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Policies

50 Localities Let Learners Stay Home after Holiday Due to COVID-19

As COVID-19 pandemic is having complicated developments, 50 out of 63 localities in Vietnam have let learners stop going to schools (including TVET schools) after Lunar New Year (Tet) holiday. Notable names are Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Some localities set the returning date while others did not set such dates. Some localities, such as Ha Tinh, Lam Dong, did not issue any such breaks. (Afamily, Zing, Tuoi Tre Feb 15, 16, 17)

DVET

TVET to Boost Recruitment with New Courses

The DVET, under the MoLISA, aims to boost recruitment with new courses and has once again reminded that universities are tasked with training bachelors, masters, and doctors, and no college-level or vocational training courses. DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung explained that the Law on Higher Education 2018 facilitates such development, hence the DVET has stopped giving out recruitment quotas of college-level and vocational training courses to universities since the 2020-2021 academic year. However, Mr. Dung added that due to the nature of culture-related courses, the DVET will consult with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism to assign some recruitment quotas in this sector. The DVET also reviewed that colleges have been pushing recruitments, by giving scholarships, connecting with businesses, providing jobs to graduates, diversifying learning methods, and others. In 2021, the DVET set the target that the vocational training system would recruit 2.5 million people, including 260,000 into college-level courses and other courses. (Zing Feb 8)

Business Sector and Labour Market

Foreign Cooperation

LILAMA 2 Teachers of Mechanical faculty Join Workshop Using Digital Tools in Vocational Training

In the situation of COVID-19, digital transformation in vocational training is more urgent than ever. At LILAMA 2, initial steps have been planned and implemented, from technical facilities to human resource. A two-day training course in using digital tools conducted at LILAMA 2 on January 16 and January 23 by Dr. Christian Hoffmann – the GIZ's Development Advisor to enhance the capacity of teachers in online teaching. Aimed for teachers at Mechanical faculty, this was the first course in digital topic which concentrated in the instruction to online teaching, the application of free online tools to create interactive questionnaires (e.g. mentimeter) and online conferences (e.g. Google Hangout Meet, Skype, Zoom). The teachers also had a great opportunity to experience a course on Moodle from a user's perspective to see how training contents could be delivered with different exercises and activities. Apart from computer-based







sessions, the workshop applied the "total physical response" theory to organize discussion in which participants could remember a topic better through an exciting activity. Through the "TV battle", the teachers were divided into two teams, each team chose a leader to take turn to point out the advantages and disadvantages of traditional learning versus online learning. The whole class came to a conclusion that in vocational training, it is important to figure out which modules can be taught online, meanwhile some modules must be carried out in an actual workshop with the support from some online theoretical sessions. Mr. Nguyen Anh Dung, the Dean of the Mechanical faculty, shared his thoughts about the course: "We already knew the tools like Zoom or Skype but we only had limited experience with them. We mostly used them for online meeting during the pandemic. The workshop has helped us see how powerful these tools are, we now know how to share the PowerPoint slides effectively as well as the pros and cons of each tool to choose an appropriate one for our own use." 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 Feb 4)

Domestic News

Hanoi Targets to Raise Trained Labour Rate to 71.5% by End-2021

The capital city of Hanoi is targeting to increase the trained labour rate to 71.5% by end-2021 by implementing the scheme on developing the labour market by 2030, boosting IT application, raise enrolment quality, and supporting vocational training facilities. This year, local vocational training establishments are expected to enrol 220,500 learners. Currently, the city's trained labour rate is 70.25%, versus the national average of 5.75%. (Hanoi Moi Feb 9)

Hanoi Aims to Boost TVET, Employment

Hanoi has and will boost TVET and employment. In 2020, Hanoi provided jobs to 180,578 people, 16% above the target. Hanoi also recruited 215,382 people into TVET, or 102.6% of the plan; including 23,762 into colleges, 26,477 into intermediate TVET schools, and 165,143 into beginner-level courses and below-3-month courses. Hanoi improved rate of trained labourers to 70.25%. Besides, 100% of training units connected with businesses and 90% of graduates were employed. In 2021, Hanoi aims to provide employments to 160,000 labourers and reduce unemployment rate to 4%. (LDTD Feb 15)

Quang Ninh Takes Measures to Develop High-Quality Labour Force

The northern province of Quang Ninh took drastic measures to raise the trained labour rate to 85% in 2020, versus 63% in 2015. By 2025, local economic zones and industrial parks are expected to employ over 132,000 labourers. (Dan Sinh Feb 15)

Yen Bai Province's Mu Cang Chai District Creates Jobs for 1,220 People in 2020





Mu Cang Chai district in northern Yen Bai province generated jobs for 1,220 people last year, which surpassed its plan by 1.7%. (Dan Sinh Feb 15)

