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Vietnam Allows Employees to Check Employers on 5 Issues from 2021

The Vietnamese government's recently-issued Decree 145/2020/ND-CP, which will become effective on February 1, 2021, will facilitate employees to check employers over five issues. They are (i) implementation of labour contracts and collective labour agreements, (ii) implementation of labour principles and regulations relating to rights, duties, and benefits of labourers, (iii) use of funds for rewards, welfare, and others, (iv) collection of labour union fees and premiums of social, healthcare, and unemployment insurance, and (v) emulation and rewards, punishments, and solutions to accusations relating to rights, duties, and benefits of labourers. (CAND, Lao Dong Dec 18)

Menstrual Women Entitled to Take 30-Minute Break at Work from 2021

Menstrual women shall be allowed to take a rest of up to 30 minutes per day at workplace from February next year, according to the Vietnamese Government's Decree 145/2020/ND-CP. The total length of breaks for a menstrual woman will be mutually agreed between employee and employer, and she will not have her pay cut for taking such break. In case women refuse to take rest and are approved to continue to work by recruiters, they may receive extra wages per the work volume that they perform during the break. A female labourer, who is raising a child aged under 12 months, will be allowed to take 60-minute break daily at workplace. A female employee is entitled to six months of prenatal and postnatal leave, in which the prenatal leave period shall not exceed two months. In case of a multiple birth, the leave shall be extended by one month for each child, counting from the second child. The decree also encourages employers to design lactation rooms to meet demand of female labourers, and firms having 1,000 female labourers and more will have to design lactation rooms. (Bao Chinh Phu, Bao Chinh Phu, Tuoi Tre, VietnamNet, Chinh Phu Dec 17)

Vietnam Sets Clearer Details on Sexual Harassment at Work

Vietnam's government has just issued Decree 145/2020/ND-CP, which will become effective on February 1, 2021, to guide the implementation of the Labour Code 2019, including terms about sexual harassment at work. Sexual harassment can be in the forms of proposal, request, suggestion, threat, or coercion of sexual activities for work-related benefits. Another form is that sexual activities do not aim for such targets but can make the working environment become disturbing, unsettled, and worsen the physical, mental attributes and labour productivity of victims. The decree classifies sexual harassment into physical activities, verbal activities, and non-verbal activities. Working places are defined as any places that the labourers have to work per the agreements or assignments from employers, such as places for training, social activities,





business trips, work-related meals, conversations on telephone, transportation means, and others. Employers are tasked with preventing such violations and protecting the identities and safety of the victims, the denouncers, the violators, and the denounced ones. Labour Code 2019 also allows the removal of the violators from the jobs and the uninformed resignation of the victims. (Lao Dong Dec 16)

Vietnam Bans Labour Strike in 6 Areas

Vietnam bans labour strike in six areas which could hurt the national defence, security, social order, and human health, and the government has issued Decree 145/2020/ND-CP, which will become effective on February 1, 2021, to set the detailed list of such areas. For electricity production and the power grid, the banned locations are Hoa Binh Hydropower Company, Son La Hydropower Company, the National Electricity System Control Centre (A0); Duyen Hai Thermal Power Company, under Power Generation Corporation 1 (EVNGENCO1); Phu My Thermal Power Company, under Power Generation Joint Stock Corporation 3 (EVNGENCO 3, UPCoM: PGV); and power transmission companies under the Vietnam Electricity National Power Transmission Corporation (EVNNPT). Regarding exploration and exploitation of oil and gas, the banned locations are Southwest Pipeline Operating Company, Petrovietnam Domestic Exploration Production Operating Co Ltd, Vietgazprom, eight firms of PetroVietnam Gas Corporation (PV Gas, HOSE: GAS), and Vietsovpetro. Regarding aviation and navigation safety, the banned locations are Vietnam Air Traffic Management Corporation (VATM); Noi Bai, Tan Son Nhat, Danang, Cam Ranh, and Can Tho airports; Vietnam Maritime Safety-North (VMS-North); VMS-South; Vinacomin - Pilot Company Limited; and Vietnam Maritime Communication and Electronics LLC. For information and communication infrastructure, the banned ones are Viettel Networks Corporation under Viettel Military Industry and Telecoms Group (Viettel) and VNPT Net Corporation under Vietnam Post and Telecommunications Group (VNPT). Others are water suppliers, water drainage firms, and environmental firms of centrallyrun cities; and firms serving national defence and security per the government's Decree 93/2015/ND-CP. As a result, labour conflicts at those locations must not be settled by labour strike but followed another process. (Dan Tri Dec 17)

