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● Policies ●

Vietnam to Update Minimum Wage from 2021

Vietnam's Labour Code 2019, which will become effective from January 1, 2021, will update the minimum wage, including the formula, sector, the government, and others. The minimum wage is defined as the lowest possible payment for labourers of the simplest task in normal working conditions, which must fulfil the minimum livelihoods of labourers and their families, per the socioeconomic conditions. Regarding the formula, the minimum wage will now be set on the basis of hourly and monthly calculation and zones, not per daily calculation nor per sector anymore. The government will now have the authorization to announce the minimum wage. Previously, the government can only announce the zonal minimum wage. About factors of the minimum wage, the current legal framework only calculates the minimum livelihood, the socioeconomic conditions, and the wage of the labour market. The new legal framework will consider factors of minimum livelihood, the wage of the labour market, the consumer price index, the economic growth, the labour demand and supply, employment and unemployment, labour productivity, and firms' ability. For the minimum wage 2021, the figures of 2020 will continue, at between VND3.07 million and VND4.42 million (\$131-\$190) per month for four zones. ([NDH](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [VOV](#) Dec 13)

Vietnam Asks Firms to Report on Year-end Wage, Bonuses by Dec 27

The MoLISA has asked local DoLISAs to collect information about wages, unpaid wages, and bonuses of firms for the year-end occasions by December 27. The MoLISA ordered DoLISAs to collect information from one-member limited liability companies with the state holding 100% of the stake, companies with the state holding some stakes, firms with foreign investments, and non-public businesses. The MoLISA requested the focus on possible unpaid wages of firms in sectors of footwear, apparel, fisheries processing, and wood processing. Regarding the bonuses for the upcoming Lunar New Year (Tet Holiday), many experts and businesses representatives have already predicted lower figures than those of last years, while blaming COVID-19 pandemic. ([CafeF](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#), [CafeF](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Tien Phong](#), [PLO](#), [Dan Tri](#) Dec 10)

Vietnam Should Further Ease COVID-19 Relief Package: VCCI

Vietnam should further ease the COVID-19 relief package, including the preferential loans for firms to pay wages, representatives of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) said at a conference on December 8. The event, hosted by the VCCI and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), focused on policies for small firms and methods to ease the differences between policy and implementation. The VCCI complained that the implementation is weak. Per the package of VND16 trillion, only 75 firms had borrowed loans to pay wages for 3,851 labourers as of November 27. ([VietnamNews](#), [BNews](#), [Cong Thuong](#), [Thoi Bao Tai Chinh Vietnam](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [VTV](#), [CafeF](#), [VTV](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Dec 9)



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Vietnam Labour Ministry Still Has to Fulfil 8 Gov't Projects in 2020

The MoLISA has fulfilled 29 governmental projects and still has eight others to fulfil in 2020, the MoLISA discussed on December 8. Originally, the MoLISA was assigned 54 projects from the government in 2020. The ministry then merged and adjusted them into 37 projects. Deputy Minister Le Van Thanh asked relevant agencies to submit two kid-related projects by December 15, another on improving the labour market towards 2030 by December 18, and five others by December 20. At the meeting, some officials listed problems for the slow progress, including the long surveys, COVID-19 impacts, update to accompany the Communist Party of Vietnam's draft documents for the 13th national congress, and others. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 8)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Germany GIZ Seeks to Cooperate with Vietnam in Digitalizing Vocational Training

The GIZ seeks to cooperate and help Vietnam in digitalization of vocational training, said Dr. Juergen Hartwig, director of the GIZ-run Program Reform of TVET in Vietnam, at a conference last week on developing TVET. Mr. Juergen Hartwig noted that the GIZ could help Vietnam in updating the policies, cooperating with high-quality TVET schools to enhance teachers, pushing cooperation with businesses, and others. He added that the GIZ also wants to help Vietnam in setting up skill councils for sectors. Ms. Regina Ecker, country director of GIZ Vietnam, stressed that the key to successful digitalization is human resources, not the machine, adding that training program should focus more on soft skills. The MoLISA issued Circular 33/2018 to regulate distance teaching within TVET in December 2018. Besides, the DVET is drafting a project on training and retraining the workforce to adapt to Industry 4.0. ([DVET](#) Dec 10)

