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Vietnam to Further Promote TVET in 2021-2025

The MoLISA has issued a plan of promoting TVET in 2021-2025. The DVET is tasked with developing information about TVET on the press, mass media, digital platforms, public spaces, parks, tourism spots, public transport locations, and others. The promotion aims to reach learners of secondary schools and high schools and their families; labourers in rural, mountainous, and people-of-ethnic-minorities-inhabited areas; staff of businesses and cooperatives; veterans; employers; relevant authorities; and others. In 2021-2023, the DVET plans to build up the public relations for TVET. In 2024-2025, the DVET targets to develop that into a media ecosystem for TVET. The main contents are awareness of TVET, successful examples of TVET, and others. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Bao Tin Tuc](#) May 14)

Vietnam Sets Plans to Boost TVET in Rest of 2021

The DVET, under the MoLISA, on May 14 conducted an online meeting to set plans to boost TVET in the remaining of this year. The DVET gave guidelines to the authorities in localities, including (i) enhancing communications and consultations to promote TVET, (ii) updating recruitment and training, such as hosting career day, (iii) improving the network of TVET units, (iv) boosting investments, pushing TVET projects, supporting TVET learners, and (v) checking and handling any violations in the sector. Another key task is to report to the Prime Minister on the progress of issuing completion of high school certificates for TVET learners per the Law on Education. The DVET also reminded a task of improving the capacities of TVET officials, including a cooperative program with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). Besides, participants discussed the use of e-system for management, hosting of a career day, adaptation to COVID-19 pandemic, and others. ([DVET](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) May 14)

Vietnam Drafting High School Subjects for TVET Learners

The Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) is drafting a circular on high school subjects for TVET (TVET) learners, who are secondary school graduates, in order to grant certificates of completing high schools to TVET learners. The subjects include Math, Literature, and two out of five from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, and Geography. Math and Literature have 270 lessons each while the two others have 180 lessons each. The MoET's draft circular also includes contents of each subject for TVET learners. ([GDNN](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [QDND](#), [Dan Toc Mien Nui](#) May 18)

Vietnam Has 16.07M People Covered by Social Insurance as of End-Apr 2021

Vietnam had 16.07 million people joining social insurance as of April 30, up by 1.1 million y/y,



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representing 32.3% of the workforce and including 1.12 million people covered by voluntary ones. As of end-April, the system processed 365,940 cases of receiving all insurance indemnification and leaving the system. ([Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#) May 7)

Action Plan of Lawmaker Deputy Nominees

Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son announced his action plan upon election of National Assembly deputy. He vowed to improve the TVET and continuation education system. Nominee Le Thi Thu Trang said that she would improve the TVET system into a flexible and quality one, connect TVET units and businesses, enhance career opportunities of TVET graduates, boost autonomy of TVET units, and ensure rights of learners. ([KTD](#) May 14)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

LILAMA 2 Teachers Prepare for German Standard Oriented Final Examination in Industrial Electronics

From January 18 to 20 and from March 10 to 18, 13 teachers of LILAMA 2 International Technology College (LILAMA 2) participated in 02 training courses, which were “Advanced Installation and Programming of PLC control panel” and “Inspection and Measuring of Electrical System”. The objective of these two trainings was to improve participants’ knowledge and skills in the field of industrial electronic, also to help them get familiar with the structures and the requirements of the upcoming examination. During the training on advanced PLC, the teachers had the chance to get to know the appropriate installation and connection of sensors, pneumatic and hydraulic systems. They could conduct insulation resistance measurement, PE conductor resistance, or voltage measurement. Particularly, the PLC programming with GRACFCET algorithm flowchart and Interface design for HMI screens, expected to be a part in the examination, was also planned in this training for the participants. In addition, the course of “Inspection and Measuring of Electrical System” brought the teachers different kinds of measurement forms which will be applied in the examination. The teachers learned how to use Digital Multimeter and Installation Tester of Gossen Metrawatt, practiced on using measurement and testing devices to check the continuity of the electrical cabinet, the insulation resistance, PE wire, power supply voltage and phase order of the cabinet. Ms. Nguyen Thi Hien, the teacher of Industrial Electronics expressed: “With the dedicated instructions of Mr. Nguyen Trong Tin and Ms. Nguyen Thi Thuc Han, we have now been equipped with the necessary knowledge, realizing the gaps in knowledge and skills between what we have obtained before and what we are learning now. This is a very good preparation for all teachers of LILAMA 2 to enhance our competence, getting ready for the Examination in the coming time”. After that, in order to test what the teachers have obtained, from March 29 to April 4, the Trial Examination took place at LILAMA 2 for 11 teachers of Industrial Electronics, Mechatronics and Industrial Electrical Engineering. The main examiners were Mr Kieu Tan Thoi and Ms Nguyen Thi Thuc Han, who are two among 18 key teachers obtained the certificates awarded by Handwerkskammer



