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● Policies ●

MoLISA Seeks to Update Labour Export Rules

The MoLISA is drafting updates to labour export. The MoLISA suggested more details in rules about staff of labour export firms, conditions of training facilities, domains of website of labour export firms. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Jul 16)

MoLISA's Project of Retraining Labourers Unsuitable

The MoLISA's project of training and retraining labourers per Industry 4.0, worth VND800 billion, is unsuitable at the moment. Many experts suggested enhancing training curriculums of universities, colleges, TVET schools. Others suggested training units and businesses should join hands in training. They said that the state budget is facing problems and the spending should be checked carefully. ([GDTD](#) Jul 14)

Vietnam Supreme Court Archives 43 Court Precedents

The Supreme People's Court of Vietnam has so far archived and announced 43 court precedents following the implementation of Resolution 03/2015/NQ-HDTP dated October 28, 2015, on selecting, announcing, and applying court precedents, according to a consultation workshop on July 16. The 43 cases include 23 civil cases, seven criminal cases, eight business/commerce cases, one labor case, two civil proceeding cases, and two administrative proceeding cases. ([VTV](#), [congly.vn](#), [congluan.vn](#), [vtv.vn](#) Jul 16)

Vietnam Enacts National Qualification Framework for TVET

On July 15, Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam signed Decision 1232/QĐ-TTg on deploying the national qualification framework for TVET in 2021-2025. The program focuses on drafting documents about the skills, learning contents, certificates, and others for TVET. Between the second quarter (Q2) of 2021 and Q4/2022, the target is to complete the legal framework on outcomes and minimum learning contents for levels of TVET. Between Q3/2021 and Q2/2022, the goal is to complete guidance for TVET schools to update the learning curriculums per the outcomes. Between Q1/2022 and Q4/2022, the aim is to complete rules about ensuring qualities of TVET, including remote and online training. Between Q4/2021 and Q4/2023, the target is to build up the relations between skills and the national qualification framework. Between Q3/2021 and Q3/2025, the objective is to deploy and update the program. Between Q1/2022 and Q4/2023, the target is to update the learning curriculums (modules, subjects, learning credits, and others). Between Q4/2021 and Q4/2021, the aim is to implement the national qualification framework



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and mutual recognize of Vietnam's standards and foreign (especially ASEAN) standards. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), gdn.gov.vn, baodansinh.vn Jul 16)

Vietnam Must Push Labor Productivity Per Innovation: Official

In order to maintain the economic growth, Vietnam must push the labor productivity by improving the innovation, applying scientific and technological developments, and enhancing working skills of young people, said Deputy Minister of Labor, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung. Mr. Dung made the statement at an international forum on the future of work in the context of COVID-19 and Industry 4.0 on July 14. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids, and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event featured representatives from the World Economic Forum (WEF), the World Bank (WB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and embassies. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Nguyen Minh Vu said that 50% of Vietnam's workforce need to be trained or retrained. Besides, at the event, the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training (DVET) announced ten ambassadors of labor skills 2021. All of them are winners of international labor skills competitions. ([Bao Tin Tuc](#), dantri.com.vn, baquocte.vn, www.molisa.gov.vn Jul 15)

Vietnam Aims to Facilitate Startup of TVET Learners

The MoLISA is drafting a circular on facilitating career paths, employments, and startup of TVET learners. The scheme aims to improve knowledge and skill learners, training capabilities and environment of TVET schools, socialization in employment for learners, connection between investors and learners, and others. The draft circular sets methods of adding startup contents into training programs, enhancing startup-related officers and learners, facilitating startup environment within schools by linking with startup groups and individuals, conducting campaigns and competition on startup promotion, and others. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), baochinhphu.vn Jul 14)