Vietnam Social Security Adds 15 Procedures on Nat'l Public Service Portal

The Vietnam Social Security (VSS) has so far integrated 15 public services, administrative procedures, and intersectional ones on the National Public Service Portal (NPSP). In the period, the VSS has received over 220 reviews and opinions about the online payment extension for household health insurance, lift hindrances for firms and labourers due to the COVID-19, and others. (Lao Dong, Nhan Dan, VnExpress, Suc Khoe Doi Song, An Ninh Thu Do Dec 15)

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Advisory Board Meeting to Implement In-company Training for Two New Occupations at VCMI

On December 17, the first Advisory Board meeting for the two occupations Mechanics for Sanitary, Heating and Climate technology (SHC) and Electronics for Energy and Building technology (EEB) took place at the College of Machinery and Irrigation (VCMI), Dong Nai province. More than 20 representatives from Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Association, managers and trainers of partner companies, Vocational Training Unit -Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Dong Nai province (DoLISA Dong Nai), GIZ's experts and staff attended the meeting. During the meeting, the GIZ's German experts and VCMI teachers presented to the members of the Advisory Board on the cooperative training concept, structure and content of the German standard oriented training programmes developed for the two new occupations. At the same time, participants were introduced and asked for feedback on the Constitution of Advisory Boards which were updated and revised by VCMI. With the coordination of the Advisory Boards' Chairman – Mr Tran Van Thang – Vice Rector of VCMI, Advisory Boards' members actively engaged in discussion and agreed on preliminary plans and coordinating methods among stakeholders to implement the first in-company training phase at partner companies in 2021. The meeting ended with the activity of admitting new companies to the two Advisory Boards. Mr Nguyen Hoang Hiep – Deputy Director of Mien Dong Construction Mechanical Refrigeration Electrical Corporation gave his opinion: "The two occupations trained at VCMI are oriented on the demand of businesses, and the cooperative training concept has the potential to save resources for companies as the future labour force will not need to be retrained. The establishment of the two Advisory Boards fosters the involvement of the business sector in TVET and improve the quality of demand-oriented training." This activity was held within the component "Supporting High-Quality TVET Institutes" 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 Dec 21)

DVET Seeks to Build Reference Framework on Vietnam-ASEAN Skills

The DVET on December 21 hosted a workshop on connecting Vietnam's national occupational skills standards framework with the ASEAN ones. The discussion focused on the structure of the education and training system, roles and responsibilities of state agencies, description of national standards, and others. Participants also discussed connection between training and employment. (Bao Dan Sinh, DVET Dec 21)

Vietnam, ASEAN Hold Online Conference on Work-based Learning

The Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) on December 18 held a virtual meeting with ASEAN countries on building the learning programs based on employment to narrow the skills gap between reality and socio-economic development requirements. The conference featured representatives of education ministries of ten ASEAN countries, embassies of ASEAN countries, UNESCO, and the MoLISA. Participants from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, and







Thailand also shared experiences in implementing work-based training programs from global outreach, developing vocational training, and handling the employment issue through promoting the model of schools cooperating with enterprises. (<u>VTV</u>, <u>MoET</u>, <u>Giao Duc Thoi Dai</u>, <u>Bao Dan Sinh</u>, <u>Dan Viet Dec 19</u>)

Vietnam Sci-Tech Ministry, USABC Discuss Innovation for Economic Growth

Vietnam's Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) and the U.S.-ASEAN Business Council (USABC) hosted an online conference on December 16 on innovation to push Vietnam's economic growth. USABC Senior Vice President and Regional Managing Director Michael W. Michalak listed Vietnam advantages for innovation, including abundant labour force; good education system; strong attraction of foreign investments; and the high credibility in math, biological research, and agricultural research. (QDND, MoST Dec 22)

Vietnam, Israel Modify Air Transport Pact, Eveing Bilateral Direct Flight

Vietnam and Israel on December 21 inked a protocol amending the bilateral air transport agreement. The signing was made by Vietnamese Ambassador to Israel Do Minh Hung and Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi in Jerusalem city. During the meeting, the two diplomats also touched on several key cooperation issues, including the beginning of negotiations for a bilateral agreement on labour cooperation, particularly in agriculture. (VietnamNews, Tin Tuc, Vietnam Plus, Tap Chi Thong Tin Doi Ngoai Dec 22)