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(Chamber of Skilled Crafts) Erfurt. Their competences have been confirmed to be equivalent to the level of a skilled worker in Germany after their completing a series of intensive further training measures in Vietnam and Germany. The Trial Examination Part 1 was conducted like an Actual Examination which consists of 2 parts. The theoretical part last for 90 minutes with 31 multiple-choice questions and open questions. The practical part was conducted with the topic “Finalisation of Product Sorting Stations”, including 04 steps of Planning, Execution, Evaluation and Professional conversation, all of which had to be spent 6.5 hours totally. Mr. Frank Schulze – CIM Integrated Expert observed the process as a quality assurance expert during the examination as well as discussed with the teachers about the final evaluation and marking. After this trial test, the examinees would have realised what they need to improve and how to prepare for the upcoming actual examination Part 1 expected to be organised in June or July 2021. These training courses and the Trial Examination were 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](#) May 18)

Vietnam to Enhance TVET Cooperation with UK

Deputy Minister Le Tan Dung and the UK’s ‘international education champion’ Steve Smith on May 12 had an online discussion on further cooperation in TVET. Mr. Steve Smith urged both sides to discuss the draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) of TVET between the two governments, towards signing in 2021. The UK side suggested contents of TVET policies, professional knowledge, research on human resources, participation of businesses in TVET, TVET internships, online training, Industry 4.0-related skills, collaboration between TVET units of both nations, training program, recognition of certificates, and others. Mr. Dung lauded the suggestion and the draft MoU’s contents. Besides, Mr. Dung informed that the UK could help Vietnam in raising the awareness and population of TVET (versus higher education), policies, links between TVET units and businesses, accreditation, and others. ([DVET](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#), [MOLISA](#) May 13)

Vietnam Works with Fukuroi City on Labour Shortage in Japan amid COVID-19

Permanent Vice Chairman of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hoang Quang Phong and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Fukuroi city in Japan (FCCI) Kinji Mizutani have held talks to discuss ways to deal with the shortage of labourers caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in Japan. As of late October 2020, the total number of foreign workers in Japan mounted 1.72 million, which rose by about 65,000, or 4% y/y. However, it was a far cry from a 13.6% rise in 2019 since many foreign trainees could not go to Japan triggered by travel restrictions amid the plague, Mr. Kinji Mizutani said. ([BNews](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Bao Tin Tuc](#) May 13)



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Taiwan Halts Entrances of Foreign Workers, including Vietnamese, from May 19

Taiwan will temporarily halt entrance of foreign workers, including Vietnamese ones, from May 19 to June 18, due to the elevating COVID-19 pandemic there. In the first four months of 2021, Vietnam sent abroad 34,912 labourers, or 38.79% of the plan for 2021, including 15,055 to Taiwan. ([VnEconomy](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [PLO](#) May 18)

Vietnam Recruiting 30 Caregivers to Work in Japan Osaka

The CoLAB, under the MoLISA, is recruiting 30 female caregivers to work in Osaka (Japan). The recruitment, also the second edition of 2021, is a cooperation between the CoLAB and the Osaka Health Care Association. Qualified people will learn Japanese language in Vietnam, further training in Japan, and will work in Japan for at least three years. The deadline for the recruitment is October 30. ([NGUOI LAO DONG](#), [COLAB](#) May 13)