Vietnam Completes 33 of 63 Documents to Run 2nd COVID-19 Relief Package

As of July 14, The MoLISA received 33 out of 63 documents for the implementation of the 2nd COVID-19 relief package worth VND26 trillion (\$1.12 billion) for employers and employees, per the Government's Resolution 68/NQ-CP. Minister Dao Ngoc Dung made the statement at a conference on July 14 to review the MoLISA's performance in the first half of 2021. So far, Ho Chi Minh City, a COVID-19 hotspot in Vietnam, has disbursed VND100 billion, Minister Dung said. He added that the city would complete the relief for 226,000 freelancers on July 14, help laborers with contracts from July 15, and completely disburse the package on July 30. Besides, Mr. Dung noted the impacts of the current COVID-19 outbreak. This outbreak is hurting the industrial parks with 3.8 million out of 11 million direct laborers in the country. The pandemic stopped jobs of 130,000 workers in Bac Giang province and only 80,000 returned to work after a month. South localities are embracing the impacts now. At the event, Mr. Dung reviewed



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performance of the sector, including 12.8 million laborers impacted by COVID-19, rate of trained laborers at 65%, 40,602 laborers working abroad, recruitment of 645,000 people into TVET, and others. ([Dan Tri](#), www.molisa.gov.vn, baodansinh.vn, plo.vn, kinhtedothi.vn Jul 14)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Learning Caregiver Jobs in Germany Costs Little Only

Total cost of a course of caregiver job in Germany is only EUR10,000. For the training program with the MoLISA's DoLAB or CoLAB, German recruiters pay this. For other courses, learners will pay. However, the difficulties of the courses are in training programs. Nevertheless, Germany had high demand for caregivers, possibly 200,000 until 2030, but Germany has only recruited 4,000 ones per GIZ program since 2013. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 15)

Vietnam President Addresses APEC Informal Leaders' Retreat on Jul 16

Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc delivered his remarks at the APEC Informal Leaders' Retreat, which was virtually chaired by New Zealand on July 16. In his speech, he made three proposals in the context that the rampant COVID-19 pandemic is worsening poverty, unemployment, and social inequality. APEC should quickly implement cooperation programs and policy coordination on (i) assisting disadvantaged and vulnerable groups; (ii) improving the resilience and adaptability of businesses, especially micro-small- and medium-sized enterprises, to create more jobs and income; and (iii) offering skill training to the labor force, and reducing the digital gap between urban and rural areas, and among the people. ([Hanoi Moi](#), [VietnamPlus](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#), [CAND](#), [NLD](#), [Bao Tin Tuc](#), [VTV](#), [Thanh Nien](#) Jul 16)

Vietnam Sets Priorities in TVET Cooperation with EU in 2021-2027

Officials from the DVET and the Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam had a meeting in Hanoi on July 16 to discuss priorities in TVET (TVET) in 2021-2027. DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung suggested priorities in (i) Vietnam's TVET strategy until 2030, (ii) technical assistance to develop Vietnam's TVET system, (iii) mutual recognition of labor standards, (iv) improving training and management of officials and teachers, (v) connecting TVET schools and EU businesses in Vietnam, and (vi) connecting Vietnamese and European TVET schools. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), gdn.gov.vn Jul 18)

S.Korea Extends Stay for Foreign Laborers by 1 Year, including Vietnamese

The South Korean Ministry of Justice has announced that it would extend the period of stay for overseas laborers by one year, including those from Vietnam, according to the DoLAB, under the MoLISA. Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, foreign passport holders with below-one-year validity will be eligible for another one-year stay in South Korea. ([VnEconomy](#) Jul 20)



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Vietnam, Japan Seek to Boost Trade, Industry, Energy Ties amid COVID-19

Vietnamese Minister of Industry and Trade Nguyen Hong Dien had a meeting on July 14 with Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam Yamada Takio to discuss measures to boost the two nations' trade, industry, and energy relations amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing the event, Mr. Dien thanked the Japanese government for donating three million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines. He proposed the Japanese diplomat support Vietnam in accessing COVID-19 vaccines to roll out the vaccination to laborers in industrial parks and retail systems of Japan-invested enterprises. ([Cong Thuong](#) Jul 16)

Romania to Gift Vietnam 100K Doses of AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine: PM

Romanian President Klaus Werner Iohannis has announced that his country would gift Vietnam 100,000 doses of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine and consider an additional transfer of COVID-19 vaccine doses to Vietnam in the future. President Klaus Werner Iohannis made the announcement at a phone talk with Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc on July 14. The two leaders also discussed some measures to promote bilateral cooperation in trade, education, labor, and many others. ([VietnamBiz](#), [MoH](#), [NLD](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [VietnamNet](#) Jul 14)

