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# Vietnam Aims to Boost Labour Skills of Learners by Pushing Internships at Firms

Vocational training units in Vietnam should enhance the working skills of learners by sending them to conduct internships at businesses, amid the economic recovery as the country coexists with the coronavirus, said the DVET. The DVET has recently conducted a conference on boosting such internships and urged relevant sides to deliver their suggestions. The DVET admitted that there are problems in the legal framework for such developments, such as graduation cannot be conducted outside the DVET schools. The DVET vowed to fix the issues this year. Besides, some firms lauded the qualities of senior vocational training learners in some schools, adding that they would welcome fresh year learners to do internships. (Bao Dan Sinh, Kinh Te Do Thi Feb 18)

## **TVET Institutes to Boost Practice Training after Learners Resume In-person Learning**

The DVET has asked TVET institutes to cooperate with employers to boost practice training after learners resume offline learning and send final-year students to intern at businesses. (<u>VTV</u> Feb 20)

#### Public Services of TVET to Go Online from Jul 1

From July 1, the DVET will only receive applications for 18 administrative procedures via the information portal at dichvucong.gdnn.gov.vn. Initially, the DVET urged applicants to send online documents. The DVET also encouraged TVET establishment to update their data to sync with TVET database by June 30. (VietnamNet Feb 18)

#### Vietnam to Push Promotion of TVET for Rural Labourers

The DVET and the Central Information and Education Commission had a meeting on February 15 to discuss improvement to TVET and TVET promotion for rural labourers. In 2010-2020, 10 million rural labourers in Vietnam had TVET, including beginner-level courses for 4.57 million, more than 86.5% of learners were employed upon graduation, and 549,874 officials and civil servants received courses about TVET activities. (Dan Sinh Feb 17)

#### PM Chinh Mentions 3 Breakthroughs for Vietnam's Economic Recovery

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has mentioned three breakthroughs for Vietnam's economic recovery while addressing the annual Vietnam Business Forum (VBF) on February 21. Vietnam will focus on (i) ameliorating legal frameworks to promote socio-economic development, (ii) developing strategic infrastructure, especially those related to transport, digitalization, and



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responses to climate change, and (iii) training human resources, especially with updated curriculum of general education, PM Chinh added. (<u>Bao Chinh Phu</u>, <u>VnEconomy</u>, <u>Vietnam Plus</u> <u>English</u>, <u>PLO</u>, <u>Tin Tuc</u>, <u>Dan Tri</u>, <u>QDND</u> Feb 21)

# Business Sector and Labour Market

# Foreign Cooperation

# CARE Vietnam, TUVA Communication, GIZ Launch congnhanviet.com Platform

CARE Vietnam, TUVA Communication, and GIZ have launched congnhanviet.com platform to boost job opportunities, improve incomes and livelihoods for labourers post-pandemic by applying AI, big data, and social networking. The launching ceremony took place both online and offline, and was livestreamed to 7,000 workers and relevant units on Facebook page "8 tiếng trọn vẹn." GIZ's Promoting Sustainability in the Textile and Garment Industry in Asia (FABRIC) project has made efforts to focus on workers in different countries in the region to bring them the best living and working conditions. In particular, Vietnam is one of the countries with an important role in the global textile industry and GIZ is pleased to accompany the platform to support labourers' recovery, thus promoting the sustainable development of the textile and garment industry in Vietnam, said Ms. Tran Thi Thu Trang, representative of GIZ's FABRIC project. (Dan Sinh Feb 21)

# Firms in Japan's Kagawa Prefecture Ready to Welcome Vietnamese Interns

Nearly 900,000 firms in Japan's Kagawa prefecture are willing to welcome Vietnamese interns, said Mr. Bui Van Linh, head of the MoET's human resources training and supplying centre, at a workshop in Hanoi on February 21. The event featured over 60 businesses from Kagawa and 1,000 students from 28 universities nationwide, aiming to improve vocational skills and help create jobs. (Tuoi Tre Feb 21)

# Vietnam, Germany Seek to Remove Obstacles in Using ODA Resources

On February 21, Deputy Foreign Minister Vu Quang Minh, also newly-appointed Vietnamese Ambassador to Germany, chaired a meeting with representatives of the German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ) and the KfW Development Bank to remove obstacles in using official development assistance (ODA) resources. As Vietnam has been effective in using the German ODA since 2020, Germany has considered Vietnam its global partner and wanted to increase bilateral cooperation in some prioritized sectors such as energy, environment protection, vocational training, and others, German officials said. (Bao Quoc Te Feb 21)

