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● Policies ●

Vietnam to Let Labourers Refuse to Work in 3 Cases from 2021

Per Vietnam's Labour Code 2019, which will become effective on January 1, 2021, labourers will be allowed to refuse to work in three cases. First, labourers can refuse to work in a situation with high risks to their lives and health. Second, employers can ask employees to do overtime tasks of protecting lives and assets in cases of natural disasters, fires, plague, and catastrophes. However, labourers can refuse such orders in cases of high risk to their lives and health. Third, employers can assign employees to tasks outside the labour contracts for 60 days per year at most, in cases of unpredictable hardship, such as natural disaster, fire, plague. Beyond 60 days, employees can refuse to work. Employers will have to pay employees if employees are forced to stop their jobs in this case. ([CafeF](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Bao Hai Duong](#), [Quang Ngai TV](#), [Bao Gia Lai](#) Dec 6)

Ways to Improve Efficiency of State Budget for Vocational Training Proposed

The Financial Magazine, under Vietnam's Ministry of Finance (MoF), has suggested five measures to enhance and promote the efficiency of the use of state budget for vocational training activities. First, the MoF should innovate the allocation of the state budget to vocational training units attached to important sectors and on an order-by-order basis and boost the supervision of the implementation of the state budget use. Second, the financial mechanism for the units should be amended toward raising the autonomy and responsibilities of the state budget users. Third, localities need to prioritize the allocation of the state budget for vocational training under the total expenses for the education and training field and issue documents to create a synchronous legal corridor for the units to execute. Fourth, tuition supporting policies and preferential credit packages should be issued for selective groups of students and poor and near-poor households. Finally, Vietnam should restructure the public vocational training units to boost the governance of the training activities and socialize the funding sources for such training. In 2011-2017, about VND41 trillion (\$1.77 billion) from the country's regular budget expenditure was allocated for vocational training, but the figure dropped to VND39 trillion in 2018-2019. The figure totalled VND80 trillion for the sector in 2012-2019. ([Tap Chi Tai Chinh](#) Dec 3)

Measures to Raise Non-State Budget Sources for Vocational Training Proposed

TVET units in Vietnam should implement multiple solutions synchronously to tackle the shortage of funding for their operations, focusing on the mobilization of more non-state budget sources. TVET units need to (i) build fundraising schemes to attract investments from the private sector, (ii) boost the cooperation with enterprises to improve the training quality, and (iii) bolster the autonomy mechanism to innovate the management of the TVET units. Currently, Vietnam has 1,989 TVET units, including 1,337 state-owned ones. The main financial sources for the units are tuition fees and ODA. The collected tuition fees in 2018 accounted for only 34% of the regular expenses despite, and the ODA accounted for approximately 9% of the spending on



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vocational training activities. ([Tap Chi Tai Chinh](#) Dec 4)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Further Training Course for Teachers on “Installation of Sanitary Technology Equipment” at VCMI

From December 1 to 4, the further training course to instruct ten teachers at the College of Machinery and Irrigation (VCMI) on “Installation of sanitary technology equipment” was conducted by Mr. Ruben Ziehler, Development Advisor at VCMI of the Programme “Reform of TVET in Vietnam” - GIZ. Ten participants of the training course were teachers who will directly deliver the training for the German standard oriented occupation “Mechanics for Sanitary, Heating and Climate Technology” at the College. During this training, the participants practiced with tools and materials to enhance the competence in installing sanitary systems with modern equipment and technology. Besides, participants were also instructed to design the system with their own idea. This sample project will be used in the above-mentioned new occupation. Mr. Nguyen Van Vung, Vice Dean of the Mechanics Faculty, shared his opinion: “I have improved my practical skills in pipe system installation. We are now able to pass on our hands-on experience to the trainees of the new occupation “Mechanics for Sanitary, Heating and Climate Technology” that will be piloted according to German standards at VCMI together with other partner enterprises in this school year”. This training course was held within the component “Supporting High-Quality TVET Institutes” as part of the Vietnamese - German “Programme Reform of TVET in Vietnam”. The programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) together with the MoLISA. ([TVET Vietnam](#) Dec 7)

Long An College Aims to Step by Step Approach Mechatronics Training Programme per German Standards