Vietnam Vocational Training Must Follow Trend of Digitalization: Director

Vietnam's vocational training system must follow the trend of digitalization, in order to improve the workforce and utilize opportunities from the Industry 4.0, said General Director Truong Anh Dung of the DVET. Mr. Dung made the statement at the annual workshop with development partners in vocational training. The event in Hanoi on December 8 featured the theme of vocational training in the context of digital transformation and Industry 4.0. Mr. Dung listed Vietnam's efforts, including the prime minister's Directive 24/CT-TTg on boosting the skilled workforce and labour productivity, targets of the workforce approaching ASEAN-4 level in 2030 and G20 level in 2045. At the event, Mr. Sebastian Paust from the German Embassy in Vietnam suggested that Vietnam should update the standards of vocational training outcome, teaching and learning methods, and digitalization. He added that Vietnam is facing problems of middle-income traps and the aging population. ([DVET](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Dec 8)

Vietnam Hosts Conference to Push ASEAN-APO Cooperation in Productivity

Vietnam's Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) held a conference about the cooperation



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between ASEAN and the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) in enhancing productivity in Hanoi on December 10-11. Speaking at the event, Minister of Science and Technology Huynh Thanh Dat stressed the significance of science and technology in accelerating the labour productivity, growth quality, and competitiveness capacity of enterprises and the economy. Besides, Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam Yamada Takio said that the Japanese government always stood ready to back Vietnam and ASEAN member states in improving labour productivity. ([MOST](#), [MOST](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#) Dec 11)

Vietnam Finds It Hard to Fulfil Half of Labour Export Target in 2020

The MoLISA has lowered the labour export target this year to 70,000, from the previous 130,000; however, it is still hard for the country to fulfil the new goal. The situation is attributed to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The latest data from the DoLAB showed that Vietnam sent 54,307 labourers overseas in the first 11 months of this year, equal to 77.6% of the adjusted target and down 59.1% y/y. Japan was the biggest recipient of Vietnamese guest workers in the period with 27,325 labourers, followed by Taiwan with 23,403 labourers, South Korea with 1,077 labourers, Romania with 481 labourers, China with 464 labourers, Singapore with 341 labourers, Uzbekistan with 227 labourers, and Algeria with 150 labourers. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [Chinh Phu](#) Dec 14)

Vietnam Recruiting Caregivers, Interns to Work in Japan

The CoLAB and the DoLAB, under the MoLISA, are recruiting caregivers and interns for sectors of manufacturing and construction to work in Japan. The CoLAB is cooperating with the International Manpower Development Organization, Japan (IM Japan) to recruit 90 people. They will receive applications until February 28, 2021. Qualified people will have Japanese language courses and other courses in Hanoi for six-eight months and then work in Japan for three-five years. Their wages in Japan are between VND18 million (\$772) and VND20 million per month. Upon correct homecoming of ending the terms in Japan, they can receive VND120 million-VND180 million to launch their startups and other support of VND80 million. The DoLAB is recruiting nurses and caregivers to work in Japan. This is the ninth edition of such recruitment. Qualified people will learn Japanese language courses for 12 months and then advance to Japan to work. The DoLAB will receive applications until January 15, 2021. Their wages in Japan are between VND30 million and VND35 million per month. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [colab](#), [Saigon Times](#), [DoLAB](#) Dec 12-13)

Austrian Firms Keen on Vietnamese Consumer Goods: Officials

Many Austrian firms have a huge demand for goods of Vietnam's strengths such as consumer goods, apparel, and coffee, officials revealed at the B2B Matching Webinar on Trade Promotion and Cooperation between Entrepreneurs from Austria and Vietnam 2020, at an event on December 10. Mr. Thomas Zopfl, director of SBA Cigare and Plug Paper / MD Wattenspapier - Delfort Group, assessed that more Austrian firms would select Vietnam to boost investment and



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expand business operation thanks to its geographical location, skilful labour forces, completed infrastructure, and the government's favourable policies. ([Cong Thuong](#), [Vinanet](#) Dec 13)