# Vietnam-Germany Ties to Continue Thriving: Ambassador

The Vietnam-Germany relations have been thriving since the elevation to strategic level in 2011 and will continue growing, especially in climate change adaptation, peace-security, economic







cooperation, investment, and others, said Germany Ambassador to Vietnam Guido Hildner. Per Germany's new development policy, Vietnam is a global partner and cooperation will continue in three key sectors of environment protection, energy, and vocational training. Germany is supplying Vietnam with an additional EUR140 million in the next two years for cooperation in those three sectors. (Kinh Te Do Thi Feb 19)

# South Korea-Invested Firms Make up 30% of Vietnam's Exports: Deputy Minister

South Korea-invested enterprises have created jobs for nearly one million labourers and contributed 30% to Vietnam's exports, informed Deputy Minister of Finance Tran Xuan Ha. Mr. Ha announced the information at a working session about tax and customs procedures with the South Korean Embassy and the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KORCHAM) in Vietnam in Hanoi late last week. (Lao Dong Thu Do, Vietnam Plus, Bao Chinh Phu Feb 19)

## EU to Offer Non-refundable Aid of EUR210M to Vietnam in 2021-2024

The European Union (EU) has announced a maximum non-refundable aid of EUR210 million (\$238.6 million) in 2021-2024 for Vietnam to advance common interests in priority areas. The announcement was made immediately after Executive Vice President of European Commission (EC) Frans Timmermans had concluded his three-day visit to Vietnam from February 17. The grant is part of the EU's multiannual indicative program (MIP) for Vietnam in 2021-2027, focusing on responsible entrepreneurship and enhanced skills for decent employment, and others. (Dan Tri, Tuoi Tre, Sputnik News VN, VnExpress Feb 19)

#### Vietnam Promotes to Re-send Workers to Japan, Taiwan, S.Korea

The Department of Overseas Labour (DoLAB), under the MoLISA, is in talks with Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea to seek to send workers to these markets again. The department is learning about their reopening procedures and requirements to plan to take trainees back to the three destinations. Earlier on February 7, Taiwan's Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) announced an official reopening to workers and caregivers from four countries, including Vietnam, starting February 15. Besides, Japan is planning to ease its border controls and lift strict entry quarantine for foreign trainees, students, researchers, and workers in early March. (Dan Tri Feb 16)

#### Samsung to Invest Additional \$920M in Electro-Mechanics Plant in Vietnam

South Korea's top conglomerate Samsung will invest an additional \$920 million in its electromechanics plant in Vietnam's northern province of Thai Nguyen. The provincial People's Committee is scheduled to award Samsung Electro-Mechanics Vietnam Co., Ltd (SEMV) a capital supplementation license on February 16. SEMV currently generates jobs for over 6,500 workers. (Dau Tu Feb 16)



# Industry Ministry, Samsung Vietnam Strike Deal on Smart Factory Development

The Industry Agency, under Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT), and Samsung Vietnam have concluded a cooperation agreement on smart factory development. The deal is aimed to offer training to 100 Vietnamese experts and consultations to 50 businesses adopting the smart factory pattern in 2022-2023, thus improving the capability of local experts and enterprises. (<u>Tin Tuc, Tuoi Tre, Cong Thuong, VietnamNet</u> Feb 22)

## Huawei Plans to Establish 15 Academies in Vietnam to Train IT Staff

Chinese technology giant Huawei plans to establish 15 academies and cooperate with 100 universities and organizations in Vietnam to train 10,000 information-technology (IT) students, said Huawei Vietnam General Director David Wei. He added that Huawei is willing to collaborate with Vietnamese universities and academies to build high-quality labour forces for localities, via the transfer of knowledge, improved engagement of the IT sector, and others. (VOV Feb 21)

#### Domestic News

# Vietnam Records 28 Labour Strikes before, after Tet Holiday 2022

Vietnam recorded 28 labour strikes in the first six weeks of 2022, or before and after the Lunar New Year (Tet) holiday, down seven cases y/y, said the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL). Most of the labour strikes were related to wage payment (payment methods, regular wage rise, and others) and low Tet bonuses. (<u>Thanh Nien, Tuoi Tre, Lao Dong</u> Feb 15)

# Vietnam Set to Enter Group with World's Leading Agriculture by 2050

Vietnam is set to be among countries with the world's leading agriculture by 2050, with a modern, effective, and eco-friendly agro processing industry, according to a strategy approved by Deputy Prime Minister Le Van Thanh. Under the strategy, Vietnam's agricultural sector aims to grow by 2.5%-3%/year with an annual growth of 5.5%-6% in rural labour productivity and a yearly export revenue expansion rate of 5%-6%. (Lao Dong Feb 17)

# Hanoi Plans to Allocate \$80.6M on Traffic Safety in 2021-2025

The People's Committee of Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi plans to spend about VND1.87 trillion (\$80.6 million) on reducing congestion and ensuring traffic safety in 2021-2025. Under the plan, the city will allocate VND336 billion for 2021, VND343 billion for 2022, VND401 billion for 2023, VND425.8 billion for 2024, and VND359 billion for 2025. In addition, industrial production sites which cause environmental pollution, universities, vocational schools, and administrative units are set to be relocated out of the city's center and increase land funds for traffic activities. (Tuoi Tre, VTV Go, Vietnam Plus English Feb 14)



