwear Maker PouYuen Vietnam Lays off 6K Labourers until Jul 31

Footwear maker PouYuen Vietnam Co. Ltd., the largest employer in Ho Chi Minh City, has laid off 6,000 labourers until at least July 31, due to the shortage of orders. During the underemployment period, each labourer will receive a regional minimum salary of VND4.42 million (\$190.52) per month. Established in 1996, the Taiwan-invested firm has 62,000 labourers, 80% of whom are females. On June 20, the firm had to lay off 2,800 workers due to many difficulties caused by COVID-19. ([SGGP](#), [NTDVN](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Dan Tri](#), [Cong Doan](#), [Tai Chinh Doi Song](#) Jul 1)

7.2K Foreign Labourers Seeking Priority to Enter Vietnam

In the wake of the shortage of skilled workers and experts, many Vietnamese localities and foreign diplomatic missions have recommended local authorities to give priority to 7,258 overseas labourers, mostly coming from China, Japan, and South Korea, to enter Vietnam. Most of these foreigners are working for key projects of Vietnam and multinational corporations.



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Currently, Vietnam is home to 93,425 foreign labourers, of whom 21,641 are unable to return to the Southeast Asian country for work due to travel restrictions caused by COVID-19. ([Thanh Nien](#) Jul 1)

Vietnam HCMC Permits Entry to 3K Foreigners since Valid Travel Restrictions

Ho Chi Minh City has allowed entry of 3,000 foreign experts, business executives, and skilled workers since travel restrictions took effect in March, Mr. Nguyen Van Lam, vice head of the municipal DoLISA, said at a conference on July 1. Among the entrants, 82 people, who are spouses and children of the experts, have also been granted entry, he added. The municipal authorities have been reviewing and approving the proposals from local businesses seeking entry permission for their foreign experts and employees, Mr. Lam said, stressing that entrants must be kept under quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [VnExpress](#) Jul 1)

Vietnam, Russia to Enhance Comprehensive Strategic Ties

Minister-Head of the Government Office Mai Tien Dung and Russian Ambassador to Vietnam Konstantin Vnukov had a meeting in Hanoi on July 7 to discuss methods to enhance the bilateral ties. Both sides discussed projects of thermal power plants, entry of Russian experts into Vietnam, and others. Mr. Dung said that Vietnam has yet to ease the restriction on commercial flights; however, the country would facilitate entry of experts, investors, high-quality labourers, and managers, among others. He added that those people must be quarantined upon arrival. ([Van Phong Chinh Phu](#) Jul 7)

Vietnam, Angola to Enhance Labour, Social Welfare Cooperation

Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung and Angolan Ambassador to Vietnam Agostinho Fenandes had a meeting in Hanoi last week to discuss methods to enhance the cooperation in labour and social welfare. Mr. Agostinho Fenandes noted that his nation seeks to learn from Vietnam's experiences in labour, employment, social security, benefits and rights for war veterans, vocational training, and vocational training in Vietnam for Angolan young people, among others. He added that Vietnam and Angola should sign a deal in protecting Vietnamese labourers in Angola, who are working there via non-official channels. In reply, Mr. Dung said that Vietnam is willing to help Angola in labour-related policies and legal framework, gender equality, social security, protection and care for kids, and assistance for war veterans. He suggested that both nations should sign a deal in facilitating Vietnamese people working in Angola officially. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [molisa](#) Jul 2)

Vietnam Discusses Methods to Enhance Ties with Japan, Germany

Minister-Head of the Government Office Mai Tien Dung had separate meetings in Hanoi on June 30 with officials from Japan and Germany to discuss methods to enhance the ties with those nations. About Germany, Mr. Marko Walde, chief representative of the German Industry and Commerce Vietnam, proposed further cooperation with Vietnam, via more investments, business



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activities, amid Vietnam's new normalcy after COVID-19. He also suggested more attention at entrance of foreigners into Vietnam. In reply, Mr. Dung noted that Vietnam has yet to ease the restriction on entrance of people from outside the country, however, Vietnam would facilitate entrance of diplomats, investors, experts, high-skill labourers, managers, as long as they follow 14-day quarantine per the regulations. About Japan, Chief Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Vietnam Office Shimizu Akira and Mr. Dung discussed entrance of foreigners into Vietnam, projects in infrastructure, clean agriculture, high technology, supporting industry, human resources training, adaptation to climate change, management and structure of state firms, improvement to legal framework, among others. ([Van Phong Chinh Phu](#), [Van Phong Chinh Phu](#) Jun 30)