Vietnam's Footwear Industry Can Attract More FDI per CPTPP, EVFTA

Vietnam's footwear industry will likely have chances to boost exports and welcome more foreign direct investment (FDI) thanks to the country's participation of free trade agreements, especially the CPTPP and the EVFTA. Vietnam is a priority of firms which want to diversify their production facilities, said CEO of DHL Express Vietnam Shoeib Reza Choudhury, adding that foreign firms are attracted by young skilful labour forces in Vietnam and its participation in FTAs with many big economies. ([Dau Tu](#) Dec 13)

South Korea Willing to Further Cooperate with Vietnam in Education: Diplomat

South Korea is willing to boost ties with Vietnam in the field of education and training, and human resource development, said South Korean Ambassador to Vietnam Park Noh Wan. The diplomat made the statement at the meeting with the Vietnamese Minister of Education and Training Phung Xuan Nha on December 11. He also suggested the ambassador share experiences of South Korea's strengths such as systems of statistics, information management in education, and forecasting human resources, and higher education systems, notably non-public universities. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#), [MOET](#) Dec 11)

India's Third-largest Tech Firm HCL Announces Official Investment in Vietnam

India's third-largest technology firm HCL Group on December 10 made an official announcement about its investment scheme in Vietnam. Addressing the ceremony, Vice Chairman of the group Sanjay Gupta said that HCL wants to make Vietnam its largest business centre in Southeast Asia, as well as sharpen local human resources, such as via cooperation programs with Vietnamese universities, to deploy high-tech services to transnational enterprises. HCL Technologies on December 10 said it has set up its first delivery centre in Hanoi and plans to hire more than 3,000 people over the next three years. ([VietnamBiz](#), [MIC](#), [Dan Tri](#), [Dau Tu](#) Dec 10)

India's Third-largest Tech Firm HCL to Open Office in Vietnam Early 2021

Mr. Sanjay Gupta, vice chairman of India's HCL Group, informed his firm's investment scheme in Vietnam, including the plan to open an office in January 2021 and construct an organizational structure with 8,000 employees within the next four years. The executive made the remark while having a meeting with Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Information and Communications Phan Tam in Hanoi on December 8. ([CafeF](#), [NDH](#), [CafeBiz](#), [VnEconomy](#), [ToQuoc](#), [MIC](#) Dec 9)

U.S. Cargill Invests \$160M in Vietnam's Animal Feed Sector so far: Exec.

The United States' Cargill, Incorporated has to date invested over \$160 million in Vietnam, said



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Mr. John Fering, Managing Director of Cargill Animal Nutrition (CAN) Thailand and Vietnam, at a press conference in Hanoi on December 9. Cargill currently has nearly 1,500 employees in Vietnam. Since 1997, Cargill has trained over 1.7 million farmers in animal health and nutrition, as well as farm management. ([Nong Nghiep Viet Nam](#) Dec 9)

HCMC Approves Entry of 3,000 Foreign Labourers since Jul: DoLISA

Ho Chi Minh City has permitted entry of nearly 3,000 foreign investors, experts, executives, and high-skilled labourers since July, according to the municipal DoLISA. The city now has nearly 28,000 overseas labourers from over 140 countries and territories, working at 4,000 enterprises. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 11)

Vietnam, Japan Joint Initiative Action Plan Includes 11 Issues in Phase VIII

The Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), the Japanese Embassy in Vietnam, and the Japan Business Association in Vietnam on December 9 held a pre-kickoff meeting on Vietnam-Japan Joint Initiative Phase 8 in Hanoi, at which the two sides agreed to include 11 issues in their joint initiative action plan. The 11 issues are (i) application of case law and fair competition, (ii) Laws on Investment and Enterprises, (iii) labour environment, (iv) Law on public-private partnership (PPP) investment, (v) state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and stock market reforms, (vi) legal frameworks related to liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, (vii) land resources, (ix) supporting industry, (x) training of high-skilled labourers, and (xi) innovation. ([Dau Tu, en.Vietnam Plus](#) Dec 9)