66% of German Firms Estimate Vietnam's Economy to Improve in 2021: Survey

As many as 66% of the total questioned German firms in Vietnam expected a significant improvement in the local economic growth this year while the figure was only 46% last year, the German Industry and Commerce Vietnam (GIC/AHK Vietnam) said in the April survey. 47% of the survey participants also intend to expand business activities in Vietnam and 50% plan to recruit more labourers in 2021/2022. They rated the lack of qualified local workers and low demand as their current biggest challenges in Vietnam. ([Cong Thuong](#) May 12)

Vietnamese People Concepted by Japanese CEO

CEO Ito Junichi of World Link Japan Inc. said that many Vietnamese young people are disregarding manual tasks, such as factory workers, and only prefer office works. He added that many university graduates with high-level certificates have no practical experiences. ([Tam Nhin](#) May 12)

Vietnam to Expel Illegal Foreign Migrant Workers: Minister

Vietnamese authorities could consider deporting foreign workers without work permits or those failing to comply with entry and exit rules applicable to foreigners in Vietnam, Minister of Labour, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung asked. The order is under a recent dispatch issued by Minister Dung, asking local governments to tighten management over foreign labourers in Vietnam. Many localities have been witnessing foreigners entering Vietnam unlawfully to seek jobs not in accordance with local laws, he noted. The minister required strengthened labour inspection and strictly handling of any individuals or organizations that receive and employ illegal workers, as well as violations of labour legislation. Relevant agencies are required to review the employment of foreign workers at all businesses and other establishments. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [CafeF](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [BNews](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Vietnam News](#) May 15)



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70% of Foreign Labourers in Vietnam Covered by Social Insurance as of 2020: VSS

As many as 69,452 overseas labourers in Vietnam joined social insurance as of 2020, representing 70% of the total foreign workers in the country, according to the Vietnam Social Security (VSS). Meanwhile, only 9,000 out of 650,000 Vietnamese labourers working in 40 countries and territories joined social insurance as of end-2019, said the Department of Overseas Labour Management, under the MoLISA. ([VnEconomy](#) May 13)

Tuyen Quang Seeks Multifaceted Bonds with South Korea

A delegation led by South Korean Ambassador to Vietnam Park Noh-wan on May 11 paid a visit to Vietnam's northern mountainous province of Tuyen Quang, during which the two sides discussed ways to boost multifaceted cooperation between both sides. At the working session, the provincial leaders proposed potential fields of bilateral cooperation, including partnerships between localities of both sides, ODA, agriculture, tourism, transport-smart city development, labour and employment, education and training, and industry and trade. For his part, the diplomat vowed to connect Tuyen Quang to South Korean localities and help local people work in his country, considering aid in education, health care and human resources training. ([Vietnam Plus](#) May 11)

70% of Foreign Experts, Labourers Not Prioritized for Entering Vietnam YTD

70% of the total 54,000 foreign experts and labourers have been not prioritized for entering Vietnam in the year to date, Deputy Minister of Public Security Senior Lieutenant General Nguyen Van Son said. The official revealed the information as many recent infections in the latest coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak are foreign experts. Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam asked local authorities to think twice about the list of foreign experts and labourers allowed to enter the country amid the complicated pandemic developments and hold accountable for such cases. ([VTC](#), [Zing News](#) May 7)

An Giang Province to Spend VND164B on Supporting Labourers to Work Abroad

The southern province of An Giang will spend over VND164 billion on supporting labourers to work abroad in 2021-2025. The figure includes VND58 billion from the state budget and the rest from local budget. In the period, the province targets to bring at least 1,500 labourers overseas, or 300 annually. In the last five years, the province sent 1.886 labourers abroad, mostly in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. Each labourer has savings of at least VND500 million after ending their terms of overseas working. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 15)

Domestic News



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Many Vietnamese People Do Overtime Jobs Voluntarily

Vietnam's current legal framework permits overtime limit of 200 hours per year for most of the jobs, however, many workers voluntarily do overtime jobs beyond that limit, even at 1,000 hours a year, to earn more to fulfil their livelihoods. Examples are workers in Thu Duc City (of Ho Chi Minh City), HCMC Export Processing and Industrial Zones Authority (HEPZA), and others. The workers explained that they could double their monthly earnings by working overtime. An official from Hepza labour union admitted that many workers are willing to do overtime to cut their spending on out-of-factory activities and earn more to support their families. Besides, in southern Dong Nai province, firms with overtime limits are not attractive to labourers and sometimes workers made labour strikes due to unavailability of overtime tasks. ([VnExpress](#), [VCCI](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#) May 16)