Domestic News

Vietnam Provides 573,500 New Employments in H1: MoLISA

Vietnam provided 573,500 new employments in the first half (H1) of 2020, including 540,000 jobs within Vietnam and 33,500 others abroad, said the (MoLISA). The total figure fulfilled 35.6% of the year's target and declined 26.2% y/y. Besides, there have been 70,000-80,000 Vietnamese labourers, who had lost jobs, returned to work monthly since May, as operations of business have begun resuming. On COVID-19 impacts, about five million labourers lost their jobs or had their incomes and workload reduced. The MoLISA listed methods to boost employments in H2, including assessing situations of businesses and reviewing the legal framework, in order to set up assistance. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [hcmcpv](#) Jun 30)

Vietnam Urges Firms to Join More in Vocational Training

The DVET, under the MoLISA, has urged businesses to join more vocational training, state media reported in articles about difficulties of TVET institutes. The DVET suggested that the deeper participation of businesses may help improve the school facilities and ease the staff recruitment of firms. However, the directorate admitted that there are risks of firms losing trade secrets during such cooperation. InfoNet newswire listed some examples of TVET institutes with such problems. Hanoi Vocational College of High Technology, with investment of over VND400 billion (\$17.17 million) in facilities, complained that learners are obsessed with universities, high schools do not welcome TVET institutes, and vocational training schools have restricted access to data about high schools and learners. Besides, Hanoi-based College of Printing Industry complained that it could only recruit 300 students a year due to universities' low requirements on entrance, which lures almost every learner. ([InfoNet.VietnamNet](#), [InfoNet.VietnamNet](#) Jul 1)

Vietnam's Labour Market to Recover, Unemployment to Peak in Q3: Minister

In the third quarter (Q3) of this year, Vietnam's labour market will begin to recover from COVID-19 impacts, however, the unemployment will peak in late Q3 or early Q4, said Minister of Labour, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung, at the meeting between



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government and localities on July 2. He noted problems in Q2, including workforce at 52.1 million, down 2.2 million y/y and the overall unemployment rate at 2.26%. In the first half (H1) of 2020, the underemployment was 2.58%, while the labour forces in some sectors, including aviation, tourism, labour exports, were nearly frozen in Q2. For Q3, Mr. Dung predicted that the workforce will recover to 55.4 million, including 80,000-90,000 labourers, who lost jobs, returning to work. Besides, Vietnam will resume sending labourers abroad from July or August. He also noted trendy jobs, such as e-commerce, electronics, among others. Regarding upcoming problems, he estimated that the disrupted supply chain would lead to the peak of unemployment in late Q3 or early Q4, due to the shortage in materials and the sluggish exports of products. He listed that the most problematic sectors are footwear, apparel, among others. On COVID-19 relief, Mr. Dung informed that as of June 29, localities approved the allocation of VND17.5 trillion (\$751.07 million) for 15.8 million people, while the disbursement reached VND11.27 trillion for 11.01 million people. He also listed other assistance in delay or exemption in premium payment of social insurance, indemnification of unemployment insurance. Besides, Mr. Dung gave suggestions on easing conditions of the COVID-19 relief package, including support to private school teachers, easier access for businesses, and extension of the package to end-2020. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Hai Quan](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Thoi Bao Kinh Doanh](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [CafeF](#), [VietnamNet](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [NDH](#), [molisa](#) Jul 3)

Vietnam High School Exam Has 900K Takers, 643K Seeks to Enter Universities

Vietnam's upcoming high school graduation exam has registered 900,152 exam takers, up 13,500 y/y, including 51,712 non-high-school learners, the Ministry of Education and Training announced on July 5, adding that 643,122 registered to advance to high education, down 9,878 y/y. Notably, 296,158 students registered to take the Natural Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, and Biology) test and 498,516 others registered to take the Social Sciences (History, Geography, and Civil Education) test. The exam is scheduled on August 8-10, featuring other tests of Math, Literature, and Foreign language. ([VietnamNet](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#), [Giao Thong](#), [Hanoi Moi](#), [Zing](#), [VTC](#), [Tien Phong](#) Jul 6)

