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Vietnam Gov't Assign Tasks, Pham Binh Minh Becomes Standing Deputy PM

On September 6, the Vietnamese government reassigned tasks of the Prime Minister and Deputy PMs, with Deputy PM Pham Binh Minh as the new Standing Deputy PM (succeeding Truong Hoa Binh). Deputy PM Dam continued management in education-training, TVET; science and technology; labor, employment, and social affairs; information and communications; culture, tourism, sports; and healthcare, population, family, and kids. ([VnExpress](#), [VTV](#), [Thanh Tra](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Sep 6)

Vietnam Approves Plan of Retraining 300,000 Laborers Per Industry 4.0

On August 30, Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam approved the program of training and retraining the workforce per Industry 4.0, with at least 300,000 people of 20 sectors in a year. The training is for college and intermediate levels, focusing on sectors of information technology, new technology, high technology, and others. Laborers are from sectors under heavy impacts of the fourth industrial revolution, such as footwear and textile. The program will provide training for at least 120 people of one sector, or 4,800 in total. It will also give retraining to 300,000 others. The methods are to access the demand for training/retraining, building learning programs, improving the capabilities of teachers, letting TVET units and businesses to conduct the training/retraining, and others. The program's duration is between 2021 and 2025. The MoLISA is the coordinator and the will cooperate with the Ministry of Education and Training, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Planning and Investment. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [TVET](#), [QDND](#), [BizLIVE](#) Sep 3)

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Foreign Cooperation

Australia, Vietnam May Complete Economic Cooperation Strategy in Late Sep

Australia and Vietnam have worked closely to complete their Enhanced Economic Engagement Strategy in late September, Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan said at an online meeting with international reporters on September 6. Australian firms have been keen on traditional, clean, and renewable energy; education and labor skill training; and import-export of farm produce, he said. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#) Sep 7)

Japan's Fukuoka to Receive Trainees from Dong A University



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Fukuoka prefecture of Japan has claimed to receive nursing trainees from Danang-based Dong A University, making it the eighth Japanese locality to host nursing interns from the Vietnamese university. This is part of an agreement between Dong A University and Heisei Corporation signed in April. The first group of learners will attend an interview on September 13 then arrive in Japan in April 2022 to work at nursing establishments run by Heisei. By far, Dong A University has sent over 200 trainees to Japan to work in 14 areas. It plans to send 300-500 students to Japan each year from 2025. ([Dang Cong San](#), [DNVN](#), [VietTimes](#) Sep 7)

MoLISA Seeks Consultation for Draft Decree on Workers Abroad

The MoLISA and the International Labor Organization (ILO) office in Hanoi co-held a virtual conference on August 31 to seek consultation for a draft decree specifying guidelines on the implementation of some articles in the Law on contract-based overseas workers. The draft decree regulates conditions of certain markets and professions for service enterprises; conditions of issuing a license for sending workers abroad under contract; eligible branches for sending Vietnamese workers abroad under contracts; the deposit level, the management and use of deposit; and the ceiling deposit committed by laborers. ([Dan Sinh](#) Sep 1)

Domestic News

Quang Ngai Locks Down Quang Phu IP

On September 6, Quang Ngai province locked down Quang Phu Industrial Park after recorded 15 COVID-19 infections there. Quang Phu Industrial Park has 5,400 workers, including 3,000 working ones and 2,000 currently not at the park. ([Lao Dong](#) Sep 6)

Vietnam Social Security Approves COVID-19 Support for Nearly 800K Laborers

As of September 5, the Vietnam Social Security (VSS) has approved COVID-19 support, per the government's Resolution 68 and Decision 23, for 795,165 laborers of 29,352 firms in 62 out of 63 localities. The support goes to 613,174 workers of 26,821 units with halted contracts and unpaid leave; 80,159 workers of 1,577 units with cancelled jobs; and training for 1,010 laborers of nine units. Besides, employers of 181 units in no-activity sector and 151 units in some other sectors applied to receive loans to pay wages for 35,516 and 19,468 workers, respectively. ([Lao Dong](#) Sep 7)

Hanoi Gives \$39.7M to COVID-19-affected People as of Sep 6

As of September 6, Hanoi had allotted VND923 billion (\$39.78 million) in support of people and laborers affected by COVID-19, according to the municipal DoLISA. The city gave VND452 billion to over 1.62 million workers. Hanoi also cut by VND152 billion in the collection of occupational accident and occupational disease insurance premiums, in support of 88,000 firms and units citywide with more than 1.48 million employees. All-level authorities citywide assisted 12,585 laborers with suspended contracts and unpaid leave, nearly 13,000 children infected with



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COVID-19 or under quarantine, and 766 workers at private education facilities with unpaid leave. ([Hanoi Moi](#) Sep 7)

COVID-19 Wreaks Unpaid Leave on 5.5K Vietnam Railway Workers: Exec.