Agencies of Vietnam, Singapore Ink MoU on Innovation Startups Cooperation

The National Agency for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Development (NATEC), under the Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), and government-run Enterprise Singapore (ESG), under the Singaporean Ministry of Trade and Industry, on December 8 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster their cooperation on innovation startups. Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Tran Van Tung underlined the significance of innovation startups in developing the economy, handling challenges and difficulties, and creating jobs for labourers. ([MOST](#) Dec 8)

Thai Nguyen, South Korea Push Economic Ties

Thai Nguyen province on December 8 hosted a seminar on pushing the economic cooperation between it and South Korea, as well as the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to tighten the strategic partnership and specify the activities on mutual cooperative investment and support. The event featured Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Le Hoai Trung, Thai Nguyen authorities, South Korean Ambassador to Vietnam Park Noh-wan, and delegates from South Korean embassy, state agencies, economic organizations, business associations, and enterprises. Delegates focused on exchanging cooperation in the field of transport connectivity,



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support policies for specific businesses; and improve labour quality and cooperation direction to achieve efficiency of both sides. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [etime.Dan Viet](#), [Thai Nguyen](#) Dec 8)

Domestic News

Vietnam Offers 9.6M Rural Workers Vocational Training in 2010-2020: MoLISA

More than 9.6 million workers in rural areas in Vietnam have been provided with vocational training courses over the past decade, as part of a project under the Prime Minister's Decision 1956/QĐ-TTg, dated November 27, 2009, the MoLISA said. Of the total trained workers, 65% selected non-agricultural occupations, while the remainders pursued agriculture courses to work in agriculture in a comprehensive way. Finishing the courses, more than 80% of trainees got new jobs or earned better incomes from their current jobs. In the 2021-2025 period, the ministry urged localities and vocational training establishments to carry out training courses in line with new-style rural building and digital transformation progress. Priorities should be given to rural workers who lost their jobs due to natural disasters or diseases and to those with disabilities, it said. ([Hanoi Moi](#), [en.Vietnam Plus](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 14)

Vietnam May Recruit 815,000 Newly-Trained Labourers in 2021: Institute

Vietnam may need to recruit 815,000 newly-trained labourers in major jobs in 2021 and 817,000 in 2022, the National Institute for Vocational Education and Training (NIVET) forecast. The NIVET, under the DVET, the MoLISA, added that the demand for college-level labourers is 44.1% in 2021 and 43.9% in 2022, intermediate-level labourers in 36% in 2021 and 35.5% in 2022, and beginner-level labourers in 19.9% in 2021 and 20.6% in 2022. Reviewing 2019, the NIVET said that the rate of employment among vocational training graduates was 85%, ranging from 50% to above 90% for different schools. Regarding the impacts of Industry 4.0, the NIVET suggested that schools must update their learning contents, apply more modern technology in managing and training, digitalize learning content, utilize distance learning and teaching, and others. The NIVET added that labourers-learners themselves must also adapt by learning more about the labour trends, skills, the unnecessary jobs and skills, and others. It also urged the authorities to boost the vocational training courses for secondary school graduates, by fixing issue of vague amount of general education contents within vocational training. Earlier in June 2020, the Prime Minister issued a decision on “national digital transformation program by 2025 and orientations toward 2030,” under which the educational sector is the priority for the digital transformation during Industry 4.0. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Dec 11)

Vietnam Must Boost Labour Productivity to Avoid Middle-Income Trap: Experts

Vietnam must boost the labour productivity to avoid the lower middle-income trap, experts said at an online conference on December 11 on modernizing the labour market until 2030, with a vision to 2045. Mr. Vu Trong Binh, head of the employment department, under the MoLISA, noted that the labour market has developed strongly in the last decade, especially in connecting the Mekong Delta region and Red River Delta with foreign market. However, there remain problems of shortage of labour information, weak adaptation to Industry 4.0, and others, he



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added. Ms. Ngo Quynh An from the National Economics University (NEU) said that Vietnam's employments currently help labourers survive the day and it would take a long time to connect employment to sustainable economic and socioeconomic development. Mr. Bui Sy Loi, vice head of the National Assembly (NA)'s Committee for Social Affairs, informed that only 20 million out of 56 million labourers in Vietnam have labour contracts, so many people are under no protection. At the event, participants discussed the MoLISA's project on developing the labour until 2030 and another on connecting the labour demand and supply. Major discussions were about jobs for vulnerable people, attraction of foreign experts, training and retraining of labourers to adapt to Industry 4.0, jobs for agricultural labourers without getting out of rural areas, and others. ([Dai Doan Ket](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 14)