India Willing to Help Khanh Hoa Train 1K High-quality Labours

India is willing to support Khanh Hoa province in training 1,000 high-quality labourers for free or with budget expense, said Indian Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City Madan Mohan Sethi while meeting with Chairman of the provincial People's Committee Nguyen Tan Tuan on December 16. Public education facilities in India stand ready to offer short-term training courses to Khanh Hoa healthcare workers, the diplomat added. (Bao Khanh Hoa, Cong An Khanh Hoa Dec 16)

15 Trainers Graduate from Daikin Vietnam's Training Program

15 out of 16 trainers have graduated from a training program in 2020, which is a cooperation between Daikin Vietnam, a member of Japan's air conditioner giant Daikin Group, and the DVET. Representatives of Daikin Vietnam and the DVET had a meeting on December 16 to review the cooperation in 2020 and set targets for 2021. Daikin highly rated this result, noting that the normal graduation rate is 60%-70%. For 2021, Daikin seeks to have a higher role in such training, such as building outcome requirements, setting labour skill standards, picking vocational training schools for the program, and others. DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung hailed the cooperation with Daikin, proposing Daikin boost the cooperation with all vocational training schools in relevant sectors. Both sides also discussed virtual classes for







vocational training schools. (<u>DVET</u>, <u>Bao Dan Sinh</u> Dec 17)

Binh Duong Urges Japan to Promote Investment in Major Transport Projs

Binh Duong expects Japan to speed up legal procedures about capital support for major transport projects in the province, said Secretary of the provincial Party Committee Tran Van Nam at a meeting with Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam Yamada Takio on December 19. So far, 15 Japanese firms have chosen Binh Duong as their investment destination, he noted, suggesting the province strengthen the training of high-quality human resources to meet the demand of Japanese investors. The Japanese Embassy is willing to offer personnel assistance to teach labourers Japanese language, the ambassador added. (BNews, Vietnam Plus Dec 19)

Dong Nai Grants 2.1K Foreigners Entry Permits in May-Dec

Between May and December 15, Dong Nai issued entry permits to 2,100 foreign experts, managers, and high-skilled labourers from 707 firms, according to the provincial People's Committee. Of these, 1,858 foreigners work for 656 firms inside industrial parks, and the remaining 242 are staff from 51 businesses outside industrial parks. Also, the province allowed the entry of 118 foreigners who are relatives of mentioned-above arrivals, nine Laotian students, and other cases as regulated. (Bao Dong Nai Dec 21)

Terre des Hommes Grants \$34K to Vietnam Locality for Child Edu Centre Proj

Chairman of the People's Committee in Vietnam's central Thanh Hoa province has approved the reception of EUR30,000 (\$33,900) in official development assistance (ODA) from the German organization Terre des Hommes, for an education centre project for children with disabilities. Once completed, the centre will provide literacy and vocational training to local children with disabilities, mental retardation, autism, and verbal and hearing impairment. (Bao Thanh Hoa Dec 18)

IBM Vows to Back Vietnam in Development of High-tech Human Resources

U.S.-based IBM Vietnam Co., Ltd pledged to support the preparation for Vietnam's future labour force in adopting advanced technologies, such as cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI), through extended cooperation with state agencies and universities to hold training courses, said IBM Vietnam's General Director Tan Jee Toon. It will coordinate with the Institution of International Experience Education and Society Health (IES), the School of Information and Communication Technology (SoICT), under Hanoi University of Technology (HUST), and Thanh Hoa province to deploy the program. (Dau Tu Dec 21)

Domestic News





Vietnam Must Improve Vocational Training Trainers to Boost Workforce: Experts

Vietnam must improve the human resources of the vocational training sectors, particularly trainers, in order to boost the sector and the country's workforce, experts said at a conference in Hanoi on December 15 on breakthroughs of vocational training development in 2021-2030. General Director Truong Anh Dung of the DVET said that the Communist Party of Vietnam sets vocational training as one of three key methods to boost the country's workforce. Experts also listed other keys for the sector's developments, including investment, school management, facilitates, learning contents, and others. Ms. Khuong Thi Nhan, head of the DVET's planning-finance department, noted targets of the sector, including recruitment of 19.8 million learners in 2021-2025 with 16.62 million for beginner-level courses, the rate of employment after graduation at 85%, the rate of trained labourers at 70%; and the recruitment of 29.1 million learners in 2025-2030 with 25.4 million for beginner-level courses, the rate of employment after graduation at 90%, and the rate of trained labourers at 75%. (DVET, Bao Dan Sinh Dec 15)

