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● Policies ●

Vietnam NA Standing Committee to Convene 46th Working Session on Jul 13-14

The Vietnamese National Assembly's Standing Committee (NASC) convened its 46th working session on July 13-14, featuring topics of (i) mixed opinions on the draft (amended) Law on Vietnamese Labourers Working Abroad under Contract, (ii) adjustments to the state budget estimation in 2020 for Vietnam-Korea University of Information and Communication Technology (VKU) from the Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) to the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), and others. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Thoi Bao Tai Chinh Vietnam](#), [Hanoi Moi](#), [Quoc Hoi](#) Jul 7)

Vietnam May Let Education Dep't Manage Vocation-Continuing Education Units

The MoET seeks to let municipal/provincial DoETs fully manage vocational training-continuing education units of districts, state media reported. The MoET made the statement at a discussion on July 9 on a draft circular on the operation and management of such units. Such units' operation currently has 70% of contents relating to continuing education and 30% relating to vocational training. Such units are currently co-managed by the People's Committees of the districts, the local DoETs, and the local DoLISAs. Besides, a survey in 2018 on 199 units showed that 89% wanted to be managed by DoETs, 7% wanted to be managed by the People's Committee, and 4% had other opinions. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#), [MoET](#) Jul 9)

Vietnam to Fund VND17.6B for Vocational Training, Jobs, Labour Safety Project

The MoLISA will fund VND17.6 billion (\$758,620) for the target program of vocational training, jobs, and labour safety in 2016-2020, and the project of developing the labour market and jobs in 2020 by the MoLISA's Department of Employment. Such allocation is for job exchange, analysis of labour market, data on labour supply-demand, and labour information network, among others. The Department of Employment will cooperate with four localities to conduct job exchange sessions, introduce labourers to jobs in Japan and South Korea, and guide people working abroad to jobs in Vietnam, among others. The MoLISA will conduct a survey on the labour market, judge the connection between vocational training and employment, and rate the impacts of COVID-19 on the labour market, among others. ([ToQuoc](#) Jul 9)

Vietnam to Issue List of Jobs with Mandatory Employment of Trained Labourers

The MoLISA is drafting a circular on the list of jobs, which must employ trained labourers. The



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draft circular will set three phases of implementation. The first phase, from January 2022, is for 117 jobs. The second phase, from January 2023, is for 59 jobs. The third phase, from January 2024, is for the remaining jobs within the MoLISA's Circular 04/2018/TT-BLDTBXH. Vietnam targets to have 65%-70% of its workforce as trained labourers in 2020, including 25% having certificates. As of the first quarter of 2020, the rate of trained labourers with certificates was 23.7%, or 13.11 million of the workforce with 55.33 million. ([DVET](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jul 11)

Vietnam Should Give More Support to Private TVET institutes: Official

Vietnam should provide or implement more preferential policies for private TVET institutes, especially in terms of lands and credits, said Mr. Nguyen Dac Hung, head of the department of education and training and vocational training, under the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee's Propaganda and Education Commission. Echoing the idea, many leaders of TVET institutes in Vietnam listed land-related problems. They noted their inability for site clearance, while the State grants no land for construction. They noted that localities allocate land for preschools, primary schools, secondary schools, and high schools, but not for vocational training schools. Besides, they noted that the State's preferential credit packages have easier access for public TVET institutes, not for private ones. Nevertheless, they are optimistic that learners and parents are more and more favouring vocational training, instead of higher education. Currently, Vietnam has 1,914 vocational training establishments, and 30% are private ones. Vietnam targets to increase this rate to 45% in 2030. ([DVET](#), [Thoi Bao Tai Chinh Vietnam](#) Jul 8)

Vietnam Has 15.17M People Joining Social Insurance as of End-June: Agency

The numbers of people in Vietnam joining social insurance as of end-June reached 15.17 million, down 640,000 versus that in end-2019, including 14.53 million joining compulsory types and 636,000 joining voluntary types, according to the report for June of the state-run Vietnam Social Security (VSS). The figures represented a combined 30.9% of the workforce within working age. Besides, the number of people joining healthcare insurance was 85.5 million, or 88.3% of the population and 97.1% of the target. The VSS paid healthcare insurance indemnification to 77.6 million people in the period. The sector collected VND182.98 trillion (\$7.85 billion) of premium in the period, or 45.3% of the target for all 2020. Between January 1 and June 23, 531,321 people registered for unemployment insurance indemnification, up 23.9% y/y. The sector completed unemployment insurance indemnification of VND6.03 trillion for 449,500 people as of June 18. ([Lao Dong](#), [Bao Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jul 8)