Train services suspended by COVID-19 have forced 5,520 railway workers to take unpaid leave, Chairman of the state-run Vietnam Railways (VNR) Vu Anh Minh said. VNR is urging the MoLISA to help those affected laborers to benefit from the government relief package worth VND26 trillion (\$1.12 billion). In the first seven months of this year, train passengers plunged by 50% compared to the same spell last year, the executive said. ([CafeF](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [PLO](#) Sep 4)

PM Chinh Hopes US Firms to Call for COVID-19 Vaccines for Vietnam

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has hoped U.S. firms to call for COVID-19 vaccine doses for Vietnam from their government and partners, during a meeting with Chargé d'Affaires a.i. Christopher Klein of the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi on September 4. At the event, PM Chinh noted that the government would soon provide coronavirus vaccine doses for experts and laborers at foreign-invested firms. ([NLD](#) Sep 4)

PM Chinh Expects Samsung to Help Vietnam Buy COVID-19 Vaccines

As Vietnam is speeding up its COVID-19 vaccination drive, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh expected Samsung to request the South Korean government and its partners for assistance for Vietnam in the move. PM Chinh gave the request during a visit to a Samsung plant in the northern province of Thai Nguyen and met with Samsung Vietnam General Director Choi Joo Ho on September 3. With six plants and 110,000 workers in Vietnam, Samsung wants Vietnam to promote vaccination for its employees. ([VnEconomy](#), [Vnanet](#), [VnExpress English](#) Sep 3)

Only 1/3 of Firms in Industrial Clusters in Hanoi still Operating

In Hanoi, only 1,077 out of 3,600 firms and production facilities in industrial clusters are operating, while others are halting production due to the negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, before the implementation of Directive 17, several firms had to stop operation, while the others reduced their production scale by about 20%. Therefore, this impacts significantly on the production and supply of goods, ensuring social security, employment, and income of laborers in the city. The Department of Industry and Trade of Hanoi proposed speeding up and prioritizing COVID-19 vaccination for laborers in industrial clusters to fight COVID-19 pandemic and maintain production. ([VietnamBiz](#), [VnExpress English](#))

Hanoi Generates Jobs for 114.79K Workers in Jan-Aug, up 8.5% y/y

Hanoi created jobs for 114,795 laborers in the first eight months of 2021, meeting 71.7% of the year target and up 8.5% y/y, according to the DoLISA. In August, the city provided jobs to 3,284 people, which plunged by 10,362 compared to last month, or 75.9%, due to impacts of the



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existing COVID-19 social distancing. Of the employments, 682 people were employed after interviews via job exchange floors, 180 secured loans to get employment, and 2,422 were offered jobs at businesses. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#), [CafeBiz](#), [Hanoi Moi](#), [Lao Dong](#) Aug 30)

62% of 70K Polled People out of Work in 4th COVID-19 Wave: Survey

Since early May, the fourth COVID-19 wave has pushed 42,754 in 70,000 polled people, or 62%, out of work, according to a survey conducted by the Prime Minister's Private Sector Development Research Board (Board IV). The sectors of accommodation, food and beverage, tourism, and maid and security services reported the highest unemployment rate with 87% of respondents, followed by education and training area with 52.2% (particularly staff of kindergartens, TVET units), and health care and social assistance with 33.1%. Over 5% of jobless people reported to have received financial support from their companies, and only 2% benefited from the government's relief packages. The survey showed that 48.2% said they could not find jobs in the time to come after unemployment, and 21% of the unemployed eyed online sale. ([Cong Luan](#) Sep 7)

Can Tho Approves \$12.6M for Upgrade of Vocational College

Can Tho city has approved a project on upgrading the Can Tho Vocational College into a high-quality establishment with a total investment of VND292 billion (\$12.6 million) from the local budget. The project will be implemented in 2021-2024, aiming to equip the school with teaching devices in service of seven majors, namely automotive technology, information technology, computer network administration, industrial electronics, industrial electricity, metal cutting, and mechatronics. ([Thanh Nien](#) Sep 6)

Thanh Hoa to Create Jobs for Workers Returning from COVID-19 Areas

Thanh Hoa has devised a plan on providing TVET and creating jobs for native workers returning from COVID-19-stricken areas. Since April 27, around 166,300 Thanh Hoa people, including 6,200 children, have come back from virus-hit places. Of these, 43,200 are under quarantine, and 123,100 have finished their quarantine time. As many as 65% of the returnees are non-contract and untrained laborers, and the remaining, who have labour contracts, wish to return to their workplaces once the pandemic is controlled. Currently, enterprises in Thanh Hoa province need to employ 33,000 workers with women accounting for 70%. ([Dan Sinh](#) Sep 6)

PM Asks for Plan on COVID-19 Vaccination for Students

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh asked the Ministry of Health (MoH) to devise a detailed plan on COVID-19 vaccination for learners at primary, secondary, and high schools as well as TVET units. PM Chinh required the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) and MoH to vaccinate all teachers as well. The MoET was asked to take overall measures as to training, recruitment, and use of human resources in line with the employment demand. ([Bao Quoc Te](#), [VnExpress](#) Sep 4)



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MoLISA Opens Training Course for Sectoral Inspectors

On September 6, the MoLISA opened an online course of further training for inspectors of the sector. The courses featured inspectors from the MoLISA and officials in charge of inspection from the DVET, DoLISAs, the DoLAB, and the MoLISA's Department of Employments.

([Thanh Tra](#) Sep 6)

DVET Searches for Project Auditor

The MoLISA has approved a plan of selecting contractors for a package of hiring financial auditors for phase 1 of “Skills and Knowledge for Inclusive Economic Growth Project.” The package, worth VND2.14 trillion, is run by the DVET. The selection will begin in the third quarter of 2021 in open format. ([Dau Thau](#) Sep 6)