Top Legislators of Vietnam, Singapore Hold Phone Talks on Jul 14

Chairman of the Vietnamese National Assembly (NA) Vuong Dinh Hue spoke by phone with Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore Tan Chuan-Jin on July 14, during which the two top legislators discussed ways to strengthen the bilateral strategic partnership. The Singaporean Speaker stated that seven Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Parks (VSIP) have by far received over \$14 billion of investment and generated more than 270,000 jobs, which demonstrates the strong economic ties between the two countries. ([Bao Tin Tuc](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#), [Hanoi Moi](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Vietnam Net](#) Jul 14)

Domestic News

VTC News Hosts Conference about Colleges Overcoming COVID-19

On July 14, VTC News newswire conducted an online conference about colleges overcoming COVID-19 pandemic. DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung said that colleges have reaped great achievements recently, such as standardization, cooperation with business, connection with labour market, hence 95% of graduates, even 100% in some colleges, are employed. ([VTC](#), [VTC](#) Jul 20)

Lao Cai Aims to Decrease Unemployment Rate to 2% in 2030



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Lao Cai province aims to reduce unemployment rate to 2% in 2030, increase rate of laborers certified laborers to 32% in 2025 and 36% in 2030, improve rate of laborers with IT skills to 60% in 2025 and 75% in 2030, reduce ratio of agricultural laborers to 53% in 2025 and 43% in 2030, boost labor productivity growth to 6% in 2025 and 7% in 2030, reduce rate of untrained or uneducated youths at 5% in 2030, decrease rate of unemployed rural youths to below 3.5% in 2030, and cut rate of underemployment to 5% in 2030. Besides, Lao Cai aims to provide career path guidance to all secondary and high school graduates in 2030. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 19)

Binh Dinh Helps 28,650 Laborers without Contracts

Binh Dinh province plans to allocate VND42.97 billion from the COVID-19 relief package of VND26 trillion to help 28,650 laborers without contracts. Those people's incomes are below the near-poor level per the Prime Minister's Decision 59/2015. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 18)

Thanh Hoa Penalize Nghi Son Vocational College

Thanh Hoa province on July 18 asked provincial DoLISA to fine Nghi Son Vocational College for letting learners do internships amid COVID-19 pandemic. The college planned to send 200 learners of 11 classes to interns in Hai Duong, violating anti-COVID-19 rules. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 19)

Hanoi Aims to Conduct 240 Job Fairs Yearly

Hanoi has approved the project of boosting job exchanges in 2021-2025 and later. In 2021-2025, annually, Hanoi aims to conduct 240 daylong job fairs, 12 specialized job fairs, and 10 mobile job fairs. Hanoi aims to boost rate of online job interviews to 30%-35% and then 50% after 2025. ([Hanoi Moi](#) Jul 16)

Vietnamese Woman Gives Disabled Youths Boost with TVET

Doan Thi Hoa has spent more than a decade uplifting the disabled community through a center she has built in suburban Hanoi, teaching different trades and bringing smiles to children with special needs. Hoa and her husband, Nguyen Huu Tan, have provided parental care and TVET to some 500 physically challenged children, including those with severe impairments and others coming all the way from southern localities. At the cooperative, which doubles as a free-admission TVET center, Hoa is not only the teacher of a class with some of the most serious disabilities, but also a mother with boundless love and dedication. The woman, who has just had an operation on one leg, shared her calling to teach vocational skills to children with special needs during a charity trip with the Hanoi Red Cross Society almost 15 years ago. With her husband's support, Hoa set up a workshop to provide free TVET for the local disabled community right in her backyard. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 11-14)

28,000 Workers in Hanoi Face Underemployments



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28,000 workers in Hanoi faced underemployments as of July 12, due to COVID-19 impacts (material shortage, reduced working hours). As of July 12, 4,185 firms in Hanoi established 11,230 COVID-19-safe groups with 49,574 people. ([Dang Cong San](#) Jul 13)