Self-Claimed Vietnamese Independent Union Established

The Vietnamese Independent Union (VIU), which self-claimed as an organization for all employees and international syndicates, was established on July 1 by five people. The VIU said that the CPTPP and the EVFTA require Vietnam to respect the legitimate rights and interests of its labours, especially the voluntary basis to establish unions (or syndicates) representing themselves in the labour relations. It added that it would accompany the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) to protect and guarantee full interests of employees. The VIU



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is not yet recognized by Vietnam's authorities and is seeking to register with the authorities. ([VOAVietnamese](#), [nghiepdoandoclapvn](#), [nghiepdoandoclapvn](#), [RFA](#) Jul 1)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

A Step Forward for Construction Mechanics Teachers to Improve Metal Skills

The further training on “Basic manufacturing and forming of sheet metal and sheet profiles by bending” for 09 Mechanical teachers of LILAMA 2 International Technology College was conducted from July 6 to 10 and organised at this right LILAMA 2 College. This is considered as one of the project-oriented training courses which was carried out by qualified LILAMA 2's multiplier – Mr. Tran Huu Phuoc - who conveyed the basic knowledge and skills on metal sheet manufacturing, and how to use different kinds of machines, such as saw machine, sheet metal bending machine and spot welding machine. The aim of the training is enabling the participants to analyse technical drawings exactly, especially regard to bending processes, to plan and manufacture complex bent parts and to use joining techniques for further processing. During the training, the participants had chances to show their competences through working individually and collaborate with their own team members to produce and complete final products like the screw boxes and dustpans. Mr. Tran Huu Phuoc stated: “I noticed that two female participants are actively involved in every single sheet cutting and forming process, using measuring devices and metal bending machines, even better than male participants”. He added: “Some young participants performed so well while experienced teachers can share their knowledge and skills to the younger generations. Everyone strived hard to properly and accurately measure to produce the final products during this remarkable week”. Ms. Nguyen Hoang Van remarked: “I often provide theoretical lessons for students, yet I admit that this training course is both useful for theoretical and practical parts in my daily lessons indeed. The Trainer is so enthusiastic, and everyone supported each other”. This training course was held within the component “Support of Centres of Excellence for TVET” as part of the Vietnamese-German “Programme Reform of TVET in Viet Nam”. The programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by GIZ together with the MoLISA. ([TVET Vietnam](#) Jul 14)

Girls in Technical Trades – There is Nothing That Can Hold Women Back

“Don't hesitate to pursue your interest in technical occupations. As long as you try your best, you can even do better than men”, Be Thi Hang shared with nearly 100 ethnic minority high school female students at the Girl's Day on July 8 at Vocational College of Machinery and Irrigation (VCMi), Dong Nai. Shortly after graduating from VCMi's Metal Cutting-CNC department, Hang landed a technician job in Kaifa Vietnam company with a stable income. Her story somehow dispelled the concerns of many female students interested in technical trades, which are typically perceived as more appropriate for men. “I used to think that Mechanics, Electronics and such technical occupations are only for men. But now I realise that women can do it too, with carefulness, patience and other strengths”, a participant shared. Under the instruction of



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VCMI teachers and trainees, for the first time those female students could try their hands at technical tools and practical machines. This helped them understand more about career prospects as well as VCMI's training environment and programmes, especially the two new occupations based on German standards: "Electronic for energy and building technology" and "Mechanic for sanitary, heating and climate technology". Applying the cooperative training approach, the programmes were developed based on the needs of Vietnamese businesses. Students will learn basic theoretical knowledge at VCMI and practice skills in assembly shops, manufacturing departments or construction works of enterprises following training methods in workplace. Therefore, graduates are ready to enter the real world of work. "As Vietnam advances towards a green and sustainable economy, the demand for green skills and green occupations is increasing. These two new occupations aim to meet the requirement of the local labour market and particularly the 'green industry' that Dong Nam province aims at. Therefore, there are many good job opportunities suitable to both male and female graduates", said Dr Nguyen Van Chuong, VCMI Rector. Besides free tuition fee, girls enrolling in the occupations have the opportunity to receive scholarships from the Vietnamese-German Programme that worth VND24 million for three years of training. Universities and colleges' enrolment season is coming, senior students will soon have to make up their mind on what and where to study. Young people, especially girls, shouldn't limit themselves with typical occupations but be open to career choices. There is nothing that can hold women back and opportunities are always there if you have high skills and passions. ([TVET Vietnam](#) Jul 13)

