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● Policies ●

Vietnam Spends VND4T on Vocational Training of Major Jobs in 2016-2020

Vietnam's central budget has spent VND4 trillion (\$171.67 million) on vocational training of major jobs, per the project on innovating and enhancing vocational training within the target program for vocational training, employment, and labour safety, for the 2016-2020 period. The spending went to 300 vocational training schools for improving the facilities, especially the ones conducting 12 courses transferred from Australia and 22 others transferred from Germany, said Vice General Director Nguyen Thi Viet Huong of the DVET, under the MoLISA. Ms. Huong noted positive outcomes from such investment, including the employment rate of 75%, even at 90% for some jobs, among graduates. Besides, the demand for such major jobs in 2,735 firms of 34 surveyed localities increased from the current number of 130,120 to 196,646 in the 2019-2021 period. Ms. Huong added that the DVET is drafting key points to assess the input and output of such project and program. She gave examples of input, including facilities, equipment, number of teachers and school staff, among others. ([DVET](#), [Thoi Bao Tai Chinh Vietnam](#) Jul 29)

DVET Seeks to Keep Schedule of National Labour Skill Contest

The DVET on July 31 hosted a conference on preparation for upcoming national labour skill contest, amid COVID-19 epidemic. The DVET suggested two options of hosting the contest normally at end-August; or hosting the contest without sides activities and ceremonies. ([Dan Sinh](#), [DVET](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Aug 4)

DVET Trains Career Path Consultants in Northern Region

The DVET, under the MoLISA, on August 3 hosted a skill training course for career path consultants in colleges and intermediate-level schools in northern region. The event took place at Thai Nguyen-based Vocational College No.1 under the Ministry of National Defence, featuring 150 learners. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Aug 3)

MoLISA Drafting Requirements of Training TVET Teachers

The MoLISA is drafting a circular on requirements of TVET teachers training units. The draft circular includes terms about courses, learning documents, facilities, requirements of full-time teachers, among others. Besides, those training units must let full-time teachers teach at least 70% of courses. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Aug 3)

Vietnam MoLISA Proposes Easing Lending Requirements for Virus-hit Firms

The MoLISA has urged the Prime Minister to assess and soon approve the ministry's recommendations on relaxing the lending requirements of relief packages for firms, in a move to help them overcome difficulties caused by COVID-19. The MoLISA has coordinated with the



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State Bank of Vietnam (SBV), the Ministry of Finance (MoF), and the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), in seeking the approval of the government leader on the issue, said Minister Dao Ngoc Dung. ([CafeF](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#) Aug 3)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

GIZ Opens Bids on Lab Equipment for Vocational Colleges

The GIZ's Program Reform of TVET in Vietnam has announced invitation to bid for different bundles of sewage technology-laboratory equipment for two colleges: Hue Industrial College and Hue Construction Technology College. (Lao Dong Aug 2 P8)

3 Vietnamese to Join 2021 World Skills Competition in Water Tech in Shanghai

Three candidates will represent Vietnam to take part in the 2021 World Skills Competition in the water technology field, which is slated for Shanghai in September next year. Before being chosen to join the global contest, the candidates had experienced 40 days of training with the support of the TVET Vietnam Programme since May and three days of competition with five specialized contents. The result was announced at a ceremony at the College of Technology II – Ho Chi Minh City on August 2. ([NLD](#) Aug 4)

Vietnam Seeks to Send Labourers to More European Nations: Official

Vietnam should provide information and promote sending its labourers to more European nations, including Austria, Portugal, Moldova, Greece, Slovenia, and Ukraine, said Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Nguyen Thi Ha, at a conference on July 31 with 31 newly-appointed Vietnamese ambassadors to nations. In reply, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Dang Minh Khoi agreed with Ms. Ha's suggestions and gave tasks to relevant representative offices of Vietnam in other nations. Vietnam has signed 200 cooperative deals with over 40 foreign nations and territories, nearly 20 international organizations, and more than 40 non-governmental organizations. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [molisa](#) Jul 31)