Nghe An Creates More Jobs in Domestic Market amid Pandemic

The central province of Nghe An surpassed its plan in the labour sector by 1.6% in 2020 thanks to efforts to create more jobs in the domestic market amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, the province created jobs for 3,670 people, comprising 3,080 in the domestic market and 590 to overseas markets. (Dan Sinh Feb 13)

39 Firms in Quang Ngai Need 19,000 Labourers in 2021

As many as 39 firms in the central province of Quang Ngai are in need of recruiting 19,000 labourers for 2021, according to the management board of Dung Quat economic zone and industrial parks in the locality. The figure includes 6,000 employees in the fields of management, design, IT, accounting, engineering, construction, and 13,000 in fields of footwear-textile, interior furniture, and packaging. (Bao Quang Ngai Feb 10)

Ba Ria-Vung Tau Creates Jobs for 40,002 Labourers in 2020

The southern province of Ba Ria-Vung Tau created jobs for 40,002 labourers last year. The figure included 38 sent to work abroad, comprising seven to Taiwan and 31 to Japan. (Dan Sinh Feb 9)

Gov't to Help Develop Labor Market until 2030

Vietnam's Prime Minister has issued a supportive program of developing the labour market until 2030. The targets are to improve the rate of trained labourers with certificates to 30% in 2025 and 35%-40% in 2030; the index of labourers with professional knowledge within the Global Innovation Index (GII) to top 60 in 2025 and top 55 in 2030; the rate of labourers with information-technology skills at 80% in 2025 and 90% in 2030; and the rate of young people without jobs, education, nor training at below 8%. The program set methods of updating the legal framework, boosting information system for the labour market, renewing the State management, enhancing checks and punishments against labour violations, and others. (CafeF, Bao Chinh Phu, Bao Chinh Phu, VTV, Lao Dong Xa Hoi, Nong Nghiep Viet Nam Feb 5)

LG Display Vietnam Pours Additional \$750M into Haiphong

LG Display Vietnam, under South Korean private conglomerate LG, has received a license to inject another \$750 million into its project in northern Haiphong City. It is set to begin in March and become operational two months later. It is expected to recruit 5,000 labourers, satisfy housing demand of 10,000 workers and experts, and contribute about \$5 million annually to the state budget. (VietnamBiz, VietnamBiz, Vietnam Finance, en.Nhan Dan, Thuong Truong Feb 8)



Binh Thuan's \$10B La Gan Wind Farm to Contribute \$4.4B to Vietnam: Study

The La Gan wind energy project, with an estimated investment of \$10 billion in Binh Thuan province, is expected to contribute over \$4.4 billion to the Southeastern Asia economy during the life cycle of the project, according to a study from BVG Associates. (Cong Thuong, Bao Binh Thuan, Bao Binh Thuan Feb 4)

Danang Adjusts Planning of Industrial Parks

Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc approved the adjustments to the planning of industrial parks in Danang. PM also requests infrastructure investors to focus on employments and TVET for people, whose lands were retrieved for the adjustments. (<u>BNews</u> Feb 16)

Can Tho Provides Jobs to 60,893 People in 2020

Can Tho city provided employments to 60,893 people in 2020, 21.1% above the target. The number of jobs abroad was 282, or 100.71% of the target. TVET units recruited 53,793 people, or 107.93% of the plan. In 2021, Can Tho aims to provide employments to 50,300 people, boost rate of trained labourers to 76% (including rate of labourers with TVET at 60%), enhance career path training for secondary and high school learners, and others. (Dan Sinh Feb 14)

Quang Ninh to Push Labour Force to Boost Socioeconomic Development

Quang Ninh province boosted rate of trained labourers from 63% in 2015 to 85% in 2020 and aims to have 132,000 labourers for economic zones and industrial parks in 2025. The figure includes 10,600 university graduates, 7,600 college graduates, 7,500 intermediate TVET school graduates, 7,400 people with below-3-month training, and 99,000 untrained labourers. (Dan Sinh Feb 15)

Yen Bai to Continue TVET Training Support for Rural Labourers

TVET has been playing key role in the development that Yen Bai improved the rate of trained labourers from 30% in 2010 to 63.2% at the moment, including 31.5% with certificates. In 2011-2015, 59,730 people had TVET courses, including 29,265 rural labourers. In 2016-2020, 78,750 people had TVET courses, including 26,874 rural labourers. In 2021-2025, Yen Bai aims to recruit 90,000 people into TVET, including 75,000 rural labourers, and let 85% of rural labourers have new jobs or do current jobs with better incomes upon graduation from TVET courses. (Yen Bai Feb 16)

HCMC Association Warns Universities against Unplanned New Courses

Mr. Tran Anh Tuan, vice chairman of HCMC TVET association, understood that universities have more autonomy to open new courses and recruit learners, however, he warned that



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universities must pay more attentions to qualities, such as businesses' understanding, graduates' employment rate, faculty' qualities, and others. (\underline{VOV} Feb 15)