With a view to improving the quality and market-orientation of technical vocational education and training (hereinafter referred to as TVET) in Long An College, Mr. Claas-Uwe Himmel, Development Advisor of Programme “Reform of TVET in Vietnam” supported by Mr Nguyen Anh Tuan, the College’s Mechatronics teacher organized an advanced PLC training for 8 teachers of Long An College during November 23-28. This is the first activity in the further training series on Mechatronics for the College’s teachers. During the training, Mr. Himmel and Mr Tuan guided the participants to refresh their knowledge about GRAFCET. Furthermore the participants deepened their knowledge in working with TIA Portal V14, industrial communication networks (Profinet, Profibus and AS-Interface), control programming for IMS stations; and HMI design and programming. Speaking at the training, Mr Le Minh Tam – Vice Rector of the College emphasized “Long An College aims to step by step approach the Mechatronics training programme according to German standards developed by the Programme. The Advanced PLC Training has contributed to developing the College’s teachers’ capacity to be able to use the training programme, thereby partly promoting the development of Mechatronics



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in the province. The next training in the series is on IoT and Cloud solutions due in January 2021. The training is aimed to further enhancing the teachers' capacity in working with webserver applications, using IOT-Gateways and getting to know IO-Link. Long An College is supported by the Vietnamese-German Programme "Reform of TVET in Vietnam" in developing into a high-quality TVET institute. The programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) together with the MoLISA. ([TVET Vietnam](#) Dec 3)

Vietnam Launches ADB-Funded Projects on Boosting Vocational Training

The DVET, under the MoLISA, on December 3-4 launched a project on skills and knowledge for inclusive economic growth using official development assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project is for 16 vocational training units, including 14 colleges and two universities, in the form of investment in learning equipment, more vocational training for vulnerable people, and others. It is co-managed by the MoLISA and the Ministry of Industry and Trade. At the launching ceremony in southern Vinh Long province, representatives of the ADB hailed the cooperation between the MoLISA and the DVET and listed key points of the project. ([DVET](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 4)

Vietnam Recruiting 300 Caregivers to Work in Germany

The CoLAB, under the MoLISA, is recruiting 300 caregivers to work in Germany. The CoLAB will receive applications until February 15, 2021. Qualified people will learn the German language in Vietnam for 12-18 months and will then take language proficiency exam. Successful ones will then advance to Germany for professional courses of three years and work in Germany. This is the seventh edition of such recruitment. This recruitment is a cooperation between the CoLAB and Germany's Vivantes Forum for Seniors Ltd. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [colab](#) Dec 6)

Vietnam Recruiting 70 Caregivers to Work in Japan

The CoLAB, under the MoLISA, is recruiting 70 female caregivers to work in Japan. The CoLAB will receive applications until December 20, 2020. Qualified people will learn Japanese language for eight-11 months in Vietnam, then will take language proficiency test, and do internship in Japan with payment. Upon completion of their internship, labourers will return to Vietnam with a support of about VND40 million (\$1,716) each. Besides, the DoLAB, also under the MoLISA, is conducting the ninth recruitment of caregivers to work in Japan. The recruitment is scheduled to end on December 10. The eight previous recruitments selected 1,670 people and 1,340 have departed to Japan. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [colab](#) Dec 2)

S. Korean SMEs Tend to Expand Investment to Many Vietnamese Localities

South Korean small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) tend to expand their investment to many localities in Vietnam, according to a virtual conference hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade to promote South Korean investment in Vietnam. 25 South Korean firms were



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connected with 13 industrial parks in Vietnam at the event on December 2. As of September 20, the total pledged South Korean investment in Vietnam reached \$70.1 billion, making up 18.4% of the country's total attracted foreign investment. As many as 8,900 South Korean firms have so far been operating in Vietnam and they are estimated to have used one million Vietnamese labourers and contributed 25% to Vietnam's exports. ([ThoiBaoTaiChinh](#) Dec 2)