Vietnam Recruiting 100 Caregivers to Work in Japan

The Colab, under the MoLISA, is recruiting 100 caregivers to work in Osaka, Japan. This recruitment is the first of its kind in 2020. Qualified people will learn Japanese language in Vietnam for between eight and 11 months, then has professional training courses in Japan. They can earn at least VND36 million (\$1,545) a month upon completion of those trainings. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [colab](#) Jul 29)



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COVID-19 Halts Operation of Japanese Firms in Vietnam in Q2: Navigos

The COVID-19 pandemic has been halting the operation and staff recruitment of Japanese firms in Vietnam since the second quarter (Q2) of 2020, according to report for Q2/2020 by Navigos Group. Navigos Group explained that Japanese experts are less likely able to travel to Vietnam to work. Besides, COVID-19 in Japan also hurt the parent firms, hence firms in Vietnam had similar problems. About prediction for Q3 and Q4 of 2020, Navigos Group said that there would be strong movement as many Japanese investors would expand/relocate from China to Vietnam, especially in Thang Long 3 Industrial Park in northern Vinh Phuc province and Dong Van 3 Industrial Park in northern Ha Nam province. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jul 30)

Mitsubishi Vietnam Sponsors 9 Cars worth \$280,172 for Vocational Training

Mitsubishi Motors Vietnam (MMV) on July 28 granted nine cars worth over VND6.5 billion (\$280,172) to the College of Technology (CTECH), under Hai Phong Group, to serve the college's teaching, learning, practice, and high-quality vocational training. The nine completely-built up (CBU) cars belong to three models of Mitsubishi Pajero Sport, Mitsubishi Outlander, and Mitsubishi Zinger. The sponsorship from MMV will contribute to improving the teaching effectiveness of the lecturers and providing the best practice skill practice conditions for students at the college's Faculty of Automotive Technology. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Dan Viet](#), [Dan Tri](#) Jul 29)

Vietnam Airlines Flies Home 219 Vietnamese Labourers from Equatorial Guinea

The national flag carrier Vietnam Airlines JSC (HOSE: HVN) on July 29 repatriated 219 Vietnamese workers, of whom 129 tested positive for COVID-19 and were accompanied by four medical workers, from Equatorial Guinea. The 12-hour flight VN06 landed at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi capital city at 15:10 p.m. All passengers were immediately transferred to the National Hospital for Tropical Diseases 2, located in Hanoi's outskirts district of Dong Anh, for quarantine and treatment. As many as 250 health workers will be sent to the hospital to treat these patients. ([VietnamBiz](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [QDND](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Vietnam Finance](#), [VietnamNews](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [SGGPnews](#) Jul 30)

Thai Binh, South Korea Seek More Cooperative Opportunities

Representatives from the People's Committee of Thai Binh province and South Korea's Embassy on July 28 held a meeting on seeking more cooperative opportunities between the two sides. Chairman of the provincial People's Committee Dang Trong Thang affirmed that Thai Binh will facilitate experts, labourers, and enterprises from South Korea to work in the province. He proposed the embassy help attract more South Korean firms, notably in fields such as hi-tech agriculture, medical-pharmacy, and others. ([baothaibinh](#) July 28)

Units of Vietnam, Netherlands Join Hands in Training Intellectuals for Cooperatives

The Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA) and five Dutch universities,



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development organizations, and firms are working together in training young intellects for cooperatives in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4.0). From 2019 to July 2020, the project has organized five training courses for hundreds of officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), vocational training schools, and research institutes from localities. ([Nong Nghiep Viet Nam](#) Jul 28)

An Giang Sends 1,886 Labourers overseas since 2016, Aims for 300-500/Yr by 2025

The southern province of An Giang has sent 1,886 labourers overseas in the 2016-2020 period, mostly in markets with high incomes, such as Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. In 2020, the province aims to send 300 labourers abroad. The figure is expected at 300-500 annually in 2021-2025. ([Bao An Giang](#) Jul 29)