Vietnam's Economy Yet to Bottom out as It Hits Decade-low of 1.81%: Experts

Vietnam's dampening gross domestic product (GDP) growth reading of 1.81% in the first half (H1) of this year, the slowest pace in a decade due to the negative impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), might not be the worst for Vietnam yet, as headwinds will likely remain in H2/2020. COVID-19 has caused 7.8 million workers to lose their jobs or have their working hours reduced, according to the MoLISA. The World Bank has earlier forecast Vietnam's GDP growth could fall to 1.5% this year, against 7.02% in 2019. ([VnExpress](#), [VnExpress](#) Jul 1)

IT Staff in Vietnam Fintech Firms Can Earn \$1,115/Month on Average: Navigos

The IT workforce can earn high wage from financial technology (fintech) firms, with \$1,115 per month on average, according to the report on IT human resources of the 2010s and 2020 by



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Navigos. Following the fintech sector is the high technology field, including internet of things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), and blockchain, with the average salary of \$1,055/month, and the e-commerce sector with \$895/month. Besides, there exist differences in the actual salary and the desired salary of IT staff for each level, such as \$200 difference for the “Internship and Entry” level, \$300 for the “Experienced,” \$400 for the “Leader,” \$600 for the “Management,” and nearly \$1,300 for the “Director.” Meanwhile, IT human resources are “well taken care of” by enterprises with the most important benefits, including social insurance, paid leave, periodic health checks, allowances, personal laptop, and travel expenses. When changing jobs, IT industry employees concern the top three factors, namely higher salary (89%), promotion opportunity (67%), and better benefits (66%). ([VietnamBiz](#), [navigosgroup](#) Jul 2)

Vietnam Builder HBC Signs Training Deal with Hanoi-based College

Hoa Binh Construction Group Joint Stock Company (HOSE: HBC), the DVET, under the MoLISA, and Hanoi College for Technical and Professional Skills Training (Hatechs) on June 30 signed a deal on cooperation in vocational training. Per the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Hanoi, HBC will receive teachers, trainers, and learners from Hatechs and let them practice; provide scholarships for learners; and give assistance to teachers, learners, and experts to join international competitions. Besides, HBC and Hatechs will cooperate in vocational training for jobs of cleaning constructions and monitoring construction; and in bringing labourers abroad. HBC will also send experts to improve the construction-related training courses of Hatechs. Hatechs and HBC also agreed on cooperation in providing high-quality human resources for construction-related jobs, such as water supply and sewage, electricity, and automation, among others. ([Bao Xay Dung](#) Jul 2)

Vietnam Hanoi to Ban Animal Husbandry in Urban Areas after 2023

Vietnam’s capital city of Hanoi will ban animal husbandry activities in urban areas after 2023, except for those raising animals as pets and for experiment, according to a resolution of the municipal People’s Council on July 7. Around 2,000 labourers will be affected. The city will support job switch of such labourers. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [VnExpress](#), [Dan Tri](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Dan Viet](#), [Thu Vien Phap Luat](#), [Chinh Phu](#) Jul 7)

Hanoi Generates Jobs for 71,363 Labourers in H1

The capital city of Hanoi generated jobs for 71,363 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year, meeting 45.7% of the year’s target, and sent 1,546 workers abroad, mostly to Japan and Taiwan. ([Thoi Bao Doanh Nhan](#) Jul 2)

Ninh Binh to Recruit 9,415 Grade-10 Students

Ninh Binh announced recruitment of 9,415 grade 10 students for next academic year, while the province is having 12,000 grade 9 students. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 3)



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Labour Market in Vietnam HCMC at Its Worst, in Danang Recovering

The labour market in Ho Chi Minh City is at its worst, while that in central coastal Danang City is recovering. HCMC (DoLISA) said that the number of lost jobs in the first half (H1) of this year due to COVID-19, at 327,000 from 14,000 firms, is the highest-ever figure. For H2, HCMC DoLISA estimated that 100,000-120,000 jobs in 4,400 firms would be lost, in the good scenario; and 160,000-180,000 jobs in 4,800-5,000 firms would be lost, in the bad scenario. The worst impacts belong to sectors of service (tourism) and industry (apparel, footwear, food, wood processing, among others). To deal with the situation, HCMC DoLISA will urge firms to provide better resignation support to labourers, will introduce people with lost jobs to other firms, will provide vocational training to labourers, will facilitate preferential loans for workers, among others. Meanwhile, firms in Danang City are recruiting or expanding the recruitment of staff, after COVID-19 are under control in Vietnam. The city in 2020 hosted 11 career fairs, facilitating 8,100 employments in 346 firms. In H1, Danang's unemployment was 7.24% and 179,000 jobs were impacted by COVID-19, such as jobs were ended, halted, on break without pay, among others. ([Dat Viet](#), [NDH](#), [VnExpress](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Nha Dau Tu](#) Jul 6)