Tuoi Tre Newspaper, DVET, MoET Halt Career Path Day 2021

Tuoi Tre newspaper, the higher education department of the MoET, and the DVET of the MoLISA will halt the career path-university entrance day 2021 due to COVID-19 problem. Further agenda will be announced later. The organizers are still receiving applications to hold booths within the events in Hanoi, HCMC, and Can Tho. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Dec 10)

College-Level Vocational Training for Grade 9 Students still Has Problems

The MoLISA is pushing a scheme of letting grade 9 students advance to college-level vocational training. However, such scheme still has problems of low output and the shortage of qualified teachers, experts said. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Dec 12)

Vietnam Lacks High-Skilled Construction Workers: Association

Vietnam currently has 78,000 businesses operating in the construction sector with four million labourers, but the ratio of high-skilled ones is very limited, said Chairman Nguyen Quoc Hiep of the Vietnam Association of Construction Contractors. He noted that labourers with college or intermediate-level school certificates account for only 11.8%. Besides, the ratio of top-skilled workers (level 6 and level 7) is only 7%. He noted another problem that the sector is having too many engineers and too few workers. He explained that the optimal ratio of engineers to professional workers to trainees should be one to four to ten. But such ratio in Vietnam is currently at one to 1.3 to 0.5. He suggested a solution of boosting vocational training, such as training per demand, updating learning contents, boosting investments in learning facilities, enhancing benefits for trainers, and others. ([Kinh Te Do Thi](#) Dec 11)

Profits from Vietnam's Handicrafts Exports 5-10 Times Higher than Other Sectors

Profits from shipments of Vietnam's handicrafts are 5-10 times higher than those from other sectors, said Vietnam Handicraft Exporters Association (VIETCRAFT). The handicraft is among sectors with great export potential and high profit margin. It can create jobs for 3,000-5,000 labourers, the association said, adding that Vietnam targets to export \$5 billion worth of



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handicrafts in 2025. ([Thoi Bao Kinh Doanh](#) Dec 15)

Vietnam Sees Grab Drivers, Riders as Labourers, not Grab Partners: Lawyers

Regardless of the wording in the contract, Vietnam recognizes the relations between ride-hailing service Grab and its car drivers and motorbike riders as labour relations, lawyers said, amid the ongoing dispute between the two sides. Grab itself claims that it is a service of connecting travellers and drivers/riders and regards the drivers/riders as partners. Vietnam's Labour Code stipulates that agreements, regardless of the name, are labour contracts if they have terms about payments, wages, and management and supervision of one side on the other. Lawyers listed key conditions to see Grab contracts as labour contracts. For example, Grab collects fees, manages (recruits and bans) drivers and riders, sets the bonuses and penalties on drivers and riders, applies ratings and rules on uniforms on drivers and riders, and others. Some drivers criticized that Grab twisted the wording to evade paying overtime work, social insurance premium, and other benefits for them. There are currently about 200,000 Grab drivers and riders in Vietnam. ([Zing](#), [VTV](#), [Dat Viet](#), [VTV](#) Dec 9)

Ride-Hailing Services in Vietnam Recruit 350K, Including University Graduates

Ride-hailing services in Vietnam, including Grab and Gojek, currently have about 350,000 car drivers and motorbike riders, including many university students and graduates, posing risks to the country's workforce, the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) complained. Data showed that Grab has partnered with over 16,000 restaurants and 200,000 drivers and riders, including over 100,000 motorbikes. Gojek has partnered with over 150,000 drivers and riders and 80,000 restaurants. The MPI noted a problem that many university graduates join ride-hailing services, while normally, only young people without high skills and elder people are recruited for these jobs. This led to problems of jobs for young people with high skills. The MPI suggested solutions for boosting vocational training, such as improving the learning contents, training for people to switch jobs, promoting vocational training, enhancing career path guidance for secondary school and high school graduates, building systems of forecasting job demand and supply, and others. Nevertheless, the MPI listed positive developments from such ride-hailing services, such as better utilization of not-in-use resources (cars and motorbikes), better use of resources (higher seat occupancy in cars), deployment of non-cash payment, improvement to the markets of human transportation, and others. ([VnEconomy](#))

