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## **Vietnam to Suspend TVET Units without Updates**

Per the Government's Decree 24/2022/ND-CP TVET centres and TVET-continuation education units are suspended if they do not update their issuances of certificates on vanbang.gdnn.gov.vn. This aims to improve data management and prevent frauds. Besides, other suspensions are apply to operations not per assigned licenses, non-publication of operation per assigned licenses, and others. (Bao Chinh Phu Apr 12)

## Vietnam Tightens Rules on Licenses of Vocational Units with Foreign Links

The Vietnamese government has added more cases of revoking licenses of vocational training units with foreign cooperation programs, per its newly-issued Decree 24/2022. Added cases are foreign cooperation programs seriously violating the law, violating the law and not fixing the problems in the given time, and others. Currently, per Decree 15/2019, such suspension can be applied to units not fulfilling conditions for operation, making frauds, recruiting without permission, and others. Besides, Decree 24/2022 stipulates formats of foreign cooperation programs (training inside or outside Vietnam with Vietnamese or foreign certificates), conditions for such programs (not in sectors nor with contents about defence, security, and religions), accreditation of programs, teacher standards, and others. (Bao Chinh Phu, Cong Luan, Thanh Tra, NLD, BNews, Nguoi Dua Tin Apr 7)

## **MoLISA Regulates Two Types of Training Linkage in TVET**

The MoLISA has issued Circular 05/2022/TT-BLDTBXH to regulate the training linkage in TVET per two types, namely cooperation for co-training and cooperation for ordering training classes. Circular 05 will take effect on May 20. (Bao Chinh Phu Apr 12)

## Vietnam to Increase Minimum Wage by 6% from Jul 1

Vietnam's National Wage Council has set the minimum zonal wages increase for 2022 at 6%, starting July 1, state media reported from the meeting of the council on April 12. The hike is subject to approval from the prime minister. At the meeting, the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL), the head of labour unions in the country, proposed minimum zonal wages should grow by 7%-8%. The VGCL said this would partly offset problems of labourers, due to inflation and unchanged minimum wages in the last two years amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The VGCL added that the country's economic growth reached 5.03% in the first quarter of this year, which showed signed of better and better economic recovery. (VnExpress, NLD, Thanh Nien, Tin Tuc, Lao Dong, VnEconomy, Tuoi Tre, Thanh Nien 1, Hanoi Moi Apr 12)





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## 16.4M Labourers in Vietnam Covered by Social Insurance as of Mar 2022

As of end of March 2022, 16.4 million labourers, or 33.2% of the workforce, were covered by social insurance, of whom, 15.1 million were covered by mandatory social insurance. Besides, 85.34 million people (86.1% of the population), were covered by healthcare insurance. The figure decreased by 3.49 million versus that as of end-2021. In the first three months of 2022, the VSS collected VND93.48 trillion (\$4.01 billion) of insurance premiums (for social and healthcare insurance). The total insurance premium arrears reached VND23.99 trillion, or 5.6% of the collection target. (Bao Hiem Xa Hoi, Tap Chi Bao Hiem Xa Hoi Apr 6)

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## Foreign Cooperation

### Vietnam Aims to Achieve Medals at Worldskills 46

Vietnam aims to achieve medals at WorldSkills Shanghai 2022, the DVET said at an event on April 7. The event reviewed the 12<sup>th</sup> national work skill competition, preparation for the second phase of 12<sup>th</sup> national work skill competition, and preparation for WorldSkills Shanghai 2022. The second phase of 12th national work skill competition is scheduled in late June-early July 2022, with 15 jobs. For the WorldSkills Shanghai 2022, Vietnam plans to send teams for 26 out of 63 jobs. (Dan Sinh Apr 8)

### Vietnam Sends 2,455 Workers Overseas in Q1, down 91.69% v/y: DoLAB

Vietnam took 2,455 workers abroad, including 408 females, in the first quarter (Q1) of 2022, down 91.69% y/y, according to the Department of Overseas Labour (DoLAB), under the MoLISA. Of these, 1,245 workers went to China; 612 to Japan; 439 to Taiwan; 336 to South Korea; 331 to Singapore; 99 to Hungary; 71 to Russia; 68 to Poland; 65 to Romania; and other markets. In 2022, the country aims to send 90,000 workers abroad. (VnEconomy, ANTD, Bao Ninh Binh Apr 7)

### Vietnam Partakes in ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee's Meeting

Ambassador Nguyen Hai Bang, Permanent Representative of Vietnam to ASEAN, participated in the 23rd meeting of the ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee held virtually in Jakarta on April 5. During the session, representatives from ASEAN member countries called on China to further promote cooperation in key areas such as sustainable development, smart city development, digital economy, education and vocational training, development gap reduction, and especially seizing opportunities from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). (Bao Quoc Te, Vietnam Plus Apr 7)

EVN, GIZ Holding Training Program on Rooftop Solar Power Installation





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State utility Vietnam Electricity (EVN) and the German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ) co-organized a practical training program on rooftop solar power installation in Vietnam at Hochiminh Electric Power College on April 4-8. It aims to support practical training in rooftop solar power installing skills for lecturers at vocational colleges under Vietnam Electricity Northern Power Corporation (EVNNPC), Vietnam Electricity Central Power Corporation (EVNCPC), and Vietnam Electricity Southern Power Corporation (EVNSPC). (Nang Luong Sach Vietnam Apr 5)