Thua Thien Hue Provides Jobs to 8,000 Labourers in H1/2021

In the first six months of 2021, Thua Thien Hue provided jobs to 8,0016 laborers, or 50.1% of the targets, including 474 jobs abroad. TVET schools recruited 6,199 laborers and 5,292 graduated from TVET schools. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 14)

356 Firms in Dong Nai Seek to Vaccinate 3K Foreign Laborers

356 enterprises in southern stricken Dong Nai province have so far registered to vaccinate 3,057 foreign expatriates against COVID-19, according to the provincial Industrial Zones Authority (DIZA). Of these, there are 1,173 executives; 1,501 specialists; and 385 skilled workers. In addition, a host of businesses have registered to purchase thousands of COVID-19 vaccine doses for production workers. DIZA has asked industrial parks-based companies to take COVID-19 test of all of their employees, set up on-premises arrangements for workers to work, eat, and rest or provide them with shuttle services on one fixed route between workplaces and accommodations. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Bao Dong Nai](#) Jul 18)

Bac Giang Allows 343 Firms to Resume Operations as of Jul 17

Northern province of Bac Giang gave the all-clear to 343 businesses in industrial parks (IPs) with 98,033 workers to reinstate operations as of July 17. All 30 industrial clusters provincewide have been reopened with 189 companies and 43,888 employees back to production. In addition, enterprises outside industrial clusters and parks have basically resumed operations. Besides, many firms appear thirsty for close to 45,000 workers, compared to the normal pre-COVID-19 figure of 150,000, Mr. Hoang Van Thang from the provincial DoLISA said. ([VnEconomy](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 17)

Over 1.2K Firms in Hanoi Hit by COVID-19 Flare-up by Far

The COVID-19 resurgence has so far stricken more than 1,200 enterprises in Hanoi. By far, the plague has caused 250 businesses citywide to halt operations. 7,533 laborers have lost their jobs, and 28,615 workers have been underemployed, according to reports by 45 trade unions citywide. To date, the city has had 126 infections and 2,077 F1 cases as laborers. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Jul 20)

COVID-19 Prompts 65% of Polled Firms in Vietnam to Lay off Employees: Report

65% of polled enterprises in Vietnam have furloughed their laborers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a survey covering over 400 domestic businesses and conducted by FPT Corporation (HOSE: FPT) and Base Business Solutions Corp. The survey reported that over 53% of respondents currently suspend or restrict their operations, and nearly 10% are temporarily



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nonoperational. In addition, obstacles facing businesses include their partners' difficulties with 61.99% of replies, slump demand with 43.17%, and capital lack with 37.98%. The report showed that the food and beverage (F&B) and education-training sectors have been hit hardest, with 28% of surveyed F&B companies probably hibernating in case of remote work. Meanwhile, technology-telecommunication and construction-architecture industries have been least impacted by the plague, with over 51% of polled technology-telecom firms not laying off their staff.

Despite the pandemic, 52% of respondents believed in their business resumption in early August, and up to 45% affirmed their business continuity in over 12 months. ([CafeF](#) Jul 19)

Hanoi Generates Jobs for 96.7K Laborers in H1, up 20.1% y/y

Hanoi created jobs for over 96,700 laborers in the first six months (H1) of this year, up 20.1% y/y, accomplishing 60.5% of the year target, according to the Hanoi Employment Service Center, under the municipal DoLISA. The city also offered a preferential VND1.3 trillion (\$56 million) loan to disadvantaged people, creating jobs for more than 28,500 persons. The COVID-19 outbreak currently poses great challenges to the recovery of the city's labor market in the next months, the center said. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jul 19)

Vietnam TVET Directorate, Grab to Boost Skills of Drivers

The DVET and ride-hailing service Grab Vietnam signed an agreement on improving skills of the latter's car drivers and motorbike riders (partners) on July 20. The two sides will focus on (i) merging training contents into programs of Grab for Grab partners, (ii) building standards to rate Grab partners on driving skills, soft skills, communication skills, emergency response, (iii) recognizing driving skills by hosting driving skills contests, (iv) improving and building standards of skills, in order to issue job certificates, and (v) disseminating job skills for laborers. Besides, both sides will cooperate to update relevant training programs to Grab partners. ([Dan Viet](#) Jul 20)