Workshop on Business Cooperation: Results, Chances, Challenges

"If you want to go fast, go alone; If you want to go far, go together." The African Proverb really reflects on the spirit of the workshop on "Technical Exchange for Business Cooperation Officers", where participants shared their experiences, best practices, challenges and recommendations on engaging the business sector in the whole process of the cooperative training approach. The workshop took place on July 3 in Ho Chi Minh City, with the participation of the Rector of Vietnamese – German technical college of Ha Tinh, the Vice Rector of LILAMA 2 International Technology College and 17 business cooperation officers/EFK from nine supported TVET colleges, who are responsible for cooperation between their TVET institutes and the business sector. The workshop was jointly prepared and conducted by TVET programme members, which aimed to collecting the reports on results of collaborating with the business sector and activities related to the Programme "Reform of TVET in Vietnam" of each college. Moreover, providing participants with approaches and instruments to developing a sustainable cooperation between TVET institutes and the business sector - a key for ensuring the demand-orientation of training- was also the aim of this workshop. During the workshop, participants have chances to work in groups on provided and instructed topics, including (i) Establishment and operation of the Advisory Board effectively and sustainability, (ii) Tools and measures to approach new companies, (iii) Tools and measures to attract more trainees in TVET (especially female trainees). In addition, the work plan on upcoming activities of each TVET institutes was also drafted until the end of December 2020. With the ideas and instruments provided in the workshop, all of business cooperation officers in collaboration with relevant colleagues can apply for a better implementation of their own draft work plan. This activity was organised within the Vietnamese – German "Programme Reform of TVET in Vietnam". The



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programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by GIZ together with MoLISA. ([TVET](#) Jul 6)

ILO Says Vietnam in Good Position to Recover Labour Market from COVID-19

Vietnam is in better positions than almost all other nations to overcome economic and labour-related problems caused by COVID-19 pandemic, said the ILO Director in Vietnam Chang-Hee Lee. Dr. Chang-Hee Lee suggested Vietnam maintains its methods of stimulating the economy and jobs; assisting businesses, jobs, and incomes; protecting labourers at work places; negotiating solutions to problems. He called on the government, employers, and employees to unite to run solutions, adding that the ILO is willing to assist Vietnam. The ILO quoted data from the government's General Statistics Office (GSO) for the first half of 2020 as listing that COVID-19 has so far impacted 30.8 million people at the age of 15 or above in Vietnam; the unemployment rate reached decade-high of 2.73%; average monthly incomes reached VND5.2 million (\$223) in the second quarter (Q2) of 2020, down 5,1 % y/y. The GSO also informed that the labour force reached 53.1 million Q2/2020, down by 2.2 million q/q and 2.4 million y/y. ([VTV](#), [VTV](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 13)

MoLISA, ILO Host Launching Ceremony of Convention 98

The MoLISA hosted a launching ceremony of ILO's Convention 90 in Hanoi on July 6. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 9)

Deputy Minister Ha Joins Int'l Conference on Abolition of Child Labour

Deputy Minister Nguyen Thi Ha joined an international conference on July 10 on abolition of child labour. The event was hosted by Alliance 8.7 and the ILO. At the event, Ms. Ha shared Vietnam's experiences in overcoming COVID-19 problems, recovering economy and businesses, ensuring safety for children during pandemic, among others. ([MoLISA](#) Jul 11)

Australia Helps Train Vietnamese Specialists in Vocational Training Quality

Australia has completed a training course on quality assurance for 21 lecturers and specialists from Vietnam's TVET institutes. The program on July 1-3, named "Informal Learning Opportunity in Vocational Education and Training Quality Assurance," was conducted by Queensland University of Technology (QUT), funded by the Australian government, and managed by the Aus4skills. The contents were quality assurance, ranging from self-assessment tools, quality assurance frameworks and practices in Australia, ASEAN, APEC, Europe and Vietnam, change management, among others. ([VOVworld](#), [VietnamNet](#) Jul 3)