1,200 Candidates Join Samsung's Recruitment Test GSAT in Vietnam

Samsung Electronics Vietnam (SEV) on December 5 held the Global Samsung Aptitude Test (GSAT), also the second edition in the year, in Hanoi for over 1,200 Vietnamese engineers and bachelor's degree holders. Besides, Samsung Vietnam will carry on other human resource training programs, including Samsung Talent Program, Smart Library scholarship, and Samsung Tech Institute, among others. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 5)

Taiwan Accepts Vietnamese Labourers in 7 More Jobs

Taiwan had opened to receive foreign labourers, including Vietnamese ones, in seven additional jobs of chicken breeding, pig breeding, cow breeding, goat breeding, orchid cultivation, mushroom cultivation, and vegetable cultivation. The Department of Overseas Labour (DoLAB), under the MoLISA, added that the procedures of those new jobs are similar to those of processing and milk cow breeding. ([An Ninh Thu Do](#), [Phu Nu Vietnam](#), [Bao Ha Tinh](#), [dolab](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Dec 2)

Bac Lieu to Spend VND83B on Sending 1,300 Labourers abroad in 2021-2025

Bac Lieu province's DoLISA has completed the scheme on sending 1,300 labourers to work overseas in 2021-2025, with a total expense of VND83 billion. Under the scheme, the province will annually send 300 labourers to South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. ([NLD](#) Dec 5)

EVFTA to Bring Opportunities, Challenges to Vietnam's Bank Sector: Experts

The EVFTA, that has come into effect since August 1 this year, is said to bring about opportunities and challenges to Vietnam's banking and financial sector. The EVFTA will also affect positively the labour market in the financial and banking sector, thus improving labourers' wages. ([Tap Chi Tai Chinh](#) Dec 5)

Vietnam's Industrial Property Becomes Attractive for Investment on 2 Factors

Vietnam's industrial property has become attractive for foreign investors, who intend to relocate their investment, thanks to two factors of tax policies and trends of relocating production chain to Southeast Asia. First, Vietnam has been among Asian countries with the most competitive tax policies. Second, multinational producers, especially in the hi-tech product manufacturing sector, tend to relocate their production chains to Vietnam and some Southeast Asian countries to reduce



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costs. Labour costs in some regional countries like China and Malaysia have currently tripled those in Vietnam. ([VietnamNet](#) Dec 4)

UNDP to Offer Japan-aided Digital Biz Training to Vietnamese with Disabilities

With the funding of the Japanese government, the UN Development Program (UNDP), in partnership with the Vocational Training Centre, under the Hanoi Blind Association, will proceed with a four-month digital business training program in the virtual format for 22 Vietnamese trainees with visual impairments. The information was revealed at a conference on digital entrepreneurship opportunities for persons with disabilities co-existing with the COVID-19 pandemic, held in Hanoi on December 1. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#), [en.Dang Cong San](#) Dec 1)

Grab Vietnam Raises Car Fares Per New Tax Regulations, Drivers on Strike

The Vietnamese affiliate of Singapore-headquartered ride hailer Grab started to apply higher mobility rates from December 5 per Vietnam's new tax policy, which resulted in hundreds of drivers turning off Grab mobile application as strike against the fare changes. Grab Vietnam announced to its driver partners about the new rates as in line with the government's Decree 126/2020/ND-CP regulating a surge of 3%-10% in value-added tax (VAT) for each technology vehicle, and to ensure the income for the drivers. ([CafeF](#), [VietnamNet](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [VietnamNet](#), [Zing](#), [Vietnam Finance](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [VTV](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [VnExpress](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Genk](#) Dec 7)

Domestic News

15% of Secondary School Graduates in Vietnam Go to Vocational Training in 2019

The rate of secondary school graduates in Vietnam advancing to vocational training in 2019 was 15%, up from 8% in 2011-2015, the DVET informed at a conference on December 3 on college-level vocational training for secondary school graduates. Vietnam currently does not allow secondary school learners to advance to college-level vocational training, but they must first go to intermediate-level vocational training and then complete exam to advance to college-level vocational training. Earlier in May, the Prime Minister asked the MoLISA to make a piloting scheme on letting secondary school graduates skip intermediate-level vocational training and advance to college-level vocational training. The DVET, under the MoLISA, noted that on average, Vietnam annually has 5.3 million secondary school learners and 1.3 million secondary school graduates. As of November 2020, the vocational training system recruited 1.94 million learners, or 86% of the plan. So far, 195,000 secondary school learners have graduated and advanced to vocational training. ([DVET](#), [Phap Luat](#), [DDK](#), [Hanoi Moi](#) Dec 3)

