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● Highlights ●

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Vietnam Should Merge Vocational Training, High School Courses: Official

Regarding the issue that Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has yet to issue any rules on high school contents for vocational schools, Vietnam should merge both curriculums and let graduates earn a certificate for both levels, said Chairman of Ca Mau province People's Committee Le Quan. Mr. Quan, also a former Deputy Minister, noted that the current process allows learners to learn both vocational training and high schools and gain two certificates for two paths. However, the problem is the tight schedule for learners and schools to learn both. He also stated that such changes would facilitate learners to join the labour force earlier and their paths to enter higher education. Mr. Quan called for a quick solution, but he also reminded that schools, learners, and learners' parents would need time to adapt to new rules. He added that the current law facilitates such change. Currently, about 90% of learners at vocational schools are learning both vocational training and general education. However, the MoET's lacklustre progress on letting vocational schools teach high school contents is hurting about one million learners. ([DVET](#), [VietnamNet](#), [GDNN](#) Apr 5)

Vietnam to Increase Vocational Training Support for Insured Labourers

Vietnam will increase vocational training support for each labourer with unemployment insurance to VND1.5 million (\$64.38) per month, per the Prime Minister's newly-issued Decision 17/2021/QĐ-TTg. For vocational training courses of up to three months, the support is equal to the tuition fees but no more than VND4.5 million. For vocational training courses of at least three months, the support is per a monthly basis at VND1.5 million at most. Such rates are VND500,000 higher than the previous ones. The support is sourced from the unemployment insurance fund. The decision will become effective on May 15. ([Dan Tri](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Apr 1)

Education Ministry Vows Ensure Training per Labour Demand

Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) will keep cooperating with relevant ministries and localities to ensure employments for university graduates, per labour demand of sectors. The MoET answered questions of voters from northern Ninh Binh province about problems that many universities are educating per their strengths, not per the labour market's demand. The MoET admitted that the current legal framework allows universities to set the recruitment targets themselves, leading to disconnection between training and labour demand. Besides, the MoET vowed to update the legal framework and inspect universities on the issue. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Mar 30)



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MoLISA Eases IT, Foreign Language Requirements on TVET Teachers

The MoLISA has issued Circular 21/2020 amending some articles of Circular 08/2017/TT-BLDTBXH dated March 10, 2017, which removed the requirement on IT and foreign language certifications on TVET teachers. The move has helped ease the pressure for over 90,000 TVET teachers nationwide. ([Dan Tri](#) Mar 31)

DVET Asks TVET Schools to Name Themselves Correctly

The DVET, under the MoLISA, has completed draft rules, which would require TVET schools to name themselves correctly and fix confusing parts, such as locations, international factors, training professions, and others. Some examples are Bac Ninh-based schools with “Hanoi” in its name, some schools with factors of “international,” “ASEAN,” “Pasteur...” ([VTV](#) Apr 5)

MoLISA to Honour Outstanding TVET Learners in 2021

The MoLISA on March 17 issued a decision on honouring outstanding and excellent TVET learners in 2021. Accordingly, the MoLISA will select a maximum of 150 TVET learners with excellent learning results in the 2020-2021 academic year. The honouring ceremony is scheduled to take place in September. ([Dan Tri](#), [GDNN](#) Apr 2)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

CoLAB Hosts Job Fair for Labourers Returning from South Korea, Japan

The CoLAB, under the MoLISA, and relevant agencies on April 3 hosted a job fair for labourers returning from South Korea under the EPS program and Japan under the IM Japan program. Nearly 40 South Korean and Japanese firms registered to join the event. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Apr 2)

EU Ambassador Lauds PM Phuc-led Vietnamese Gov't in Improving Biz Climate

EU Ambassador to Vietnam Giorgio Aliberti has lauded the efforts of the Vietnamese government led by Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc in improving the country's business climate. Mr. Giorgio Aliberti added that during this term, the Vietnamese Government and National Assembly also made an important reform in issuing the Law on Labour in 2019 towards empowering Vietnamese labourers. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Apr 2)

Vietnam Seeks to Lure \$10B in Outbound Tours for Local Tour amid Closed Door

Vietnamese tourists spend between \$8 billion and \$10 billion on going abroad each year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, hence travel companies need to rise to capture this value amid



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international travel restriction, said Ms. Huong Tran Kieu Dung, vice chairperson of conglomerate FLC Group JSC (HOSE: FLC). Ms. Dung took the occasion to give five recommendations to promote travel throughout this year, including adding another public holiday near the existing holidays to extend the stay. ([CafeF](#) Apr 3)