NASC Agrees to Spend VND20.7B on Vietnam-Korea University of ICT



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The National Assembly Standing Committee on July 13 voted and approved the hike of VND20.68 billion of state budget spending on Vietnam-Korea University of Information and Communication Technology, for the operation of the university. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 13)

CoLAB to Hold Job Fair for Labourers Returning from South Korea, Japan on Aug 12

The CoLAB, under the MoLISA, will work with HDR Office in Vietnam, IM Japan Office in Vietnam, local DoLISAs, and the employment service centres of four southern localities to hold a job fair for labourers returning from South Korea and Japan on August 12. The event will take place at the Can Tho employment centre, with online connection to similar centres of Dong Nai, Dong Thap, and Vinh Long. The fair is expected to see the participation of firms invested by South Korea and Japan and based in such localities and vicinity ones. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jul 14)

Laotian Prime Minister to Have Dialogue with Vietnamese Investors: Ambassador

Laotian Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith will have a dialogue with Vietnamese firms operating in his country in the future, Vietnamese Ambassador to Laos Nguyen Ba Hung revealed at a meeting with Vietnamese firms in Laos on July 12. Some representatives of labour-intensive Vietnamese firms in Laos, especially those operating in the rubber plantation and processing and thermal power sectors, suggested that Laos should be more flexible in applying anti-disease regulations to their labourers as the two countries spent three months without COVID-19 community infection cases. ([VOV](#), [Nhan Dan](#) Jul 12)

Vietnam PM Orders Quickly Flying Home Citizens Stuck in Guinea on COVID-19

Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Ministry of Transport, and relevant agencies to swiftly fly home 219 Vietnamese labourers stuck in Equatorial Guinea amid COVID-19 pandemic and poor working conditions there. PM Phuc made his requirement at a meeting National Steering Committee for COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Hanoi on July 10. He asked for timely performance of 55 flights to bring 14,000 Vietnamese citizens stranded abroad home as well as the increase of commercial flights to take foreign experts, businesspeople, and skilled workers to Vietnam. The Government leader also requested the resumption of air routes to several regional locations, including China's Guangzhou, Taiwan, South Korea's Seoul, and Japan's Tokyo. He also agreed with the establishment of safety zones at border gates for foreign traders to take quick medical tests. ([VietnamNet](#), [BNews](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [VOV](#), [QDND](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [CAND](#), [BNews](#), [Vietnam Finance](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#) Jul 10)

164 Vietnamese Workers Hydropower Project in Africa Seek to Go Home

CMVietnam Joint Stock Company (HNX: CMS) announced that it is cooperating with the authorities and airlines to bring home 164 Vietnamese workers, who are working at the Sendje hydropower plant project in Equatorial Guinea, due to COVID-19 concerns. Notably, the construction site of this project was detected with COVID-19 patients from June 25. So far, 15



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Vietnamese workers were tested positive with this disease and they are hospitalized at local units. Some workers admitted that the food and the conditions of quarantine sites are limited. The firm has so far provided extra money for those workers to improve their meals and communications. In response to the affair, the Vietnamese Embassy in Angola and Equatorial Guinea on July 8 said that it was closely cooperating with relevant companies and local authorities to take measures for ensuring Vietnamese labourers' health conditions. The embassy also vowed to facilitate the homecoming of the COVID-19 infected as soon as possible. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [PLO](#), [Kenh14](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jul 8)

Foxconn Seeks to Build Houses for Workers in Vietnam, but Law Has Conflicts

Foxconn Technology Group, a Taiwan-based world-class electronic subcontracted producer, has announced its plan to spend \$325 million on building social housing projects for workers in Vietnam; however, such plan is facing illegal problems about ownerships. Currently, Vietnam's legal framework has yet regulated/allowed foreign firms to buy nor rent social houses. Mr. Vu Duc Quyet, former director of Bac Ninh's Department of Industry and Trade, informed that labour union, but not firms, are representatives of labourers. Besides, only labourers and representative of labourers, not firms, are permitted to own houses. Hence, the suggestion is that Foxconn finances funds for such housing purposes, and cooperate with the local authorities to use such funds. ([VietnamNews](#), [Bizhub](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [BNews](#), [Dat Viet](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [Dat Viet](#) Jul 8)