## Hanoi Plans to Develop 2-5 Industrial Parks in 2021-2025

The People's Committee of Hanoi has approved the project on establishing two to five industrial parks (IPs) in 2021-2025 to develop the local industrial infrastructure and attract more investment for municipal IPs and hi-tech IPs. The industrial zones might be located in the districts of Soc Son, Dong Anh, Thuong Tin, and Chuong My. So far, Hanoi has ten operating IPs covering a total area of 1,347.42 hectares, which attracted \$6.1 billion of foreign investment in 303 projects, VND18 trillion of domestic investment in 400 projects, and offered jobs for 165,000 labourers. (CafeF, CafeBiz Feb 17)

## Vinh Phuc to Improve Quality of Human Resources for Businesses

Northern Vinh Phuc province plans to spend nearly VND210 billion on improving high-quality human resources in 2021-2025, aiming to train over 125,000 labourers, including 3,000 joining high-quality training programs. Currently, the province houses 350 foreign direct investment (FDI) and domestic direct investment (DDI) projects using more than 110,000 labourers, and 5,000 businesses employing 120,000 workers. (DNHN Feb 20)

## Sun Group, Quang Ninh DoLISA Sign Cooperation Agreement

On February 19, Sun Group and Quang Ninh province DoLISA signed an agreement on boosting the cooperation between vocational training and businesses, in order to improve the human resources. Both sides will conduct more exchanges, provide trained labourers from TVET establishments to Sun Group, provide on-the-spot training and retraining for labourers, conduct special recruitment for Sun Group, and others. Yearly, Quang Ninh faces a shortage of 20,000-30,000 labourers and the province has to recruit 6,000-8,000 labourers from nearby provinces, such as Tuyen Quang, Ha Giang. (Thanh Tra, Dan Tri Feb 20)

#### Firms in Thanh Hoa in High Demand for Labourers after Tet Holiday

Around 220 firms in central Thanh Hoa province are in need of 32,000 labourers after the Lunar New Year, or Tet holiday 2022, such as Vingroup with 9,000, NY Hoa Viet with 2,000, Aleron Hoang Long with 2,000, and SunJade with 2,000. Besides, 30 firms have registered to recruit over 3,500 labourers to work overseas in the first quarter, such as South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and the Middle East. (Dan Sinh Feb 18)

#### Quang Binh Aims to Create Jobs for 18,000 Labourers in 2022

Central Quang Binh province targets to create jobs for 18,000 labourers this year, including 3,600 to be sent abroad. In the year, local TVET institutes are expected to enrol 16,600 learners, including 600 at the college level, 2,200 at intermediate level, and 13,800 at short-term courses. (Lao Dong Feb 21)



# Dak Lak Inks Deal for Human Resources Training, Supply

On February 19, the Central Highlands province of Dak Lak inked an agreement with multiple sides, including the MoET's human resources training-supply centre, Tay Nguyen University, and Buon Me Thuot city's DoET for human resources training-supply for the province. Cooperation will be conducted in 2022-2026. (Dan Sinh Feb 20)

# Dak Nong Creates Jobs for 18,171 People in 2021

The Central Highlands province of Dak Nong created jobs for 18,171 people last year, above the target. The figure included 17,971 jobs in the country, or 98.89%. This year, the province aims to create jobs for 18,000 labourers, including 200 to be sent abroad, raise the trained labour rate to 50%, and provide TVET to 4,000 learners. (Lao Dong Feb 22)

## Long An Aids VND1.09T to Labourers per Gov't Resolution 68, PM Decision 23

Southern Long An province had aided 664,451 labourers with VND1.09 trillion per the government's Resolution 68/NQ-CP and the Prime Minister's Decision 23/2021/QD-TTg as of February 18. (Dan Sinh Feb 21)

## Can Tho Employment Centre Introduces 6,676 Job Vacancies Year to Early Feb

Can Tho employment centre had introduced 6,676 job vacancies in the year to early February thanks to curbed COVID-19. The centre has so far connected 1,755 labourers to businesses while 4,921 vacancies are waiting for applicants. In 2022, the centre plans to help recruit 16,600 labourers for both domestic and overseas markets. However, sending workers to Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea remains limited. (Thanh Nien Feb 19)

#### Ca Mau Aims to Create Jobs for 39,700 Labourers in 2022

Southern Ca Mau province is aiming to create jobs for 39,700 labourers this year, raise the rate of trained labourers in the agro-forestry-fisheries sector to 46% and the overall rate to  $53\%.(\underline{1}$  The Gioi Feb 22)