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## ● Highlights ●

## ● Policies ●

### **MoLISA Drafting Assistance for Labourers Affected by 4th COVID-19 Outbreak**

The MoLISA is drafting a government's resolution on supporting labourers and businesses affected by COVID-19 pandemic. The fourth outbreak has negatively and strongly affected businesses and labourers of many sectors, including transport, aviation, tourism, restaurant, entertainment, retail, culture-sports, and others. The MoLISA drafted assistances, including exemption of payments to occupational accident and disease fund, extension to exemption of payments to retirement and death pension, retraining for labourers, and others. The Vietnam Social Security suggested that assistances should go to sectors of transport, restaurant, tourism, education, culture, sports, and firms inside locked/quarantined areas. Former Deputy Minister Pham Minh Huan said that the draft resolution should focus on vaccines for industrial park labourers, in order to ensure their productions. ([VnEconomy](#) Jun 17)

### **Vietnam Ministry Requests Gov't Support for 2K Artists, 27K Tour Guides**

Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Ta Quang Dong has said that the MoLISA should propose the Prime Minister support over 2,000 fourth-ranked artists under state payroll and 26,721 documented tour guides, who are all affected by the COVID-19 fallout. Accordingly, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MoCST) recommended the MoLISA add fourth-ranked art directors, painters, and actors at 100 state-run art performance units and nearly 27,000 tour guides to the draft resolution on aiding labourers and employers affected by COVID-19. The MoCST proposed VND1.8 million (\$77.5) monthly for each person for three months. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Vnanet](#) Jun 22)

### **TVET Schools Still Disagree with MoET's Draft Rules on General Education Subjects**

TVET schools still disagreed with the Ministry of Education and Training's draft rules on general education subjects for TVET schools. They said that the draft rules only facilitate knowledge only, but not yet high school graduation. Issuance of high school graduation certificates still belong to continuation education schools. They agreed that the law must be updated to permit any of their desired changes. ([Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Jun 21, [Thanh Nien](#) Jun 18)

### **Vietnam Launches Startup Contest for Vocational Training Learners**

On June 18, the DVET, under MoLISA, launched a competition of startup ideas from TVET learners. The competition, named Startup Kite 2021, is a cooperation between the DVET and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and is financed by the Japanese government. This year, it features the theme of innovative Industry 4.0 and encourages initiatives to help elder people and people with disabilities amid COVID-19 pandemic. The competition, with three



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rounds, is scheduled to conduct its final in November. ([DVET](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [molisa](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jun 20)

## ● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

### *Foreign Cooperation*

#### **Vietnam Seeks WB's Aid in Addressing Core Issues of Social Welfare**

Vietnam wants the World Bank (WB) to keep helping the country handle core issues in social welfare, reduce poverty reduction, and narrow the gap between regions, said Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung, at a meeting with WB Country Director for Vietnam Carolyn Turk on June 17. Minister Dung requested WB's technical support to carry out digital transformation in TVET, non-cash payments, the national database on social welfare until 2030, and others. The MoLISA will also issue social welfare policies to support workers, especially those in industrial zones, and non-contract labourers in the time ahead, he added. Welcoming proposals by Minister Dung, the WB official affirmed that in the time to come, the WB will share information and ideas about the social welfare system and back the country with technical assistance in reforming the pension system. The WB will strengthen cooperation with the private sector in building a labour market information system and promote cashless payments in implementing social protection, Ms. Carolyn Turk added. ([Lao Dong](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Tin Tuc](#), [VOVworld](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jun 17)

#### **Vietnam Should Further Develop Vocational Training: ILO**

Vietnam should further develop TVET, in order to let everyone access this essential service, the International Labour Organization (ILO) recommended. The ILO listed Bangladesh, the Philippines, and South Korea as examples of strong growth per TVET developments. Vietnam has reached notable developments in TVET, however, the qualities are still low. Vietnam's TVET at the moment only focuses on short-term courses, while the ILO recommended Vietnam also focus on many levels of TVET and long-term courses. The ILO added that improving TVET can help people escape the loops of poverty, inability to learn, and unemployment. It also suggested Vietnam improve its labour market, with a high portion of labourers without contracts. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 18)