Domestic News

Vietnam's Unemployment Peaks in Q2, Can Become Worse: Deputy Minister

Vietnam's unemployment rate reached a ten-year peak of 1.3 million in the second quarter (Q2) of this year, but the return of community infection of COVID-19 may worsen the situation in the rest of 2020, said Deputy Minister of Labour-War Invalids, and Social Affairs Le Van Thanh. Vietnam's workforce (at the age of 15 or above) was 54.4 million in the first half (H1) of 2019, then went down by 2.6 million to 51.8 million in H1/2020. He estimated that in the worst scenario, the unemployment rate would reach 60,000-70,000 each month of H2/2020, especially for sectors of tourism, accommodation and food and beverage, construction, transportation, and others. The total number of labourers with halted, reduced, or paused jobs could reach 3.5 million-5 million. Mr. Thanh blamed COVID-19 for the high unemployment rate. He explained that COVID-19 disrupted the supply chains, hence firms have lesser input materials and fewer orders to work on. Besides, social distancing hurt firms in sectors of manufacturing, tourism, restaurants, and education, among others. On solutions, Deputy Minister Thanh said that the government is reducing administrative procedures; asking banks to ease loan; reducing or delaying tax collections; easing the relief package of VND62 trillion (\$2.67 billion); and utilizing the unemployment insurance fund to push vocational training and retraining of labourers. ([VnExpress](#) Aug 3)

Vietnam Vocational Training to Focus on Retraining Labourers: DVET

Vietnam's vocational training system will focus on training and retraining labourers, amid the higher education system's attraction to high school graduates, said General Director Truong Anh Dung of the DVET, under the MoLISA. Mr. Dung listed difficulties for the sector, including financial mechanism, autonomy, teachers' qualities, digitalization, career path guidance for learners, and others. He suggested that Vietnam must set higher role and priority for vocational training. Besides, Mr. Dung complained that the state budget spending on education & training has only 10% going to vocational training. He also noted that Vietnam is commemorating the general education and higher education sector, ignoring vocational training, while giving



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examples on the Vietnamese Teachers' Day (November 20). Vietnam currently has 55 million labourers, while vocational training can only train 2.2 million people annually. The current rate of trained labourers is 25%. Vietnam targets to double or triple its vocational training output. ([nghenghiepcuocsong](#), [DVET](#) Jul 31)

Vocational Training of Vietnam's Transport Ministry Recruits 326,808 until 2025

Vocational training units under Vietnam's Ministry of Transport (MoT) aims to recruit 326,808 people in 2021-2025, including 18,113 into colleges, 27,005 into intermediate-level schools, and 281,690 into beginner-level courses and others jobs. A delegation of the MoT made the statement at a meeting in Hanoi on July 28 with the DVET, under the MoLISA. The MoT currently runs 14 TVET institutes, including 11 colleges and three intermediate-level schools. Those units have recruited 311,212 learners in 2016-2020, or 5% higher than the achievements in 2011-2015 period. The figure included 16,990 for colleges and 26,620 at intermediate-level schools. About adaptation to COVID-19 and the relocation of the global supply chains, the MoET suggested methods of more exemption of tuition fees for learners, foundation of centre to assess labour skills, and others. ([DVET](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jul 28)

More Students Seeking Vocational Training

The national high school graduation exam will have 900,152 exam takers. The ratio of students registering to advance to higher education is 71%, down three percentage points y/y. The ratios are even lower, at 47.8%, for localities having industrial parks, such as Bac Ninh, Vinh Phuc, and Quang Ninh. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Jul 29)

Vietnam's Training Courses on Fisheries Harvest on Verge of Disappearance

The training courses on fisheries harvest in Vietnam is now on the verge of disappearance due to a severe shortage of learners at Nha Trang University – the only training facility for engineers in the field, said Dr. Tran Duc Phu, director of the Institute for Marine Science and Fishing Technology at the Nha Trang University. Regarding reasons for such situation, Mr. Phu explained that fisheries harvesting is categorized a harsh job with not-very-high incomes, and unsuitable for youngsters' job choice. He proposed the government offer 100% aids of tuition fees for those perusing the fisheries harvesting major. ([VTV](#), [Bien Phong](#) Jul 31)