Japanese See Vietnamese as Honest, Open, Happy, Straightforward People

Japanese businesses see Vietnamese people as honest, open, happy, and straightforward, representatives of those firms discussed at an online conference on July 9 on promoting investments between the two nations. The event, with the participation of 1,400 people, was hosted by Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment and the Japanese Embassy in Vietnam. Chief Representative Hirohide Sagara of Marubeni Corporation in Vietnam said that Vietnamese people are honest, straightforward, open, happy, easy-going, not slick, and have great attention to their families. He added that Vietnamese people love Japan. On differences, he noted that Vietnamese people are not as loyal as Japanese one, giving example that Vietnamese people are willing to leave the firms and get new jobs with better incomes. He noted that this is a more balanced approach to life, and this approach is better than Japan's. About Vietnam's advantages, they listed proximity to Japan, stable politics, continuously high economic growth, abundant labour force, big market of 100 million people, deep global integration, and free trade agreements, among others. ([Zing](#) Jul 10)

Vietnam, Belgium Seek to Boost Trade Relations on EVFTA

The Belgium-Vietnam Alliance (BVA) and the Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (Beluxcham) on July 13 held an online conference to boost the trade relations between Vietnam and Belgium under the EVFTA. For her part, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to



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Vietnam Axelle Nicaise hoped that thanks to the EVFTA, EU firms will switch their production lines from neighbouring nations to Vietnam, creating more jobs for Vietnamese. ([Tin Tuc](#) Jul 14)

Daikin Vietnam Signs Training Deals with 2 Colleges

Daikin Vietnam, a member of the world's air conditioner giant Daikin Group, has recently signed two deal of training labourers in the air-conditioning sector. Daikin Vietnam plans to sign such deals with 18 colleges in 2020. Such deals aim to train 18 trainers, who will then help train 3,500 technicians. The first two deals were signed on June 28 with Hue Industrial College in central Thua Thien-Hue province and on July 2 with Vietnam-Korea Industrial Technology College in central Nghe An province. In November 2019, Daikin Vietnam and the DVET signed a cooperation deal on standardizing labour skills in the air-conditioning sector, for the period from 2020 to 2024. ([Nguoi Dua Tin](#) Jul 9)

Harvard Professor Tips Ways for Vietnam to Spur GDP Growth in Post-pandemic

Professor Philippe Aghion, Department of Economics, Harvard University, has advised that Vietnam should focus on boosting researching and innovation, retraining its labour force, and improving infrastructure systems in a bid to boost the economic growth in the post-COVID-19 period. The professor made his recommendations at an online seminar titled "Global economic growth in the post-COVID-19 pandemic period and policy implications for Vietnam," which was held by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) on July 6 afternoon. ([Dau Tu](#) Jul 6)

VinaCapital Tips Ways for Vietnam to Attract More Foreign Investment

Mr. Don Lam, chief executive officer of VinaCapital, has recommended multiple solutions to help Vietnam lure more foreign investments in the coming years. VinaCapital's CEO highlighted the advantages of Vietnam when it comes to foreign investment attraction, including the low labour cost, the solid labour productivity, and the bold measures to control diseases. ([NDH](#) Jul 8)

Domestic News

Vietnam Recruits 776,000 People into Vocational Training in H1/2020

Vietnam's vocational training sector recruited 776,200 people in the first half (H1) of 2020, down 23% y/y, said the DVET, under the MoLISA, at a reviewing conference last week. The DVET blamed COVID-19 epidemic on the modest number of recruitment. The DVET also listed other achievements, including cooperation with the ILO and Australia in setting labour skill councils for agricultural and tourism jobs; distance teaching and learning; review and update to the legal framework; among others. In H2, the sector will focus on solving problems within policies and boosting the vocational training promotions towards businesses, labourers, and students. ([DVET](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#), [Dai Doan Ket](#), [QDND](#) Jul 10)



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COVID-19 Impacts 30.8M People in Vietnam, Workforce Down to 54.2M