Vietnam's Labour Market to Remain Gloomy in 2021 due to COVID-19: Experts

The COVID-19 pandemic has been basically put under control in Vietnam, but not yet in the world, so it is very difficult for Vietnam's labour market to have a bright prospect in 2021 nor to



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recover to the pre-COVID-19 level, experts said. Ms. Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, former director of the ministry-run Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs (ILSSA), listed some positive signs, including the good prospect of a vaccine, Vietnam's momentum of economic growth, and predicted growth in sectors of construction and processing. She added that fulfilling the domestic demand, especially for the upcoming Tet Holiday, will be a drive for the market to recover, while waiting for better developments from outside Vietnam. Mr. Vu Quang Thanh, vice director of Hanoi job centre, stressed that the development of the market is entirely based on COVID-19 control and prevention inside and outside Vietnam. Echoing Ms. Huong, he predicted that sectors with a high prospect of recovering are service, sales, e-commerce, information-technology, and others. He also expected non-growth or even downfall for sectors of accommodation and hotel. On adaptation to the problem, they suggested that Vietnam should train unemployed people for new jobs and enhance or add new skills to employed people, in order to prepare for a shift in the labour market. ([CafeF](#), [VnEconomy](#) Dec 7)

Vietnam Collects Labour Data from 20M Households, 400K Firms Yearly in 5 Years

Vietnam has collected labour demand data from 20 million households and 400,000 firms annually in the last five years, the MoLISA informed at a conference in Hanoi on December 7 to review a project on developing the labour market and employment in 2016-2020. The MoLISA listed other achievements, including facility upgrades for 11 job service centres; 1,600 career fairs with 350-450 participants in each session; connection of labour data between sectors and localities; and career guidance for young people and students. For the 2021-2025 and 2026-2030 periods, key targets of the project are (i) boosting the rate of qualified labourers per the market demand, (ii) ensuring fair and good jobs for females and males and young people, (iii) reducing unemployed youths and untrained youths, (iv) protecting labour rights and safe working environment, and (v) setting up an information system of national labour market. Participants also pointed out that the Industry 4.0 and the participation in new-general free trade agreements (FTAs) would set up new labour standards, potentially causing problems for Vietnam. ([MoLISA](#), [Lao Dong Xa Hoi](#), [Vnanet](#), [Bao Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#) Dec 8)

Vietnamese Labourers Strong in Self-Learning, Weak in Cooperating: Survey

Vietnamese labourers are strong in self-learning and developing out-of-the-box production methods; and are weak in following discipline, cooperating, and self-managing, according to a survey on foreign investors in Vietnam. In order to prepare for the upcoming trend of foreign investments relocated to Vietnam, the country must improve vocational training, said Mr. Do Van Su, deputy head of the Foreign Investment Agency (FIA), under the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). He noted some positive developments that 80% of vocational training graduates are employed, labourers can now fulfil jobs that were previously done by foreigners, labourers in some jobs have approached world class levels, and others. However, some problems remain, such as many vocational training units remain weak; preparation for Industry 4.0 is limited; vocational training network is unbalanced between areas, jobs, scales, levels; and others. Experts pointed out that foreign investments in Vietnam would focus on information technology and high technology, supporting industry, electronics, e-commerce and logistics, and consumer goods and retails. The DVET listed some solutions for the sectors, including boosting the



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cooperation between vocational training units and businesses. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Dec 7)

Only 22% of Trained Vietnamese Labourers Have Certificates: Official

Only 22.37% of trained Vietnamese labourers have diplomas and certificates, while the others, who do not have diplomas or certificates, still have jobs and contribute to the economic development and labour productivity, which exposes a necessity of a system for standardization and recognition of occupational skills. Mr. Nguyen Chi Truong, head of the Department of Occupational Skills, under the DVET, made his remarks at a conference on occupational techniques in Hanoi late last week. Vietnam's labour productivity remains low among the region, and it is necessary to put forwards measures for the enhancement of occupational skills, he added. However, standardization and development of occupational training for labourers currently faces several challenges, including unprecedented jobs at present, skills for jobs with unprecedented technology, and stubbornness of diploma-based recruitment. Therefore, the government needs to promote the deployment of national occupational skills standards framework then changes recruitment bias. Vietnam's vocational training system's output is two million labourers annually while that figure of the higher education system is 400,000-500,000 annually. ([VietnamNet](#), [GDNN](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Zing](#) Dec 5)