Vietnam Plans to Issue Job Certificates for Manicurists, Hairdressers

Relevant agencies are checking possibilities of issuing job certificates for hairdressers, manicurists, restaurant servers, and others, according to an event of the DVET on July 20 to review the performance in the first half of 2021. The task aims to standardize working requirements, improve the transparency, and reduce risks for this sector of laborers without contracts. Besides, officials discussed links between TVET schools and businesses, implementation of package of VND4.5 trillion (\$193.1 million) for TVET for people, application of information technology in unemployment insurance, and others. In the first half of 2021, TVET schools in Vietnam recruited 645,000 learners, down 17% y/y. The number of recruited rural laborers was 350,000. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 20)

HCMC Aims to Further Support Laborers Impacted by COVID-19



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Ho Chi Minh City is drafting further COVID-19 relief for COVID-19 impacts laborers, including house workers, babysitters, builders, motorbike repairers, motorbike riders of ride-hailing services. HCMC DoLISA has ordered districts and Thu Duc City to list such laborers and complete the list by July 24. Previously, HCMC conducted a COVID-19 relief package of VND330 billion (\$14.16 million) to 220,000 out of 231,000 freelancers (95%). HCMC estimated that there were about 27,000 laborers out of this relief package. ([Thanh Nien](#), [thanhnien.vn](#), [vtv.vn](#) Jul 19)

55,000 Laborers in Binh Duong Temporarily off Work due to COVID-19

Nearly 55,000 laborers in the southern province of Binh Duong have been forced to take a break so far, according to the provincial Labor Federation. Of the total, close to 1,600 were reported to catch COVID-19, nearly 12,000 F1 cases are undergoing centralized quarantine, and more than 41,000 are under self-quarantine or reside in lockdown places. ([Tien Phong](#) Jul 19)

Gov't Reports Results of Public Investment Plan in 2016-2020, 2021-2025

The Vietnamese government has submitted a report to the National Assembly on the implementation results of the medium-term public investment activities in 2016-2020; and VND2,870 trillion (\$123.71 billion) for the plan in 2021-2025. The investment, which is sourced from the state budget (VND1,500 trillion) and the local budget (VND1,370 trillion), will be allocated in 13 sectors, namely economic activities (74.1% of the total figure), national defense (7.7%), education and TVET (3.8%), and other fields, including social security, science-technology, health, culture/information, television/communication, sports, environment protection. ([VietnamBiz](#) Jul 19)

HCMC Delivers Support to 220,000 Freelancers

Ho Chi Minh City has delivered COVID-19 relief package of VND330 billion (\$14.16 million) to 220,000 out of 231,000 freelancers (95%). The freelancers include lottery sellers, waste collectors, and others. Each person is subject to receive a support amount of VND1.5 million. So far, districts 10, Binh Tan, Phu Nhuan, Nha Be fully delivered the package. HCMC vowed to soon support the remaining 11,000 freelancers. After that, HCMC will focus on helping 80,000 laborers with lost or reduced jobs by July 25. Besides, HCMC will help 60,000 businesses of suspended wet markets and 10,000 other businesses. This is HCMC's second relief package for COVID-19 impacted people. The first package, worth VND587 billion, was delivered to 536,000 people in 2020. ([VnExpress](#), [thanhnien.vn](#) Jul 16)

Bac Giang Detects 1 COVID-19 Case in Quang Chau IP on Jul 15

Northern province of Bac Giang confirmed on July 15 that a worker in Quang Chau industrial park in Viet Yen district was detected to catch COVID-19, through screening tests before returning to work. The infected person works for Samkwang company. Since late June, Viet Yen district had not recorded any coronavirus cases in both designated quarantine facilities and



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community. By far, Bac Giang province has given the all-clear to 343 industrial parks-based companies with over 90,000 laborers to resume operation. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Tien Phong](#) Jul 15)