Vietnam Tin Thanh Group Eyes Series of Biomass Energy Projects in Quang Tri

Tin Thanh Group JSC has revealed its plan on implementing several biomass energy projects in Vietnam's central province of Quang Tri, with a combined capacity of 150 megawatts (MW). These plants are expected to provide jobs for about 500 labourers. ([Tai Nguyen Moi Truong](#), [Bao Quang Tri](#), [Quang Tri](#) Jul 3)

Danang City Hosts Career Orientation Fair

Danang City's DoLISA and the municipal Youth Union on July 5 held a career orientation fair with the participation of 91 businesses, which offered 5,418 vacancies in fields of mechanism, tourism, accounting, apparel, and others. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 5)

Khanh Hoa to Recruit 11,438 Grade-10 Students

Khanh Hoa-based high schools, not including Le Quy Don high school for the gifted and the provincial boarding school for learners of ethnic minorities, announced its recruitment of 11,438 grade 10 students for next school year. Khanh Hoa currently has 13,426 students registering for the high school entrance exam. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 5)

COVID-19 May Throw 500K People in HCMC out of Work: Official

COVID-19 downturn is possible to push unemployment in Ho Chi Minh City up to 500,000 people, Head of the DoLISA Le Minh Tan told on July 6. In the first half of this year (H1), the city recorded 327,952 job losers, Mr. Tan said, adding that as of June 24, the number of people filing claims for unemployment benefits was 90,041. Should COVID-19 appear to rage in H2, around 4,800 or 5,000 firms will be affected with between 160,000 and 180,000 unemployed, the



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department predicted. In case the plague remains under control, import-export disruption in several sectors is expected to hit 4,400 enterprises with the loss of maximum 120,000 jobs. To defuse the crisis, the municipal department has set up three working teams to support and lift hindrances off companies as well as establish labour platforms in a bid to connect job seekers with enterprises. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Cuoc Song An Toan](#) Jul 7)

328K Labourers in HCMC Lose Jobs in H1 due to COVID-19

About 328,000 workers in Vietnam's southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City lost their jobs and suspended work in the first half (H1) of this year due to the negative impacts of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on the city-based enterprises, according to the latest data of the municipal DoLISA. In H1, about 90,000 workers in the city registered to receive unemployment benefits, the department noted. It predicted that 160,000-180,000 labourers in HCMC would lose their jobs in the rest of this year if the COVID-19 pandemic prolongs. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 2)

2,200 Workers in Vietnam HCMC's Wood Firm Strike

As many as 2,200 workers of Woodworth Wooden Industries Vietnam, which is based in Ho Chi Minh City, made a strike on July 1 and requested the firm to solve problems relating to their benefits. The workers asked firms to continue signed labour contracts and to increase bonus, wages, and meals, among others. After discussion, the firm agreed to keep the labour contracts, wage, social insurance, and other benefits, and vowed to increase the wage per output of labourers. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [VnExpress](#) Jul 2)

HCMUET Hosts Career Fair 2020, Featuring 44 Firms

The University of Technology and Education Ho Chi Minh City hosted a career fair on July 7, with the participation of 44 firms in fields of mechanism, electronics, food, beverage, and apparel, including some notable names, such as Suntory PepsiCo Vietnam, Cargill Vietnam, and Konica Minolta Business Solutions Vietnam. They offered over 1,500 vacancies. ([Tien Phong](#) Jul 5)

An Giang University Hosts Career Fair 2020

An Giang University in the southern namesake province on July 4 hosted the career fair 2020 with the participation of 18 firms, which offered over 1,200 vacancies for candidates. ([Bao An Giang](#) Jul 4)

Me Linh District, Hanoi Holds Career Fair 2020

Me Linh outskirts district of Hanoi on July 4 hosted the career fair 2020 with the participation of 34 recruiters, which offered 1,161 vacancies in multiple sectors, including 513 for manual jobs, 344 for labourers at the intermediate level, and 304 at the university level. ([KTDT](#) Jul 5)