#### **Vietnam Plans to Sign ILO Convention 189 in 2026**

Vietnam plans to sign the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s Convention No. 189 on domestic workers. ILO Director in Vietnam Chang-Hee Lee said that Vietnam has made strong legal progress in protecting domestic workers, however, there are still gaps between the legal framework and actual implementation. Domestic workers in Vietnam are regulated per the Labour Code 2019 and the government's Decree 145/2000/ND-CP. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the number of domestic workers decreased 17% from the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2019 to Q2/2020, versus the rate of 6.1% of other sectors, according to the ILO. ([Thoi Dai](#), [ILO](#),



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[Vietnam Plus](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#), [Cong Thuong](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jun 16)

### **1,500 Vietnamese Crew Members Stranded abroad due to COVID-19**

More than 1,500 Vietnamese crew members have been stuck abroad due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and cry for home return, according to reports by maritime administrations and firms. The Vietnamese Embassies in countries are working to give the stranded fishers support but international flights from/to Vietnam are on hiatus due to travel restrictions amid the plague. ([Lao Dong](#) Jun 21)

### **Vietnam PM Seeks Singapore's Continued Assistance in Human Resources Training**

President Nguyen Xuan Phuc hosted a meeting in Hanoi on June 21 for Singaporean Minister for Foreign Affairs Vivian Balakrishnan. At the meeting, the host suggested Singapore continue assisting Vietnam in high-quality human resources training. ([Lao Dong](#), [VietnamNews](#) Jun 22)

### **Vietnam Seeks Opportunities for Labourers to Work at Firms in Australia, Canada**

The Vietnam-Australia investment, cultural, and education promotion association and the DSS Education and Immigration held a workshop on June 19 to connect 30 Vietnamese TVET facilities to enterprises in Australia and Canada. The workshop centred on experience shared by Australian and Canadian employers, current labour demand of the two foreign markets, and orientation and measures for labour training and long-term residence there. Mr. Spencer Gray, principal of the Saanich International Student Program in Saanich District, B.C. Canada, said that Canada is open to high-skilled and trained labourers in service and technology fields. He voiced his willingness to encourage and connect qualified Vietnamese labourers to seek jobs in Canada. Ms. Denny Rigoni, head of a famous restaurant in Australia, said that many Australian employers are willing to guarantee skilled Vietnamese hospitality and restaurant employees to work and settle down there. At the workshop, Australian and Canadian employers proposed joining hands with some TVET facilities to train human resources. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jun 21)

### **Japanese Firms in Vietnam Boost Recruitment in Q2/2021: Navigos**

Japanese firms in Vietnam have been boosting recruitment in the second quarter (Q2) of 2021, according to a report released by Navigos Group. The report focused on COVID-19 impacts on recruitments of Japanese firms in Vietnam after one year of COVID-19 pandemic. It showed that in Q1/2021, many firms did not have any recruitment. Besides, some firms had to streamline staff, mostly manual labourers, not back-office staff nor managers. It added that Japanese firms opted to make wage reduction, working hour reduction, and organizational reform, instead of closing down factories and offices. In Q2/2021, positive signs are showing, such as higher recruitment demand for mid-level managers. Navigos Search added that firms are pushing job requirements, including adaptation to Japanese working culture, foreign language proficiency (Japanese language and one more), experiences, professions, and others. ([Vietnam Plus](#),



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## **Japan Pledges to Continue Donating COVID-19 Vaccines for Vietnam**

Japan will continue granting COVID-19 vaccines for Vietnam, Japanese Speaker of the House of Representatives Oshima Tadamori affirmed, during his virtual talk with Vietnamese National Assembly (NA) Chairman Vuong Dinh Hue on June 21. The Vietnamese NA chair hoped the two sides to increase economic cooperation based on the joint statement between leaders of the two countries in 2015, with three focuses on (i) strategic connectivity of two supplementary economies, (ii) connectivity to promote each country's production capacity, and (iii) connectivity on human resources, especially high-quality resources. Mr. Hue also proposed that Japan facilitate the reception of Vietnamese labourers and enhance cooperation with Vietnam in building stable, effective, and predictable legal frameworks for investors. ([VietnamNet](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [CAND](#), [Thoi Bao Ngan Hang](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [QDND](#), [Dan Tri](#), [Zing](#), [Lao Dong](#), [VietnamNews](#), [en.Vietnam Plus](#) Jun 21)