Firms in HCMC May Halt Operation on Factory Sleepovers

Thousands of enterprises in HCMC may suspend operation from July 15 as they are unable to set up on-site sleeping accommodations for workers as required by the municipal authorities. Mr. Pham Xuan Hong, chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City Textile and Garment-Embroidery Association, said that most of footwear and textile factories citywide would temporarily shut down as there is no room for such a huge number of workers to occupy. Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Luan, founder and CEO of the Global Trading Connection Company Limited, said that his firm did not have enough time to manage factory sleepover arrangements, hence closure is inevitable. General Director of VitaJean Co., Ltd Pham Van Viet told that although the company has planned on-site accommodations for laborers, only 50% of its workforce have been eligible for continued work, and some manufacturing lines have been left vacant. ([Thanh Nien](#), [NDH](#) Jul 15)

Nike Supplier Changshin Halts Production at 3 Plants in Dong Nai

Vietnam Chang Shin Co., Ltd, a 100%-South-Korea-invested firm specialized in manufacturing Nike footwear, announced a suspension at all three of its factories in southern Dong Nai province on July 14, due to COVID-19. The three factories, VJ1, VJ2, and VJ3, will remain shut until July 19, making a total of 42,000 workers take a break, said Mr. Dang Tuan Tu, chairman of the firm's trade union. During the closure, the firm will be having employees tested for COVID-19. ([Bao Tin Tuc](#), [VietnamFinance](#) Jul 14)

Workers Account for 31% of Number of COVID-19 Patients in Vietnam

About 9,500 COVID-19 patients in Vietnam's fourth COVID-19 outbreak are factory workers, or 31% of all community infections, said Mr. Nguyen Dinh Khang, chairman of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labor (VGCL), at the MoLISA's reviewing conference on July 14. Mr. Khang added that there are 60,000 F1 cases and 160,000 F2 cases. Besides, 500,000 workers had to reduce working hours, took breaks, or lost jobs since April. Notable, 1,800 infections in Ho Chi Minh City are factory workers, 140,000 workers in industrial parks of Bac Giang province have their jobs impacted. In order to help laborers, the VGCL has implemented a relief package of VND113 billion for VGCL members and other laborers, donated VND150 billion to the national COVID-19 vaccine fund, and urged the authorities to soon deploy the relief package of VND26 trillion. ([Thanh Nien](#), [thanhvien.vn](#), [antt.vn](#), [cafef.vn](#) Jul 14)

Vietnam Injects Chinese COVID-19 Vaccine to Border Residents in Quang Ninh

On July 14, Mong Cai City of Vietnam's northern Quang Ninh province began vaccination of 30,000 doses of Chinese COVID-19 vaccine Sinopharm to border residents. The campaign is scheduled to end on July 20 with vaccination for 28,000 people. The vaccination is prioritized for laborers of majorly-invested-by-China industrial parks, staff of foreign-invested firms,



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tourism firms mainly serving Chinese people, and others. ([VietnamPlus VN](#), [mongcai.gov.vn](#), [baotintuc.vn](#), [vov.vn](#) Jul 14)

Firms Sign Geological Survey Contract for \$10B Offshore Wind Farm in Vietnam

On July 15, La Gan Wind Power Development Corporation signed a contract with Vietnam-Russia oil and gas joint venture Vietsovpetro for the geological survey of La Gan offshore wind power project worth \$10 billion in Vietnam's central Binh Thuan province, local media reported. La Gan offshore wind power project, with a capacity of 3.5 gigawatts (GW), is expected to contribute more than \$4.4 billion to the Vietnamese economy during its implementation and create over 45,000 full-time jobs for local workers. ([BNews](#), [Dau Tu](#) Jul 15)

HCMC Orders Certain Firms to Halt Operations from Jul 15

The People's Committee in Ho Chi Minh City has ordered businesses that fail to meet anti-virus requirements to suspend operations from July 15 until further notice. Enterprises allowed for ongoing operation must set up on-premises arrangements for workers to work, eat, and rest. Moreover, they are required to provide workers with one-route shuttle services between workplaces and accommodations. So far, 42 of 128 firms have registered to operate and let workers live inside factories. ([VietnamBiz](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Tien Phong](#), [CAND](#), [VOV](#), [VTV](#) Jul 13)