South Korean Firms Eye to Invest in New Sectors in Vietnam: Ambassador

South Korean firms have been keen on investing in some new large-scaled projects in Vietnam, like in the gas-fuelled, seaport, biotechnology, and some other sectors, South Korean Ambassador to Vietnam Park Noh Wan has said. The South Korean diplomat revealed the information at a meeting in Hanoi on April 2, between former Prime Minister and current President Nguyen Xuan Phuc and representatives of the Korea Chamber of Business in Vietnam (KORCHAM) and five South Korean high-tech groups. The South Korean ambassador also announced that the South Korean government had agreed to keep receiving Vietnamese labourers to work in South Korea. In 2021, South Korea approved the quota of receiving from 8,000 to 10,000 Vietnamese workers. ([Zing](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [BNews](#), [VTV](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Cong Ly, en.Vietnam Plus](#) Apr 2)

S.Korea Partly Resumes Reception of Labourers from Nghe An

As many as 67 males in Vietnam's central province of Nghe An have secured labour contracts with South Korean firms after this country has banned Vietnamese workers from several locations in the province, the provincial DoLISA announced. All these workers were registered under the Employment Permit System (EPS) program. Nghe An currently comes first nationwide by the number of labourers in South Korea with around 6,000 people but has the most illegal workers in South Korea. South Korea currently bans labourers from three locations in Nghe An, namely two districts of Nam Dan and Nghi Loc and Cua Lo township. ([Phap Luat Plus](#), [Truyen Hinh Nghe An](#) Apr 2)

Domestic News

Unemployed Labourers Hesitate to Pick TVET

As many as 1.08 million unemployed labourers due to COVID-19 are subject to TVET support from unemployment insurance, however, not many of those prefer TVET. For example, in Hanoi, only 3% picked TVET training. The problems are low support against the tuition fees, weak outcomes of training courses, and others. ([VTV](#), [VTV](#) Apr 6)

Vietnam's Labour Productivity Increases to \$5,081 in 2020

Vietnam's labour productivity per labourer in 2020 increased 5.4% to \$5,081, the National Economics University (NEU) quoted data from the International Labour Organization (ILO) as saying in its analysis of Vietnam's economy in 2020. Additionally, the increase of 5.4% was the lowest in the last five years, such as 6.2% in 2019. In 2011-2020, the average hike in labour



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productivity was 5.1%, lower than those of China (7%) and India (6%). As a result of such slow growth, Vietnam's labour productivity is still low versus other nations, such as 26-fold lower than that of Singapore, seven-fold lower than that of Malaysia. ([CafeF](#), [Thanh Nien](#) Apr 1)

Agro Workers in Vietnam Have Second-Lowest Income in 2019

Labourers in the agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector had the second lowest incomes in Vietnam in 2019, at VND4.51 million (\$193.7) per month per head on average, according to the General Statistics Office (GSO)'s newly-released report on labour-employment for 2019. The smallest incomes belonged to sector of house helping and services for families with VND4.2 million. The highest figure of VND11.16 million belonged to the sector of international organizations and agencies, however data about this sector was small. Finance, banking, and insurance was the second-biggest one with the income of VND10.1 million, followed by information and communications with VND9.85 million. The report surveyed data of labourers at the age of 15 or above from 21 sectors, with technical support from the International Labour Organization (ILO). Overall, the average monthly income in Vietnam in 2019 was VND6.7 million per head, ranging from VND7.07 million for males and VND6.2 million for females. ([NDH](#), [CafeF](#), [VTV](#), [CafeF](#), [VietnamNet](#), [GSO](#), [Nha Dau Tu](#) Apr 1)

Vietnam Allocates VND63B for 2 Firms Employing People of Ethnic Minorities

The Prime Minister has allocated VND62.9 billion to Vietnam Rubber Group JSC (HOSE: GVR) and Vietnam National Coffee Corporation Ltd. (VINACAFE) to support the firms' employment of people of ethnic minorities. GVR will receive VND60.64 billion and VINACAFE will receive VND2.28 billion. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Mar 30)

Learners' Parents Criticize Vietnam Academy of Dance for Wrong Education

As many as 325 learners from Vietnam Academy of Dance and their parents on March 31 protested the academy's training program with no certificates for graduation. Those 325 learners entered the academy after completing grade 6. At their entrance, the academy promised to provide both dancing and general education contents for the college-level graduation. The academy even issued some college-level graduation certificates to some previous intakes. However, after nearly a decade of learning, in May 2020, those learners were ordered to relearn to complete secondary school and intermediate school certificates, despite their age of 18. As a result, those learners cannot advance to university nor enter the labour market. The problem is attributed to the academy's slow update of the legal framework. Before 2018, intermediate schools and colleges were permitted to teach some high school subjects. From 2019, the Ministry of Education and Training banned such teaching and only allows continuation education units to provide such teaching. The academy did not update the rules, still taught general education contents and issued college-level graduation certificates, and such certificates were invalid due to the lack of high school-level certificates and secondary school-level certificates. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Dan Viet](#) Mar 31)