COVID-19 has so far impacted 30.8 million people at the age of 15 or above in Vietnam, while the country's workforce went down to 53.1 million in the second quarter (Q2), down 2.4 million q/q and 2.6 million y/y, or the biggest decrease in the last 10 years. The government's General Statistics Office (GSO) announced the figure at a conference on July 10 on labour status in Vietnam in the first half (H1) of this year. Those 30.8 million people had their jobs removed or reduced, hence their working hours and incomes decreased. Among those people, 28.7 million were employed, 897,500 were unemployed, and 1.2 million were did not belong to the workforce. The biggest damage went to the service sector with 72% of labourers impacted, then the construction and industry sector with 67.8%, and agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector with 25.1%. Vietnam's workforce at the age of 15 or above was 53.1 million in Q2/2020 and 54.2 million in H1. The participation rate in H1 was 73.8%, down 2.8 percentage points. The rate of trained labourers, at beginner level, was 23.9%, or 13 million people. The number of employed people at the age of 15 or above was 53 million in H1, down 1.4 million y/y. The rate of non-official labourers was 55.6%, down 0.3 percentage point y/y. The underemployment rate was 2.58%, up 1.06 percentage points y/y. ([CafeF](#), [VOV](#), [VietnamNet](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [NDH](#), [Dang Cong San](#), [Dan Tri](#) Jul 10)

Vietnam's Unemployment Rate May Rise in H2/2020 on Lack Orders

The unemployment rate is forecast to rise in Vietnam in the second half of this year due to the shortage of orders. According to the survey, many enterprises laid off 20%-30% of total workers in the first six months due to COVID-19. Notably, some firms, whose order volume decreased by 70%, also cut 50% of total human resources while others have closed their operations. The unemployment rate may rise in the rest of this year. Enterprises related to wood production, textile, and embroidery are suffering heavy losses and impacts because some big markets such as the U.S., Japan, and EU still closed, representatives of occupation associations said. Enterprises have faced difficulties such as order volumes down 50% or facing the backlog of goods. To help enterprises and workers, representatives of occupation association suggested enterprises take advantage of domestic ingredients, using the e-commerce as well as finding the instead market in the context of the complicated pandemic. The MoLISA estimated that the unemployed will rise to about 1.5 million people in the second quarter, up more 200,000 people compared with the first quarter. ([VnExpress](#), [vcci](#) Jul 8)

Vietnam Has Much Monetary, Fiscal Space to Spur Econ Growth: PM

Vietnam still has much monetary and fiscal space to bolster the economic growth so it is possible to roll out a monetary policy to revive economic sectors, said Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc at a conference with the National Financial and Monetary Policy Advisory Council on July 9 morning. Dr. Tran Du Lich, a member of the council, said that the package must be long-term because several sectors, fields, particularly those labour-extensive ones will be fully factored in the third quarter (Q3) of this year. ([VietnamNet](#), [cand](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Thoi Bao Ngan Hang](#), [VnExpress](#) Jul 9)



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Over 94K Labourers in Vietnam HCMC Apply for Unemployment Benefits in H1

The HCMC Centre for Employment Service, under the municipal DoLISA, received over 94,000 registries for unemployment benefits in the first half of this year (H1), up 15% y/y, said Mr. Le Minh Phung from the centre. In the last two months, nearly 50,000 labourers filed unemployment claims. The centre's units received 2,000 applications on average per day. COVID-19 downturn is possible to push unemployment in HCMC up to 500,000 people, said Head of the DOLISA Le Minh Tan. ([CafeF](#) Jul 9)

New Orders of Firms in Vietnam Mekong Delta Fall by 81% due to COVID-19

The number of new orders of firms in Vietnam's Mekong Delta region has dropped by 81% due to the impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), Director of the VCC)-Can Tho Chapter Nguyen Phuong Lam said at a meeting on July 7. The total revenue of the regional firms has also plunged by 77.8% y/y, while the volume of purchased input materials has nosedived by 61.6% y/y on the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Lam said. Notably, only 4.6% of exporting firms, which specialize in medical equipment and supplies, recorded increases in their orders, while 59.1% reported decreases, he said. Until now, 47% of labourers have lost their jobs and the figure is forecast to increase in the future, especially those working in garment and footwear sectors as there is no order left. ([en.Vietnam Plus](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Saigon Dau Tu](#) Jul 8)

Vietnam's Firms in Mekong Delta Have Orders, Revenues down 80.7%, 77.8%

COVID-19 has severely impacted firms in Vietnam, especially firms in the Mekong Delta, the VCCI said, adding that the new orders for and revenues of those firms went down 80.7% and 77.8%, respectively. The VCCI noted that only 3.5%-6.6% of firms, especially the ones producing medical items (facemasks, gloves, and others) recorded better operations. VCCI Chairman Vu Tien Loc also warned that millions of staff in the footwear sector may lose their jobs as firms will fulfil orders and have no new orders from August. He put the blame on COVID-19, which disrupted the market, and the automation trend. For agriculture, the exports of fruits went down 21.4%, pangasius decreased 39.1%, and shrimp contracted 14.5%, among others. ([Saigon Times](#) Jul 8)