Vietnam Streamlines 6,411 Veterinary Workers as of end-Oct: Ministry

Vietnam's veterinary sector had streamlined 6,411 labourers as of the end of October and five out of 63 localities now have no vet employees, according to a report by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). Currently, the country has 15,791 people working in the veterinary sector. ([Dan Viet](#) Dec 4)

FDI in Agro Sector Makes up 0.97% of Vietnam's Total Attraction: Official

Vietnam's agro-forestry-fisheries sector attracted \$3.5 billion worth of foreign direct investment (FDI) as of end-2019, equal to 0.97% of the country's total FDI attraction, said an official from the Institute for Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPSARD) at a consultation workshop in HCMC on December 3. Mr. Vu Xuan Dang from the Foreign Investment Agency (FIA) added that named some problems, such as a shortage of land fund for FDI attraction and some shortcoming in policies, along with limited skills of local labourers. ([CafeF](#), [CafeF](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Dec 3)

Deputy PM Urges Quickening of Thai Binh 2 Thermal Power Project

Deputy Prime Minister Truong Hoa Binh has ordered ministries and agencies to review legal documents related to the Thai Binh 2 thermal power project, in order to solve existing obstacles to speed up the implementation of the project. Mr. Binh made the statement at a visit to the construction site, which is located in Thai Thuy district of northern Thai Binh province, on December 5. He stressed the importance of the project as it will contribute 7.2 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) to the country and VND1 trillion (\$43.1 million) to the state budget annually as



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well as create 1,000 jobs. ([Dan Viet](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [BNews](#), [Cong Thuong](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [PetroTimes](#))

Vietnam Vietravel Airlines Receives its 1st Aircraft, Due to Take off in Dec

Vietravel Airlines Co., Ltd, owned by the country's biggest tour operator Vietnam Travel and Marketing Transports JSC (Vietravel or UPCoM: VTR), has received its first airplane, Airbus A321CEO, which is expected to take off later this month. The aircraft landed at Tan Son Nhat International Airport on December 5. Vietravel Airlines will receive two more A321 CEO airplanes in the time ahead, aiming to serve one million travellers and generate job for nearly 600 labourers in its first year of operation. ([VTV](#), [BNews](#), [CafeF](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Zing](#), [NDH](#), [BNews](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [english.Saigon Times](#), [SGGPnews](#), [Vietnam Finance](#) Dec 5)

PM Issues Urgent Document on Tightening Anti-COVID-19 Measures

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc on December 2 issued urgent Dispatch 1699/CD-TTg asking agencies and localities to tighten their management over anti-COVID-19 measures after some recent community infections in Ho Chi Minh City. He also asked agencies to tighten border control to prevent illegal entrants and maintain some international flights carrying foreign diplomats, investors, and high-skilled workers to Vietnam and bringing Vietnamese labourers overseas. These flights must follow anti-disease regulations, he highlighted, adding that the repatriation flights must be processed only for necessary ones and suitable with the local acceptance. He asked the Ministry of Transport to limit flights carrying entrants to Hanoi and supervise the isolation of flight crew members closely. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [CAND](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [VietnamNet](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [CAND](#), [NDH](#), [QDND](#), [VietnamNet](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [BNews](#), [Cong Thuong](#), [Dan Tri](#), [VietnamBiz](#) Dec 2)

Grab Does Not Operate in Vietnam as Sharing Economy: Experts

The operation of ride-hailing service Grab in Vietnam is not fully a sharing economy model, said experts and representatives from the Ministry of Transport (MoT), the Ministry of Justice (MoT), and taxi associations in Vietnam, at a discussion on sharing economy on December 8. Experts said that Grab car drivers and motorbike riders are the most vulnerable. Experts noted that Grab sees drivers and riders as partners, while they should be recognized as labourers. Grab currently has over 200,000 partners and cooperates with over 16,000 restaurants. ([Zing](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Thoi Bao Kinh Doanh](#) Dec 8)