## **DoLAB Removes 8 Firms from List Eligible to Send Labourers to Japan**

The DoLAB, under the MoLISA, has removed eight firms from the list eligible to send labourers to Japan. Of which, four firms have their operating licenses revoked, namely Viet Nhat HR, JV-System, Hutraserco, and Transmeco. The remaining four firms are asked to turn in their operating licenses, namely Saigon Inserco, Alsimexco., JSC, Cienco No 1, and Vinalines. Recently, the DoLAB has also agreed with Japan's authorities on heavier fines on firms with high rates of labourers running away. ([VnEconomy](#), [VnEconomy](#) Jun 20-21)

## **Vietnam, Israel to Ink Labour Cooperation Deal to Facilitate Agro Ties This Year**

Vietnam and Israel are expected to sign a labour cooperation agreement this year, which will facilitate the bilateral ties in the agricultural sector. Per the deal, Vietnam will send its labourers to Israel to learn experience in the agricultural sector. Currently, Israeli agro tech firms are seeking business opportunities in Southeast Asia. At the same time, countries including Vietnam, Thailand, and the Philippines are seeking ways to boost food production in the Middle East. ([Cong Thuong](#) Jun 21)

## **SJM Holdings Rumored to Eye Development of \$6B Casino in Vietnam**

SJM Holdings Limited, a Hong Kong-based leading owner, operator and developer of casinos and integrated entertainment resorts in Macau, is speculated to develop a resort-casino project with a total investment of \$5 billion-\$6 billion. The rumor was spread after a letter reportedly written by SJM Holdings was sent to Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh in April. The casino giant said the project could generate jobs for between 3,000 and 4,000 local labourers during the construction and 17,000 workers once operational. ([VietnamBiz](#), [Vietnam Moi](#) Jun 17)

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## **General Education in Vietnam Good, Vocational Training Not Good: Official**

General education and pre-school education in Vietnam are good, but vocational training has yet to reach that level and Vietnam should focus more on developing this sector, said General Director Truong Anh Dung of the DVET, under the MoLISA. He added that the biggest problem now is to change the people's understanding about vocational training, but any improvement in vocational training would take time for the people to see. Mr. Dung suggested that the press sector should reflect vocational training better. He said that factory workers should be reflected as labourers as good as doctors, professors, or teachers. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 21)

## **TVET Institutes in Vietnam Shift to Online Enrolment amid COVID-19 Pandemic**

TVET institutes across Vietnam have shifted to online enrolment methods as they cannot conduct in-person meetings with students and parents at secondary schools and high schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Truong Anh Dung, general director of the DVET, under the MoLISA, noted that such move is necessary and suitable. ([Thanh Nien](#) Jun 22)

## **Half of Vietnam's Labourers Are without Contracts**

According to the World Bank's report, the unofficial sector accounted for 20.5% of Vietnam's GDP in 1990-1999, then 12.6% in 2010-2018. However, labourers of this sector still account for 55% of the workforce. ([CafeF](#) Jun 18)

## **Vietnam Helps over 300K People Acquire Literacy in 8 Years: MoET**

Vietnam has eliminated illiteracy for more than 300,000 people aged 15-60 from 2012 to 2020, according to an online conference hosted by the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) on Friday [June 18]. According to the MoET, after eight years of implementing the scheme on "Building a learning society in the 2012-2020 period," Vietnam has 17,459 continuing education schools; 619 centres of TVET and continuing education at the district level; 10,469 community learning centres; 5,642 foreign language-informatics centres; and 658 facilities and centres for life skills education. ([VietnamNet](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Jun 18)

## **Vietnam Has 25,667 Cooperatives with 6.8M Members, 2.5M Labourers by End-May**

Vietnam had 25,667 cooperatives as of end-May, up by 1,156 units y/y, with a total of 6.8 million members and 2.5 million labourers, according to a report by the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA). The figure included 641 new cooperatives, two cooperative unions, and 1,300 cooperative groups in January-May, meeting 42.7% of the full-year target. ([Cong Thuong](#) Jun 15)

## **COVID-19-stricken Bac Giang Allows 150 Firms to Resume Operation**

Bac Giang People's Committee has given greenlight to 150 businesses to reinstate operation by



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far since the suspension order on industrial parks was issued on May 18. Those firms have 22,797 workers returning to work in line with anti-COVID-19 measures. Bac Giang added four firms to the list on June 20. The province continues to ask agencies to review and give the all-clear to more labourers to get back to work. ([QDND](#) Jun 20)