Vietnam Vocational Training System Aims to Recruit 19.8M People in 2021-2025

Vietnam aims to recruit 19.8 million people for vocational training in 2021-2025, the DVET, under the MoLISA, set the target. The target includes 3.2 million people joining college-level and intermediate-level courses. The local authorities are tasked with providing employments to at least 85% of graduates, in order to boost the country's rate of trained labourers to 70%. The DVET set guidelines, including boosting and restructuring the vocational training system per local conditions, focusing on demand of firms, enhancing trainers' abilities, and others. (An Ninh Thu Do, Hanoi Moi, Lao Dong, Vnews, Thoi Bao Tai Chinh Vietnam Dec 20)

Vietnam Targets to Improve Rate of Trained Labourers to 30% in 2025

Vietnam targets to improve the rate of trained labourers to 30% with certificates in 2025 and 35%-40% in 2030, according to the MoLISA's draft plan on boosting the labour market. Other targets are to reach the annual labour productivity growth of 6.5% and to keep the unemployment rate at 3% and unemployment rate in urban area at below 4%. The MoLISA noted that Vietnam's labour force increased to 55.67 million people and the rate of trained labourers was 62% in 2019. However, the rate of trained labourers with certificates was only 23.68%. The draft plan also includes targets of improving information system for the labour market, reducing unemployment among young people, ensuring labour rights and safe working environment, and others. (Nguoi Lao Dong, Nong Nghiep Viet Nam Dec 20)

Vietnam Has 6.4M Migrants Aged No Less Than 5, or 7.3% of Population: GSO

Vietnam by far has had 6.4 million migrants aged five and above, accounting for 7.3% of the total population, according to a report by government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) about the results of the in-depth analysis of the 2019 population and housing census. The percentage of migrants with technical and professional qualification has jumped over the last ten years, from 22.9% in 2009 to 37.2% in 2019, which is higher than that of non-migrants. However, the







unemployment rate among migrants is 2.53%, higher than that of non-migrants (2.01%). Out of migrant labours, up to 91.4% work in fields of service, industry, and construction. (Bao Dan Sinh Dec 20)

Vietnam's GDP Growth Target of 6% Feasible for 2021: Economist

Vietnam's GDP growth target of 6% is feasible for 2021 in the normal conditions, as COVID-19 is well controlled and there are available resources in Vietnam such as labour force, commitments of free trade agreements, said Assoc. Prof.-Dr. Pham The Anh, chief economist with the Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research (VEPR). However, in the next ten years, the Vietnamese labour force will not remain abundant like now because of the structure of the population that enters the aging period. Therefore, Vietnam must shift to development based on services. (HaiQuan Dec 20)

Exhibition on Vietnam Cooperatives' Achievements in 2016-2020 Opens on Dec 20

An exhibition reviewing the development achievements of Vietnamese cooperatives and operation of the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) in 2016-2020 opened in Hanoi on December 20. The exhibition, lasting until December 22, is an important event for 26,000 cooperatives, 100 cooperative unions, nearly 120,000 cooperative groups, and over ten million members and labourers nationwide. (BNews, Bao Chinh Phu, Bao Chinh Phu, Tin Tuc, Bao Dan Sinh, Nhan Dan, Thoi Bao Tai Chinh Vietnam, QDND Dec 20)

Vietnam's Hi-tech Agriculture Facing Six Major Challenges: Council

Vietnam's high-tech agricultural sector has been facing six major challenges, said Mr. Ha Van Thang, chairman of the Vietnam Companies Agricultural Council (VCAC), at a forum in Hanoi on December 17. There is a shortage of human resources for hi-tech agriculture while workers' quality has remained limited. It is estimated that Vietnam lacks 3.2 million trained labourers for the agro sector in 2020. (Zing, Dan Viet, BNews, Thoi Bao Kinh Doanh, SGGP Dec 17)