HCM Youth Union Holds Short-term Training for 5,799 Rural Youngsters in 4 Years

The Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union's Central Committee has used VND13 billion from the state budget to hold 167 short-term TVET classes for 5,799 youngsters in rural areas in 2017-2020. The figure includes 33 classes of five jobs in 2017, 30 classes of six jobs in 2018, 48 classes of six jobs in 2019, and 56 classes of eight jobs in 2020. ([Tien Phong](#) Dec 7)



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100 Firms in 6 Northern Localities Recruit Online

100 firms from Hanoi, Hai Duong, Bac Ninh, Bac Giang, Thai Nguyen, and Vinh Phuc on December 3 joined an online recruitment. Those firms are in sectors of manufacturing, IT, construction, business, import-export, customer care, reception, accounting, and others. Headhunters in Hanoi said that the recruitments would increase 10%-15% q/q, amid the controlled COVID-19 epidemic and the upcoming Tet Holiday. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Tin Tuc](#) Dec 3)

Bac Giang DoLISA Has New Director

Nguyen Tien Coi, director of Bac Giang Department of Finance, was appointed Director of Bac Giang DoLISA from December 1. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 4)

Bac Ninh Holds 13 Mobile Job Fairs in 2020

The job service centre in northern Bac Ninh province has so far this year organized 13 mobile job fairs, attracting over 50 enterprises and 1,100 labourers, students. Some notable recruiters include Foxconn Vietnam, Vivaxan Van Xuan JSC, and Sumitomo Vietnam, and others. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 8)

Nghe An Ensures Vocational Training for Learners of Ethnic Minorities

Nghe An province ensures vocational training for learners of ethnic minorities. People of ethnic minorities make up 30%-50% of learners in some TVET schools. Boarding intermediate-level school for ethnic minorities recruited 460 learners this year, including 438 of ethnic minorities. Viet – Duc vocational college has 50% of learners being people of ethnic minorities. ([GD TD](#) Dec 3)

Nghe An Hosts Competition of Vocational Training Teachers

Nghe An DoLISA hosted a teaching conference of TVET teachers on December 1-4. The event featured 52 teachers from 17 units, representing 2,500 teachers. Winners will represent Nghe An at the national teaching competition 2021. ([DDK](#) Dec 3)

Vietnamese Students' Thermometer Robots Exported to U.S.

Ninety body temperature measurement robots, invented by a group of students from Ly Tu Trong College in Ho Chi Minh City, have been exported to the United States. Such robots can measure temperature at a distance of 30-50 centimetres, versus two-ten centimetres in normal machines. Notably, the measurement lasts only one second, which helps reduce labourers for manual measurement and sterilization, and ease congestions at schools, firms, and supermarkets.



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Similar machines, which won the first prize of Startup Kite 2020, have been operating at Ly Tu Trong College since March when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the peak. ([DVET](#) Dec 5)

University of IT in HCMC offers 2,000 Jobs to students

University of IT, under Vietnam National University HCMC, on December 5 hosted a career fair with 25 businesses and 2,000 jobs and internships for 2,000 students. Firms are in sectors of IT and communications. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Dec 5)

HCMC Records 11 Labour Strikes YTD, down Four Cases y/y

The southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City has so far this year recorded 11 labour strikes, down by four cases compared to the same period last year. The figure is comprised of three at domestic firms and eight at foreign-invested firms. ([NLD](#) Dec 6)

HCMC Aims for GRDP Growth of above 6% in 2021

Ho Chi Minh City has set an annual gross regional domestic product (GRDP) growth goal of 6% or more in 2021 and a target for its annual GRDP per capita at some \$6,500 amid the impacts of COVID-19. The targets were released at the 23rd sitting of the HCMC People's Council on December 7. HCMC also targets to generate 140,000 jobs and reduce the unemployment rate to less than 4%. ([SaigonTimesEnglish](#), [Zing](#) Dec 8)