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Training in Digital-Technology Sector Adapts to Industry 4.0

Vietnam National University Hanoi and the MoLISA recently conducted a conference on adapting to Industry 4.0. Officials discussed the leading roles of the VNU and the MoLISA in education-training and vocational training and their cooperation, in the adaptation to Industry 4.0. (Dan Sinh Nov 24)

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Vietnam to Develop Modern, Integrated Labour Market

Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam has signed Decision 1983/QD-TTg on developing a modern and integrated labour market, with a focus on training and retraining per job trends, economic reform, and sustainable labour relations. (Bao Chinh Phu Nov 26)

Business Sector and Labour Market

Foreign Cooperation

Vietnam, Russia Deepen Labour Cooperation

Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Nguyen Van Hoi and Major General Dmitriy Pavlovich Demidenko from Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs co-chaired the sixth online conference of the Vietnam-Russia labour working group on November 24. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged information about labour migration and two countries' workers in each other's territories. They talked about updates of the draft of an agreement on attracting and employing Vietnamese people to work in Russia. Both sides consented to hold the seventh edition of the conference in Vietnam. In the first nine months of 2021, Russia gave 6,200 licenses to Vietnamese people to work there. (Dang Cong San, CAND, Nhan Dan, VOV Nov 24)

Japanese Labour Union to Employ More Workers from Dong Thap

Japan-based Tokyo Keiyukai Kyodo Kumiai Labour Union will hire additional workers from southern province of Dong Thap in the forthcoming time, said President of the Labour Union Munemura Hideo. President Hideo gave his claim in a meeting with Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan, who is accompanying Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh on his ongoing visit to Japan. He thanked the Vietnamese province for having sent hundreds of skilled workers to Japan to work in geological exploration, food processing, engineering, printing, and airport. (PLO Nov 24)



Vietnam, Japan to Enhance Cooperation in Workforce Training

Vietnam and Japan will enhance the cooperation in workforce training, according to activities of Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Nguyen Ba Hoan, on the sidelines of Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh's recent visit to Japan. Deputy Minister Hoan and the delegation of the MoLISA had meetings with relevant Japanese agencies and ministries about the program of internships in Japan for Vietnamese people. Deputy Minister Hoan also witnessed the signing of an agreement between the Vietnam Association of Manpower Supply (VAMAS) and a Japanese agency in developing Vietnamese interns and labourers in Japan. (Dan Tri, MoLISA Nov 27)

Vietnam, Switzerland Look to Edu, Research, Science, Innovation Cooperation

Swiss President Guy Parmelin is looking forward to welcoming his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc, and both leaders will co-chair a business summit for officials and enterprises from the two countries to seek promising cooperation opportunities, particularly in education, research, science, and innovation. Over the past three decades, the Swiss government has given Vietnam official development assistance (ODA) of VND15 trillion (\$647 million). Over 100 Swiss investors doing business in Vietnam generated 20,000 jobs for locals, and the Southeast Asian country reported VND50 trillion (\$2.16 billion) of investment from Switzerland. (Bao Quoc Te, Zing News, NGUOI LAO DONG Nov 26)

Vietnam-South Korea Training Centre Debuted

On November 30, the Vietnam-South Korea training centre, within Ho Chi Minh City high-tech park, debuted. The centre will cooperate with South Korean partners in training labourers for sectors of precise mechanics, automation, digitalization, smart productions, and others. (<u>Nhan</u> <u>Dan</u> Nov 30)

Yen Bai Province Wants Greater JICA Support

Authorities in Vietnam's northern mountainous province of Yen Bai have expressed their interest in receiving more support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in four sectors, namely education, health, environmental protection, and climate change, local media reported. Local authorities made the statement at a meeting with a JICA delegation in the province on November 29. Yen Bai province has recently signed an agreement with Japan's Okayama prefecture in vocational training, exchange of intern, labour export, agriculture, tourism, and others. (<u>Tin Tuc</u>, <u>Vietnam Plus English</u>, <u>www.yenbai</u> Nov 29)

Vietnam Seeks to Support Fisheries Workers Recruited to South Korea

On November 29, the Vietnamese Labour Management Board and Vietnamese Embassy in South Korea held a seminar to discuss measures for effective management of and support for workers in the fisheries sector. Head of the board Ta Thi Thanh Thuy said there are currently 17





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Vietnamese enterprises registering to supply crew members to owners of fishing boats near South Korea. The total number of E-10 visa workers in Korea currently stands at 8,602. (<u>Tin Tuc</u>, <u>Vietnam Plus</u> Nov 30)

Firms of Vietnam, Netherlands Build \$65M Hi-tech Agro Complex in Kon Tum

On November 29, Vietnam's Hung Nhon Group and the Netherlands' De Heus Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to construct a high-technology agricultural complex in Central Highlands province of Kon Tum, with a total investment of \$65 million. Besides, two firms planned to develop areas supplying materials for feed factories, breeding research, and labour training centre in high-tech agriculture. The project will also create jobs for 250-300 local ethnic people in Kon Tum province. (Nong Nghiep, Saigon Times, Dan Viet, kon Tum TV, BPTV, Tien Phong, Thanh Nien, Dau Tu, BNews, Bao Binh Phuoc Nov 30)

Dong Thap Sends 263 Workers to South Korea in since 2018

As of November, Dong Thap province sent 43 locals to South Korea for seasonal work in Gangwon province, the provincial Employment Service Centre said. Since 2018, the province sent 263 labourers to South Korea for seasonal work. (<u>Dong Thap</u>, <u>Dan Sinh</u> Nov 24)