Vietnam Allocates \$1.3M for Handicrafts Exports Promotion since 2012

The National Trade Promotion Program has spent VND30 billion (\$1.29 million) on 23 schemes to boost handicrafts exports since 2012, according to the Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency (Vietrade), under the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT). Vietnam is now home to 2,556 handicrafts villages that create 5.2 million jobs for rural labourers. (Thanh Nien Dec 17)

Vietnam Labour Confederation Regards Grab Drivers as Labourers

The contracts between ride-hailing service Grab and its car drivers and motorbike riders are labour contracts between employers and employees, said Mr. Le Dinh Quang, vice head of the labour relations department, under the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL). Mr. Quang noted that Grab itself twisted and labelled the word "partner" on the drivers. He explained





that a contract is defined as labour contract when it contains contents of paid tasks, payments, and management of one side on the other. For Grab, such contents are fares for trips, uniform, conducts during trips, and others. He added that the "partner" relations are fair relations between sides, but in the case of Grab, fairness is not available, such as Grab solely deciding the fares, not the drivers and riders. He urged Grab to update its rules and protect its labourers and suggested the State management agencies to join hands in the task. (Zing Dec 18)

Nearly 520K Vietnamese Children Work in Hazardous Conditions

Vietnam has recorded nearly 520,000 children working in hazardous conditions that affected their health, safety, and morality of children, state media reported from the latest national survey released by the MoLISA. The survey was conducted from November to December 2018 by the MoLISA and the General Statistic Office of Vietnam, along with the technical support of the ILO. Accordingly, in 2018, about one million children, making up 5.3% of Vietnamese children and adolescents between the ages of five and 17, are child workers. The child labour rate in Vietnam is 2% lower than the average of the Asia-Pacific region. The rate of children participating in economic activities in 2018 decreased to 9.1% compared with the figure in 2012 was 15.5%, said Deputy Minister Nguyen Thi Ha. According to the survey, as many as 84% of Vietnam's child labourers lived in rural regions, half of them worked in the agro-forestry-fishery sector, and about 40.5% are unpaid household workers. Besides, 40.6% of children working in hazardous conditions have to work more than 40 hours per week. The survey also pointed out the negative impacts of participation in economic activities on the school attendance of the children. The level of participation in economic activities increases, the percentage of children attending school decreases. Only half of the child labour force attended school; meanwhile, this figure in the group of child workers working in hazardous conditions is only 38.6%. However, the survey showed that the positive trend in the total number of child labourers attending school was 63%, compared with this figure in 2012 was only 43.6%. The child labour situation may rise back in Vietnam due to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters, according to the ILO in Vietnam. (Nguoi Lao Dong, Thanh Nien, Tin Tuc, Nhan Dan, Cong Luan, An Ninh Thu Do Dec 18)

Labour Market in Hanoi Improves in Nov, Labourers' Incomes Unchanged

The labour market in Hanoi had improvements in November, such as higher recruitments for sectors serving year-end holidays and lower unemployment rate; however, the incomes of labourers have yet to become better than those before the pandemic. Mr. Vu Quang Thanh, vice director of Hanoi job service centre, briefed about the labour market in the city. He listed recovering sectors, including apparel, footwear, fashion, tourism, hotel, and others, and the high recruitments for jobs of accountants, restaurant servers, sellers, and others. Nevertheless, he stressed that those sectors are still under negative impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic. He gave examples of firms with high recruitments in November, such as Canon Vietnam and Big C supermarket. Regarding December and the first quarter of 2021, he predicted that the COVID-19 still plays a key role, especially on Vietnam's trade and the labour market. If the disease is well controlled, the trade will improve, leading to higher recruitment and the monthly salary could reach VND5 million-VND8 million (\$214.59-\$344.82) on average. He added that some sectors







would see 10%-20% increase in recruitment, such as the apparel and footwear sectors would rise the recruitment by 8,000-10,000 jobs. (VOV, Cong Thuong Dec 17)

Hanoi Aims to Give TVET to 80% of People with Disabilities in 2030

Hanoi aims to have 80% of people with disabilities to have vocational training and employment in 2030. The target is 70% until 2025. (Dan Sinh Dec 15)

Hanoi to Boost TVET for Rural Labourers

Hanoi aims to boost TVET for rural labourers to improve employment. Since 2010, Hanoi opened 6,000 TVET classes for 220,000 rural labourers. Upon graduation, 80% were employed or had new jobs with better output. This enhanced the city's rate of trained labourers from 34.8% in 2010 to 70.2% in 2020. Hanoi DoLISA suggested the State give more preferential policies to boost the sector. (Hanoi Moi, Dan Sinh Dec 16)