Vietnam Quarantines 32K Workers of Industrial Parks Due to COVID-19

Industrial parks in Vietnam quarantined 366 workers as F0; 5,500 workers F1; and 26,500 others as F2 as of May 16, or about 32,000 in total, reported the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL). On May 17, the VGCL had an online meeting with units to discuss COVID-19 situation. Among 366 F0 cases, 310 are in northern Bac Giang province, 36 in central Danang City, 11 in northern Bac Ninh province, seven in Hanoi, one in Hung Yen province, and one in Phu Tho province. The VGCL announced that it would support VND3 million (\$128) to each F0, VND1 million to each F1, and five kilograms of rice to each F2. ([CafeF](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [PLO](#), [VOV](#), [Bao Tin Tuc](#), [Vn Economy](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#) May 17)

Vietnam Official Hails 3 Localities in Curbing COVID-19 at Industrial Parks

Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam hailed authorities in three localities, namely Danang, Bac Ninh, and Bac Giang, for curbing COVID-19 at industrial parks, during a meeting on May 12 morning. Vietnam now has 369 industrial parks and 30 border economic parks and processing zones with 3.8 million labourers, not mentioning 700 industrial clusters with 600,000 workers. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Vietnam Net](#) May 12)

Localities Allowed to Extend School Year after May 31

Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has permitted centrally-run localities to extend the school year of 2020-2021 after May 31, due to COVID-19 pandemic. It also did not allow online teaching for preschool students. For the high school graduation examination, the MoET asked localities and relevant agencies to hold the exams as plan, as well as develop specific scenarios to ensure the safety of all students participating in the exams amid the epidemic period. To date, four provinces of Dak Lak, Hoa Binh, Yen Bai, and Ha Nam have let students at grade 9 and grade 12 return to schools from May 17, while other grades still stay at home and study online. ([Dan Tri](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#), [VTC](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Dan Viet](#) May 16)



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Apparel Industry Hard to Meet \$39B Export Aim on Lack of Labourers

The Vietnamese apparel industry is finding it hard to meet the whole year's export target of \$39 billion in 2021 due to a shortage of labourers. Mr. Pham Xuan Hong, chairman of Textile and Apparel Association of Ho Chi Minh City, said that all association members are lacking labourers as many quitted jobs or were streamlined due to the fall in orders and the suspension of production in 2020 on the COVID-19 pandemic. At present, Vietnam has 2.7 million labourers in the apparel sector. ([Cong Thuong](#) May 6)

TVET Units in Hanoi Adapting to COVID-19

TVET units in Hanoi are adapting to COVID-19 pandemic by online recruitment and e-learning. So far, 360 TVET units in Hanoi signed cooperative agreements with 600 businesses. In 2021, Hanoi targets to recruit 220,500 learners. ([Hanoi Moi](#) May 14)

Over 51K Labourers in Bac Giang Take Breaks

Bac Giang province has 51,042 labourers of 54 enterprises taking breaks due to quarantine or business suspension, said Mr. Nguyen Van Canh, chairman of the provincial Labour Federation. Of the figure, some 44,337 people worked at industrial parks of Van Trung, Quang Chau, and Dinh Tram. Earlier on May 16, the Bac Ninh Industrial Zones Authority asked firms in the province to suspend employing labourers from Bac Giang province from May 17 amid the complicated plague. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Lao Dong](#) May 17)

Vinh Phuc Province Asks Firms to Test COVID for All Workers in IPs

Northern province of Vinh Phuc has asked local firms to test COVID-19 for all workers in industrial parks in the locality from May 14 to 17, following the on-going complicated COVID-19 outbreaks in the two northern provinces of Bac Ninh and Bac Giang. Vinh Phuc province now has nine IPs with 320 firms and 95,000 workers. ([HaiQuan](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Zing News](#), [Zing News](#) May 16)