Domestic News

Firms in Vietnam Offer Wages below Expectations to University Graduates

Many fresh graduates in Vietnam expect monthly wages at between VND10 million (\$429) and VND15 million, but many firms only offer monthly wages at between VND6 million and VND10 million, according to Adecco. Employers noted a fresh graduates' problems, including lacklustre soft skills, unrealistic targets, and goal. Another problem is their weak experiences and their shattered dreams upon realization of differences between actual jobs and job descriptions. Besides, the survey noted impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on recruitments of fresh graduates. As many as 39% of firms have reduced their recruitment and 19% of firms have cut their recruitment of fresh graduates by 30%. (VnExpress, Phu Nu Moi Nov 26)

Vietnam Licenses 105,600 New Firms in Jan-Nov, down 15% y/y: GSO

Vietnam is estimated to have licensed 105,600 new firms in the first eleven months of this year, down 15% y/y, with their total registered capital of VND1,454 trillion (\$62.67 billion), down 22.6% y/y, the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) said in its latest monthly report. The average registered capital of a new firm in the first eleven months of this year dropped by 8.9% y/y to VND13.8 billion, the agency said, noting that the new firms used 784,200 labourers during the period, down 19.2% y/y. (GSO Nov 29)

Startup Kite Awards Go To 36 Projects





On November 26, the DVET granted 36 prizes (1 first prize, 2 second prizes, 3 third prizes, and 29 others) to projects of the Startup Kite 2021 competition. The final round featured 67 projects. Within the competition, the DVET signed cooperation agreements with Phu Thai Holding and Nam Cau Kien industrial cluster to implement a project of helping students conduct start-ups until 2025. (Dan Sinh, Dan Sinh, Nhan Dan Nov 26)

DVET, Sun Group Cooperate in Training

On November 26, the DVET and Sun Group signed an agreement on vocational training. DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung said the DVET has been boosting firms to cooperate in vocational training by helping with tuition frees, taxes, and others. (Dan Sinh Nov 26)

Bac Ninh Loses Investment Due to Lack of High-Quality Labourers

Foxconn has recently given up on expanding its tablet chain in Bac Ninh because of the lack of high-quality labourers there. With over 300,000 labourers in industrial parks, Bac Ninh can only provide 25% of the demand, hence Foxconn had to shift to other nations. (<u>VnEconomy</u> Nov 26)

Vinh Phuc Forecast to Generate Jobs for over 16K Workers in 2021

Vinh Phuc province is forecast to create jobs for some 16,080 labourers throughout 2021, including 77.6% trained workers and 34.7% holders of certificates. As of November, the province allotted VND20 billion to employers and VND24.6 billion to about 63,000 workers hit by COVID19. (Doanh Nghiep Hoi Nhap Nov 29)

Tuyen Quang Promotes TVET for Rural Workers

Tuyen Quang province has been promoting vocational training for rural workers. In 2016-2020, it provided training to over 48,000 locals, including 18,772 rural workers, bringing the rate of trained labourers to 60.3% in 2020 from 45.8% in 2015. During the period, the province created Jobs for 121,964 workers. Tuyen Quang currently has 11 TVET facilities, including one college, one intermediate school, one intermediate school-run unit, and eight centres. (Dan Toc Nov 24)

Thanh Hoa Has Demand for 33K Workers

Enterprises based in Thanh Hoa province are in need of some 33,000 workers with women accounting for 70%, according to the provincial Labour Federation and the Employment Service Centre. Firms located in Thanh Hoa city reportedly have demand for between 12,000 and 15,000 workers. (Dan Sinh Nov 25)

HCMC May Need to Employ 42K Workers for Rest of 2021

Businesses based in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) may need to recruit between 33,000 and 42,000 workers for the rest of this year, mostly unskilled labourers, DoLISA Deputy Director Nguyen



Van Lam said. 70% of the demand for unskilled workers is involved in textiles, footwear, electromechanics-electronics, processing, commerce, and services. (<u>Tin Tuc</u> Nov 30)

HCMC Gives \$517M to 8.8M COVID-19-hit People as of Nov 22

As of November 22, Vietnam's southern economic hub of Ho Chi Minh City allocated VND12 trillion (\$517 million) to more than 8.8 million COVID-19-stricken people, said Deputy Director of the municipal DoLISA Nguyen Van Lam in a press briefing. The city allotted VND3.9 trillion from the unemployment insurance fund to 45,594 businesses with over one million workers. As many as 37,949 migrant workers returned to the city, Mr. Lam said, adding that the local authorities are making attempt to get more migrant labourers back to HCMC. (Hai Quan Online Nov 22)

Vinh Long Issues Agenda on TVET Support for Worker in 2021-2025

Vinh Long province has announced an agenda on providing elementary and under-three-month vocational training to local workers in 2021-2025. Labourers will get trained in non-agricultural and agricultural sectors, and the locality will proceed with training support models in line with generating jobs, sending workers abroad, helping reduce poverty, and offering them social welfares. (Vinh Long Nov 23)

Some Southern Provinces Report over 46.4K Job Vacancies in Total

The Employment Service Centre in Can Tho City joined hands with some units to hold the second online job fair covering the Mekong Delta region and some nearby localities. The event featured 153 employers offering over 46,400 job vacancies in many careers such as engineers, accountants, sellers, drivers, textile workers, and salespersons. (Thanh Nien Nov 26)