Vietnam Will Try Its Best to Achieve GDP Growth of 2%-3% in 2020: PM

Vietnam will try its best to hit the gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 2%-3% this year by putting a top priority on stamping out the coronavirus pandemic, ensuring the macro-economic stability, and stimulating the domestic consumption, said Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the monthly cabinet meeting on August 3. The public investment disbursement will help quicken the investment from the private and foreign sectors and generate more jobs for people, he added. ([Thoi Bao Ngan Hang](#), [Vietnam Finance](#) Aug 3)



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Vietnam Licenses 75,200 New Firms in Jan-Jul, down 5.1% y/y: GSO

Vietnam is estimated to have licensed 75,200 new companies with the total registered capital of VND936.4 trillion (\$40.36 billion) in January-July, down 5.1% year-on-year in the number of firms and 6.3% year-on-year in the total registered capital, according to the government's General Statistics Office (GSO). The new firms are estimated to use 598,600 labourers, down 19.5% year-on-year. ([GSO](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#) Jul 30)

Vietnam Bizs' Solely Interest in Realty Cannot Help Improve Labour Force: Official

Vietnam's labour force cannot improve and will remain an outsourced force of simple tasks for foreign businesses, as long as domestic firms do not cut their interest in realty projects to jump into the industrial sector, said former Deputy Minister Pham Minh Huan. He added that Vietnam's current policies of improving the labour force are not effective and wasteful. Training is not effective as the training levels remain at beginner level, instead of deep-training for jobs. Besides, those training for people working abroad does not focus on deep-training either. He also concerns that private businesses have weak abilities, while close to zero strong state-owned ones have intention of elevating into multinational corporations. On solutions, he repeated Vietnam's old paths of restructuring the economy and the workforce, which is easier said than done. Besides, he suggested that labourers should update their mindset themselves and have more willingness to change their jobs. He reviewed that COVID-19 has negatively impacted Vietnam's economy in the first half of 2020, including 30.8 million people having their jobs reduced or halted. ([Nong Nghiep Viet Nam](#) Aug 3)

Vietnam Recruiting 1,000 Staff for Major Energy Projects

ManpowerGroup Vietnam is recruiting 1,000 staff for Vietnam's two energy projects, namely South Petrochemical project (Long Son Petrochemicals-LSP) and Nghi Son Thermal Power project (NS2PC), from now until end-2022, state media reported. The firm is recruiting labourers with ten years of experience or new graduates for LSP, and people with at least three years of experiences for NS2PC. Both projects began in 2018. LSP has investment capital of \$5.4 billion, and NS2PC has investment capital of \$2.5 billion. ([BizLive](#), [cuocsongantoan](#), [manpower](#) Jul 30)

Vietnam Recruiting More Staff for Energy Sector: Navigos

Vietnam's energy sector, especially wind power and solar power ones, are boosting its staff recruitment, according to report for the second quarter (Q2) of 2020 by Navigos Group. Navigos Group listed reasons, including higher power demand, impacts of the government's policies for renewable energy, investments from the U.S. and Europe, among others. Navigos Group noted shortage of labourers for executive positions, adding that those are chances for foreign experts and Vietnamese experts working abroad. Navigos Group expected that the recruitment will rise in Q3 and Q4, especially for the central region, such as provinces of Ninh Thuan and Tra Vinh. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jul 30)



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MoD Organizes Competition for Skilled Engineers 2020

The General Technical Department, under the Ministry of National Defence, held the opening ceremony of the competition for skilled engineers 2020 at Z133 factory. The competition attracted the participation of 32 candidates in fields of milling, lathe, welding, and cooling. ([QDND](#) Aug 4)