Tuyen Quang Province Creates Jobs for 5,884 Labourers in Q1

The northern province of Tuyen Quang created jobs for 5,884 labourers in the first quarter (Q1) of this year, equal to 28% of the year's target. The figure included 3,809 working in local economic sectors, 1,992 working at industrial zones nationwide, and 83 sent abroad. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 13)

TVET Facilities in Thanh Hoa Wasted

Many high-quality TVET facilities in Thanh Hoa province are wasted due to inefficient investments, small numbers of learners, and others. Thanh Hoa currently has 88 TVET units,



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including 12 colleges, 17 intermediate schools, 30 centres, and others. In 2016-2019, TVET units recruited 392,988 people. ([Bao Thanh Hoa](#) May 17)

Firms at Southeast Nghe An Economic Zone Need over 11K Labourers in 2021

Firms at Southeast Nghe An Economic Zone (EZ) need 11,044 labourers in 2021, according to a report by the EZ's management board. By 2025, the province is expected to attract 100 more investment projects with a total investment of VND70 trillion, of which 30% is from foreign investors. Accordingly, local industrial zones will need over 130,500 labourers. Since early 2021, 232 local firms have registered to recruit nearly 47,000 labourers. ([CADN](#) May 17)

47,000 TVET Learners in Quang Ngai Got Employments

26 TVET units in Quang Ngai province trained 47,000 learners in last 5 years and those learners got suitable jobs after graduation. Quang Ngai's current rate of trained labourers is 55%. ([Dan Tri](#) May 14)

Central Highlands Finds 200 Unlicensed Chinese Workers at Wind Farms

Central Highlands provinces have recently found about 200 unlicensed Chinese workers and experts working at wind power projects in the region, said the provincial DoLISA. In particular, Dak Lak detected 69 unauthorized Chinese experts at projects in H'Leo and Krong Buk districts. Kon Tum also discovered 28 Chinese labourers working at a wind power project in Dak Glei district without licenses. Earlier, Dak Nong's authorities found 101 unlicensed Chinese labourers working at Dak N'Drung 1, 2, and 3 wind power projects. ([Tuoi Tre](#) May 16)

Dong Nai TVET Schools Recruiting for 2021-2022 School Year

TVET schools in Dong Nai province are preparing for recruitment of 15,000 learners in 2021-2022 school year. The recruitment peak is mid-June to end-July, after grade 9 learners completing grade 10 entrance exam and grade 12 learners completing high school graduation exam. ([Bao Dong Nai](#) May 13)

HCMC to Support TVET Learners with Maximum VND4.5M/Course

Ho Chi Minh City will support labourers covered by unemployment insurance joining TVET, per the Prime Minister's Decision 17/2021/QĐ-TTg. The maximum support will be VND4.5 million per course of under three months and VND1.5 million per course of over three months. The city's decision came into force from May 15. ([Dan Tri](#) May 12)

HCMC's TVET Institutes Boost Enrolment

Ho Chi Minh City currently has 393 TVET institutes, comprising 57 colleges, 64 intermediate-level schools, and the rest regular training facilities and vocational training establishments. Such



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schools aim to enrol 45,000 people into colleges, 36,000 people into intermediate-level schools, and 295,800 people into other kinds of training. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, such schools have opened new training majors and changed to online enrolment to attract learners. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#) May 15)

HCMC Aims to Attract 15,000 More Labourers to Cooperatives in 2021-2025

Ho Chi Minh City is targeting to develop 150 cooperatives and two cooperative unions in 2021-2025, attracting 15,000 more labourers to work in the field. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 16)

60,000 Labourers Working at Dong Thap-based Firms as of May

Over 60,000 labourers were working at firms based in southern Dong Thap province as of May. Notably, more than 12,000 labourers were working at industrial zones and economic zones. The most attractive fields for labourers were food processing, fisheries/fisheries feed processing, and apparel. ([Bao Dong Thap](#) May 14)

Kien Giang Aims to Provide TVET to 27,000 People in 2021-2025, Vision to 2030

The southern province of An Giang is aiming to provide TVET to 27,000 people in 2021-2025, with a vision to 2030. The figure includes 15,000 in 2021-2025 and 12,000 in 2026-2030. By 2025, the province's trained labour rate is set at 75%. ([Doanh Nghiep Hoi Nhap](#) May 17)