Coca-Cola Vietnam Ordered to Compensate Ex-staff at Trial

Coca-Cola Beverages Vietnam Ltd., Co., under the global giant The Coca-Cola Company, was judged to have done wrongly its human resources process and ordered to compensate its staff, at a trial in Ho Chi Minh City's Thu Duc district on July 14. Coca-Cola Vietnam in July 2019 ordered its former staff member Phan Thi Thanh Xuan to resign, due to the restructure of the firm. Ms. Xuan, former secretary of supply chain, did not accept the order and sue Coca-Cola. The Thu Duc District People's Court concluded that Coca-Cola's procedures towards Ms. Xuan were wrong, including violations against rules of notifications of 45 days prior to decision issuance. However, the court did not accept Ms. Xuan's proposal of forcing Coca-Cola to re-



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employ her, as her position was replaced by another jobs that Ms. Xuan was not qualified. ([Thanh Nien](#) Jul 14)

Central Electric Power College Launches Training Course for GIS Application

The Electric Power College of Central Vietnam (CPCCEPC), a unit of Vietnam Electricity Central Power Company (EVNCPC), has launched a training course for the application of the Geographic Information System (GIS) in the power distribution system. The course will train 39 candidates from the Vietnam Electricity National Power Transmission Corporation (EVNNPT), Vietnam Electricity National Power Transmission Corporation (EVNNPT), Hanoi Power Corporation (EVNHANOI), and the Information Technology Centre of Vietnam Electricity (EVNICT). After three days of training, they will be evaluated to be considered as the first experts of EVN. The second course was hosted on July 8 for 41 other candidates of Vietnam Electricity Central Power Company (EVNCPC), Vietnam Electricity South Power Corporation (EVNSPC), and Ho Chi Minh City Power Corporation. ([Icon](#) Jul 7)

Danang City to Recruit 9,952 Grade-10 Students

Danang City's 21 public high schools target to recruit 9,952 grade 10 students, while the number of registered students for entrance exam is 13,400. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 9)

Danang City's Employment Centre Gives Job Suggestions to 54,500 People in H1

The central city of Danang's employment centre gave job suggestions to 54,500 people in the first half (H1) of this year, which met 54.5% of the set target. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 10)

Over 94K Labourers in HCMC Register for Unemployment Indemnification in H1

More than 94,000 labourers in Ho Chi Minh City registered for unemployment indemnification in the first half (H1) of this year, up 15% y/y, according to the employment service centre, under the municipal DoLISA. ([Hanoi Moi](#) Jul 11)

Dong Nai Provides 30K Employments in H1, down 20% y/y

The southern province of Dong Nai provided over 30,000 employments in the first half (H1) of this year, which met 38% of the year's target and dropped 20% y/y. ([Bao Dong Nai](#) Jul 13)

Over 57K Labourers in Binh Duong Register for Unemployment Indemnification in H1

Over 57,000 labourers in southern Binh Duong province registered for unemployment indemnification in the first half (H1) of this year due to the COVID-19. Over 13,000 labourers were forced to end their jobs and 54,000 others had suspended their work or had their incomes reduced. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 13)



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Tien Giang Provides Employments to 3,470 in H1

Tien Giang province provided 3,470 employment in the first half of 2020, including 170 job abroad. Besides, the province recorded 8,100 labourers registering for unemployment insurance indemnification, up 19.8% y/y. Tien Giang currently has 24 TVET units, recruiting 4,000-5,000 learners at intermediate and college level, and 9,000 learners at beginner level, annually. ([MoLISA](#) Jul 8)

Minister Dao Ngoc Dung Works in Ben Tre

Minister Dao Ngoc Dung worked in Ben Tre on July 8. On human resources, Mr. Dung asked Ben Tre to prioritize training and enhancement to the workforce. Ben Tre informed that in January-June, the province recruited 1,500 learners into TVET, or 14% of the annual target. ([MoLISA](#) Jul 9)

Can Tho to Recruit 12,100 Grade-10 Students

Can Tho City has announced recruitment of 12,165 grade 10 students for next academic year. Currently, Can Tho has 15,200 grade 9 students. ([Bao Can Tho](#) Jul 8)