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Education Ministry to Let Dance Academy Issue Certificates to Learners

Regarding the scandal that learners from Vietnam Academy of Dance have no certificates after years of learning there, Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) agreed to let the academy issue certificates to some learners. Upon suggestions from the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism, the MoET agreed to let the academy issue certificates of graduating from intermediate schools or certificates of completing high school curriculum to some learners. Such certificates will facilitate learners advance to colleges and gain advanced certificates. However, some learners and parents noted that their desires are the certificates of graduating from secondary schools. ([VietnamNet](#), [VietnamNet](#), [VietnamNet](#), [VietnamNet](#), [VietnamNet](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Zing](#) Apr 4)

Some TVET Units in Hanoi to Recruit Per School Record

Hanoi People's Committee has approved recruitment mechanism of assessing school records for grade 10 learners. Per the decision, secondary school graduates can advance to grade 10 with TVET-continuation education units without doing the high school entrance exam. Hanoi currently has 29 TVET-continuation education units, which would recruit 8,860 learners. ([Hanoi Moi](#) Mar 29)

Haiphong Releases Statistics for Q1/2021

Haiphong has 57 TVET units and 11 units with TVET activities. In Q1/2021, the recruitment reached 9,000, down 10% y/y and reaching 17% of the annual target. Haiphong's rate of trained labourers was 85.1%, including 35.2% with certificates. ([Haiphong](#) Mar 30)

Over 7,000 Labourers in Quang Ninh Get Jobs in Q1

The job service centre in northern Quang Ninh province has organized 12 job fairs since early 2021 with the participation of 115 firms, who recruiting over 7,000 labourers of all levels. ([Dan Tri](#) Apr 3)

Quang Ninh Gives Nod to \$498M Photovoltaic Cell Project

Quang Ninh People's Committee on March 31 gave an in-principle nod to Jinko Solar Hong Kong Company's photovoltaic cell technology project, with a total investment of \$498 million. It is expected to earn a revenue of nearly \$1.3 billion annually and create jobs for over 2,000 laborers. ([BNews](#), [VietnamBiz](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Vietnam Finance](#), [Cong Thuong](#), [Dai Doan Ket](#), [Bao Quang Ninh](#), [Thuong Hieu Cong Luan](#) Mar 31)

Nghe An Creates Jobs for 10,972 Labourers in Q1, up 0.7% y/y

The central province of Nghe An created jobs for 10,972 labourers in the first quarter (Q1) of this year, up 0.7% y/y. The figure included 3,191 labourers sent abroad. Besides, local TVET



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institutes enrolled 4,329 learners in Q1, including 2,275 at the elementary level and 2,054 at short-term courses. ([Dan Sinh](#) Apr 1)

Nghe An Prepares for National Competition of TVET Teachers

Deputy Minister Le Tan Dung worked with Nghe An on April 5, focusing on preparation for national teaching contest of TVET teachers 2021. The event is scheduled on October 28-November 5 with 2,000 participants. ([TH Nghe An](#) Apr 5)

Quang Binh Creates Jobs for 28,945 Labourers in 2020

The central province of Quang Binh created jobs for 28,945 labourers last year. Of them, nearly 2,100 were sent abroad, mostly to Japan and Taiwan. ([Dan Sinh](#) Mar 31)

Quang Binh Job Service Centre Supports 43K Labourers So Far

The job service centre in central Quang Binh province has so far provided free advice to 184,270 people and introduced jobs to 43,603 labourers to work inside and outside the country. ([Dan Tri](#) Apr 1)

3.5-GW La Gan Wind Farm Contributes to Vietnam's Green Energy Transition

La Gan offshore wind power project in central province of Binh Thuan, with a capacity of 3.5 gigawatts (GW), have made contributions to the country's transition to green energy, said the project's manager Maya Malik. In particular, the project is estimated to contribute over \$4.4 billion to Vietnam's economy and create more than 45,000 full-time equivalent jobs. ([Cong Thuong](#), [EVN](#) Mar 29)

Dong Nai Streamlines TVET System for Better Operation

The southern province of Dong Nai has dissolved two colleges and merged another into a college, per the Communist Party of Vietnam's Resolution 19-NQ/TW on renovating and increasing operation efficiency of state entities. Currently, Dong Nai has 60 vocational training facilities, including 12 colleges, five colleges, 23 TVET institutes, and 20 others registered for vocational training. ([Dong Nai](#) Apr 2)

Bac Lieu Aims for 85% of TVET-equipped People Getting Jobs in 2021

TVET institutes in the southern province of Bac Lieu are aiming to enrol 14,000 people, raising the trained labour rate to over 65% and the rate of TVET-equipped people getting jobs to over 85% in 2021. ([Dan Tri](#) Apr 3)