### **Bac Giang Aims to Bring back 130K Workers to Work by End-2021**

Bac Giang province strives to have 130,000 labourers returning to work by the end of 2021. The number of workers getting back to work is expected to reach 30,000 by end-July; 50,000 by end-August; 100,000 by end-October; and over 120,000 by end-November and later. The province aims to have firms in industrial parks resuming operation by July 1, and the local industrial production value is aimed at VND8 trillion (\$344.8 million) in July, VND10 trillion in August, VND12 trillion in September/October, and over VND15 trillion in November and later. The provincial People's Committee has announced support for COVID-19-stricken enterprises, particularly vaccination of labourers who work in industrial parks and as truck drivers. ([Zing](#) Jun 22)

### **Bac Ninh Eases Working Conditions from Jun 20**

Bac Ninh province allows labourers, who are in areas following the government's Directive 15 and Directive 19, to work as long as they have negative tests to COVID-19 in 72 hours. The rule became effective on June 20. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 17)

### **Quang Binh Checks Firms with Foreign Workers**

Quang Binh province's DoLISA has checked 22 firms with foreign workers, amid COVID-19 pandemic and illegal entrance immigration. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 17)

### **Quang Ngai's TVET Institutes Enrol 51,986 Learners in 2016-2020**

TVET institutes in central Quang Ngai province enrolled 51,986 learners in the 2016-2020 period, comprising 4,966 at the college level, 9,426 at the intermediate-school level, and 37,594 at the elementary and continuing training level. ([Quang Ngai](#) Jun 16)

### **HCMC DoLISA Requests \$10M Aid Package for 230K Noncontract Workers**

HCMC DoLISA has proposed the municipal People's Committee support 230,000 COVID-19-affected labourers without contracts with a relief package worth VND230 billion (\$9.9 million). The beneficiaries will be street vendors; waste collectors; goods loaders and transporters; lottery ticket vendors; workers for household businesses in fields of food and beverage, accommodation, tourism, and beauty; and labourers of suspended businesses. The DoLISA suggested aiding each affected labourer with VND1 million, and the funding will be retrieved from the municipal budget and other sources. ([Thanh Nien](#) Jun 21)



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## **HCMC to Vaccinate over 205K Teachers, Educational Staff**

More than 205,000 teachers and educational staff in Ho Chi Minh City will be vaccinated for free this week. Accordingly, teachers and staff from public and private kindergartens, secondary schools, high schools, centres of TVET and continuing education, and colleges will be the prioritized group for vaccination. HCMC has recorded more than 700 students and nearly 400 students resided in quarantined or lockdown areas. The city also has not held the high school entrance exam yet due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The municipal department also proposed the People's Committee hold the exam before June 25 to not overlap with the high school graduation exam. ([Dan Tri](#), [Thanh Nien](#) Jun 19)

## **Many Parents in HCMC Guide Students to Choose TVET after Secondary School**

Many parents in Ho Chi Minh City have guided students to choose to advance to TVET after they completed secondary school. Mr. Tran Anh Tuan, vice chairman of the municipal vocational training association, noted that local high schools can accommodate 70% of secondary school graduates, thus the rest 30% have to seek other learning paths. In the 2020-2021 school year, over 99,500 students in the city graduated from secondary schools while public high schools enrolled nearly 68,000 only. Therefore, over 30,000 students had to seek other choices. Mr. Tuan Anh tipped some choices, such as learning at private schools or continuing training centres, as well as joining TVET with various levels. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 22)

## **HCMC's TVET Institutes Use Virtual Tech in Training**

TVET institutes in Ho Chi Minh City have used virtual technologies in training amid the complicated developments of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 21)

## **Long An Seeks to Ensure Safety for 146K Labourers amid Pandemic**

Southern Long An province has sought ways to ensure safety for 146,000 labourers at local industrial zones, including over 3,000 foreign experts, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 18)

## **Bac Lieu Creates Jobs for over 13K Labourers in H1**

Southern Bac Lieu province is estimated to have created jobs for 13,196 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year, equal to 71.33% of the target, according to the provincial DoLISA. The figure included 2,356 jobs within the province, 10,840 outside the province, and 40 overseas jobs. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 20)