Firms in Ha Nam Have Surging Demand for Labourers at Year-end

Many firms in Vietnam's northern Ha Nam province have had an increasing recruitment demand at year-end as output has risen after months of being hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic. Firms have sought to recruit 12,000 labourers in the second half (H2) of this year, compared to 5,600 in H1, according to the provincial job service centre. Notably, 47 firms need 6,526 labourers for the last three months of 2020. (Dan Tri Dec 17)

34,509 People in Quang Ninh Complete TVET in 2020

As many as 34,509 people in Vietnam's northern Quang Ninh province have completed learning at TVET institutes this year. Of them, 29,857, or 88.67%, have got jobs. In 2021, local TVET institutes target to provide TVET for 38,000 people. (Bao Quang Ninh Dec 17)

Ngan Son District of Bac Kan Utilizes TVET to Reduce Poverty

Ngan Son district of Bac Kan province has boosted TVET to reduce poverty. In the last 4 years, Ngan Son opened 36 classes with 833 learners. The registration increased to 18 classes with 540 labourers in 2020. Between 2016 and 2019, rate of poor household in Ngan Son reduced from 50.95^ to 34.17%. (Dan Sinh Dec 16)

Yen Bai Provide TVET for 12,000 People in Rural Areas in 2019-2020

The northern province of Yen Bai is estimated to have provided TVET for 12,000 people in rural areas in 2019-2020, comprising 6,600 of agricultural jobs, or 55%, and 5,400 of non-agricultural jobs, or 45%, according to the provincial DoLISA. (<u>Dan Sinh</u> Dec 18)





Work Starts on \$1.55B Hi-tech Livestock Complex in Thanh Hoa

Xuan Thien Thanh Hoa Joint Stock Company on December 21 held the ground-breaking ceremony for a high-tech animal husbandry complex in Thanh Hoa province with a total investment of VND36 trillion (\$1.55 billion). The complex is estimated to bring about a revenue of VND38 trillion per year, contributing VND1 trillion to the state budget annually and employing 10,000 labourers. (VietnamBiz, Dau Tu, Thuong Hieu Cong Luan, Bao Xay Dung, Dan Viet, Bao Thanh Hoa Dec 21)

Quang Nam Provides TVET for over 54K Rural Labourers in 2016-2020

The central province of Quang Nam is estimated to have provided TVET for over 54,000 labourers in rural areas in 2016-2020, including 48,000 per the Prime Minister's Scheme 1956. (Dan Sinh Dec 16)

TVET Institutes in HCMC Supply 141,832 Labourers to Market in 2020

TVET institutes in Ho Chi Minh City are estimated to have supplied 141,832 labourers to the market in 2020, including 50,699 females and 1,198 of ethnic minorities, according to the municipal DoLISA's report at a conference on December 18. In 2021, local colleges, TVET institutes, and regular training centres target to enrol 371,000 learners, train 58,000 labourers in rural areas, and raise the trained labour rate to 85.65%. (Dan Sinh Dec 19)

Firms in Binh Duong in Need of 21,800 Labourers for Year-end Production

Firms in Vietnam's southern Binh Duong province now need 21,800 labourers, including 14,000 manual labourers, for their year-end production and business, the provincial job service centre said on December 15. (Nguoi Lao Dong Dec 16)

Workers of My Tu Company in Binh Duong Conduct Labour Strike on Dec 15-16

Hundreds of workers of My Tu Company in Binh Duong province on December 15-16 made a labour strike. They demanded the firm to provide more information about social insurance, amid a recent take over there. On December 17, workers resumed to work. (VOV, Bao Dan Sinh Dec 16)

95.6% of TVET-equipped Labourers in Ba Ria-Vung Tau Get Jobs

Up to 95.6% of TVET-equipped labourers in Vietnam's southern province of Ba Ria-Vung Tau have got jobs or maintained the previous jobs with higher yield, according to the provincial People's Committee. The result has helped raise the trained labour rate in the locality to 80% in 2020, versus 73% in 2016. Since 2010, nearly 27,000 labourers in the province's rural areas have received TVET. (Bao Ba Ria-Vung Tau Dec 17)