Hanoi Spends VND236B on Supporting TVET for 76,203 Labourers in 2016-2020

The capital city of Hanoi has spent VND236 billion on aiding TVET for 76,203 labourers out of a total 100,737 registered in the 2016-2020 period, according to a report by the municipal People's Council. The rate of labourers receiving non-agricultural TVET was 37.86%, equal to 28,581 labourers. The rest of 47,352 labourers, or 62.14%, joined agricultural TVET. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 28)

Firms Seek to Recruit Fresh Graduates from Hanoi Mechanical & Electrical College

The Hanoi Mechanical and Electrical College (HMEC) has recently organized the graduation exam for 700 students in the 2017-2020 term, under the supervision of examiners and some businesses' executives. Many students are expected to get jobs right after graduating with attractive incomes. ([Dan Sinh](#) Aug 3)

Vietnam's Consumer Service Recovers, Business Service Not Yet: Navigos

Data about staff recruitment showed that the consumer service sector in Vietnam has recovered while the business service sector has not, according to a report for the second quarter (Q2) by Navigos Group. It listed sectors within the consumer service, including travel/restaurant, with recruitment hike of 11%; finance/banking; healthcare and social science; and real estate. Meanwhile, the business service sector recorded a decrease in staff recruitment, such as transportation at 58%, advertisement at 58%, and sales and marketing for businesses at 38%. About prediction for Q3 and Q4 of 2020, Navigos Group expects growth for apparel, electronics, and supporting industry. It gave reasons of orders from the U.S.-based retailers, the EVFTA, and businesses shifting/expanding to Vietnam. Navigos Group gave examples that provinces of Ha Nam, Hai Duong, and Haiphong City would have many investments implemented from Q2. Nevertheless, Navigos Group predicted no growth for staff recruitment for sectors of banking and retails (especially fashion and cosmetics). Besides, the education sector would see growth, Navigos Group added. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jul 30)

Bim Son College Trains 5,998 Learners in 12 Years

Bim Son College in central Thanh Hoa province has trained 5,998 learners in 12 years, including 2,582 at the college level, 3,116 at the intermediate level, and 360 at short-term courses. The rate of graduates getting jobs has remained at over 90%. ([Cong Ly Xa Hoi](#) Jul 30)



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4 Industrial Parks in Vietnam Danang Have COVID-19, 77,000 People Still Work

Danang City has recorded four COVID-19 patients in its all four industrial parks; however, 77,000 workers there still continue their work and firms have applied more methods to ensure safety. As of August 3, the Ministry of Health announced that those patients are No. 446, 473, 494, 569, and 579. Among four firms with COVID-19 patients, three paused their operation for seven days to disinfect the facilities while the other continues operation because the patient is on leave. Nevertheless, workers still have concerns over the issues. Danang City's labour confederation has ordered firms to stay ready to process cases of any workers, who seek to leave without pay. Meanwhile, the labour confederation asked firms to try to maintain payments for labourers. ([CafeF](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [VOV](#), [Nhan Dan](#) Aug 3)

HCMC Export Processing Zones, Industrial Parks Gain \$10.6B Export

At present, the export processing zones (EPZs) and industrial parks (IPs) in HCMC host over 1,300 enterprises with 320,000 employees, earning an annual export revenue of \$10.56 billion to major markets of Asia, America, and Europe, said Mr. Hua Quoc Hung, Secretary of the Party Committee of the HCMC Export Processing and Industrial Zones Authority (HEPZA). The official made the remark at the Fourth HEPZA Party Committees' Congress of the 2020-2025 term on August 1-2, receiving the attendance of 162 delegates representing over 2,240 party members. To date, the park cluster has 157 projects, including 80 active ones, and created jobs for over 45,000 employees. ([BNews](#), [kinhmoitruong](#), [Bao Xay Dung](#), [saigondautu](#) Aug 2)

Dong Thap Sets up 3T TVET Institute

The People's Committee in the Mekong Delta province of Dong Thap has approved the establishment of 3T TVET institute in My Tho town, Cao Lanh district. The facility is specialized in automobile repairing at under-three-month training courses. It is expected to train 150 learners/year. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 28)