Hanoi Adopts \$41M Plan on Support for SMEs in 2021-2025

Hanoi People's Council on December 9 approved a plan on support for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) citywide in 2021-2025, with the estimated expenditure of VND957 billion (\$41.25 million), including VND832 billion from the city's budget. The plan centres on promoting public administrative reform and e-public services and improving the provincial competitiveness index (PCI). During the period, Hanoi strives to have around 150,000 new enterprises and add 1.5 million jobs. ([Hanoi Moi](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#) Dec 9)



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Nam Dinh Province Gives TVET to over 23K People since 2010

The northern province of Nam Dinh has provided TVET to 23,082 people since 2010 per a scheme approved in the Prime Minister's Decision 1956/QĐ-TTĐ dated November 27, 2009, according to the provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The figure includes 1,940 labourers in 2020, equal to 62.5% of the year's target. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 14)

TVET Institutes, Bizs in Thai Nguyen Join Hands to Train 4,300 Labourers in 2019-2020

TVET institutes and businesses in northern Thai Nguyen province has worked together to train 4,300 labourers per orders in the 2019-2020 period. ([Doanh Nghiep Vietnam](#) Dec 14)

TVET Institutes in Thanh Hoa Facing Multiple Difficulties

Nearly 90 TVET institutes in central Thanh Hoa province are facing multiple difficulties. One of the biggest challenges is a lack of learners despite preferential policies, in terms of learning conditions, tuition fees, and job commitment. Besides, such facilities are facing a shortage of modern and synchronized training-teaching equipment and accredited teachers. ([Bao Thanh Hoa](#) Dec 14)

190,000 Rural Labourers in Khanh Hoa Get Vocational Training

Khanh Hoa province provided vocational training to 190,000 labourers in 2010-2020, including 61,000 had some support in tuition fees. Besides, there were 36,344 people receiving vocational training worth VND66 billion per Project 1956. Additionally, the rate of employment after graduation is 91%. ([Khanh Hoa](#) Dec 14)

Khanh Hoa Supporting Vocational Training in Biz

Khanh Hoa DoLISA has been supporting TVET schools, researching the demand of businesses in the province. So far in 2020, TVET schools has trained 1,000 labourers for 50 businesses with VND2 billion, with no tuition fees for learners and businesses. ([Khanh Hoa](#) Dec 14)

1st-Phase Long Thanh Airport Proj May Contribute 1% to Vietnam's GDP: Official

Deputy Minister of Transport Le Anh Tuan has quoted some consultants as estimating that the first-phase to-be-built Long Thanh international airport in the southern province of Dong Nai would contribute 1% to Vietnam's GDP and generate 200,000 new jobs. ([CafeF](#), [Bao Dong Nai](#))

Dong Nai's 199th Job Fair Attracts 20 Firms with 1,000 Vacancies

The southern province of Dong Nai has recently held its 199th job fair, with the participation of 20 businesses, who recruited nearly 1,000 labourers. ([NLD](#) Dec 12)



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TVET Schools Suffering from COVID-19

Many TVET schools are suffering from lower income due to COVID-19 impacts. Notable names are Bach Khoa Saigon College, Information Technology College HCMC, Dai Viet Saigon College, HCMC Polytechnic College, and others. The problem is that COVID-19 forced learners to stay at home or to abandon learning, hence the schools faced lower income from tuition fees. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Dec 11)

85% of Rural Labourers in Dong Thap Get Jobs after Training

Up to 85% of labourers in rural areas of southern Dong Thap province have got jobs after training per a scheme in 2010-2020, according to a report by the provincial DoLISA at a conference on December 10. The province now has 28 TVET institutes with an enrolment scale of 21,500 learners/year. In 2011-2020, nearly 210,000 people in Dong Thap have joined vocational training, 16% above the target. In 2021-2025, the province targets to provide TVET for 75,000 labourers. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 10)