## South Korea Ranks First in FDI Projects in Bac Giang

South Korea has so far ranked first among investors in northern Bac Giang province with 321 projects and second in terms of capital with nearly \$1.4 billion, said Mr. Le Anh Duong, chairman of the provincial People's Committee cum vice secretary of the provincial Party Committee. South Korean firms operating in the province have accounted for 25% of the industrial production value of local FDI firms, 30% of import-export value, and 21.3% of state budget contribution. They have employed 185,000 labourers, or 25.3% of the total workers in FDI firms. Besides, 1,235 South Korean employees are working in Bac Giang. (DDDN Apr 7)

## **Australia-based RMIT Expected to Expand Training in HCMC**

Ho Chi Minh City expected that the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) would expand training in eight professions in line with ASEAN standards, including mechanics, automation, health, artificial intelligence, urban management, and information technology, said Vice Chairman of municipal People's Committee Vo Van Hoan. The official made the proposal during the meeting on April 5 with RMIT President-Professor Alec Cameron, who is on a working visit to HCMC. At the meeting, both sides also discussed training high-quality human resources to meet HCMC's development demand, including vocational training in line with international standards. (Vietnam Plus, VTC, HCM CPV, Nha Dau Tu Apr 5)

#### Domestic News

## **MoET's TSC Inks Cooperation Deals with Two Firms on Career Orientation for Students**

On April 8, the MoET's Training Support and Human Resource Development Centre (TSC) inked cooperation deals with Bach Gia Tram Ho Vietnam "JSC and Vietnam Fibo Capital Investment JSC to boost start-up ecosytems at schools and seek fundings for potential start-up projects for students. (Nguoi Dua Tin Apr 8)

## 65.4% of First-year Students Yet to Fully Acknowledge Pursued Majors' Purposes

Up to 65.4% of first-year students have yet to fully acknowledge their pursued majors' purposes, 50.8% do not know what they will do after graduating, 75.6% are little satisfied with selected majors, and 32.4% want to take another exam in the next year, according to a survey by the MoET. (Dan Sinh Apr 8)







## Vietnam Policy Bank Pours \$206M to Pay Wages, Restore Production

Vietnam Banks for Social Policy (VBSP) has disbursed VND4.79 trillion (\$206.47 million) for 3,561 employers to pay wages for more than 1.18 million workers. This is the result after nine months applying government's policies on supporting employees and employers amid COVID-19, completing 63.8% of the assigned plan. (TBTCVN, MoF, Dang Cong San, CAND, Vietnam Plus Apr 3)

## Hanoi Seeks Approval for 44 Medium-term Public Investment Projects by 2025

The Hanoi People's Committee has sought approval for 44 medium-term public investment projects for the 2021-2025 period, including six in education-vocational training. (<u>Hanoi Moi</u> Apr 8)

## Hanoi to Pilot Recruiting Heads of TVET Institutes, Regular Training Centres in Cau Giay

Cau Giay district in Hanoi City will pilot the recruitment for heads of local TVET institutes and regular training centres, said Ms. Vu Quang Duong, chief of office of the local Party Committee. (Hanoi Moi Apr 12)

#### Vinh Phuc Seeks to Attract More Taiwan Investment

Vinh Phuc on April 7 cooperated with the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the Vietnam Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei to hold a conference to call for more investment from Taiwan. Vinh Phuc wants to call on Taiwanese companies to invest in the province's prioritized fields, including hi-tech, mechanics, electronics, medical equipment, labour training, and hi-tech agriculture. (VnEconomy, Bao Vinh Phuc Apr 7)

### Over 85% of Students Graduating from TVET Institutes in Quang Ngai Get Jobs

Over 85% of students, who have graduated from TVET institutes in central Quang Ngai province, have got jobs, said Ms. Nguyen Thi Anh Lan, director of the provincial DoLISA. Quang Ngai now has 25 TVET institutes. (Dan Tri Apr 8)

### Thua Thien-Hue Aims to Provide TVET to 1,100 Demobilized Soldiers, Police in 2022

Central Thua Thien-Hue province has set a target to provide TVET to 1,000-1,100 demobilized soldiers and police this year and ensure 90% of TVET-equipped youngsters will get jobs with stable incomes. (Dan Sinh Apr 8)

Binh Dinh to Provide TVET to 735 Labourers at IZs, EZs in 2022







Central Binh Dinh province aims to provide TVET to 735 workers at industrial zones (IZs) and economic zones (EZs) in 2022, mostly in fields of wood processing, welding, reception, cooking, and others. (THCL Apr 6)

## HCMC Estimated to Need 65.5K Workers in Q2, down 8% q/q: FALMI

Ho Chi Minh City is expected to need between 59,600 and 65,500 workers in the second quarter (Q2) of 2022, down 8% q/q, according to the city Human Resources Forecast and Labour Market Information (FALMI) Centre. Recruitment demand of state-owned enterprises citywide accounts for 1.17% of the total, while that of private businesses and foreign-invested enterprises is 89.66% and 9.17%, respectively. This year, labour demand will stay highest in commerce and services sectors with 65.41%, followed by industries-construction with 33.63%, and agro-forestry-fisheries with 0.96%, FALMI estimated. Trained workers are forecast to represent 86.28% of the manpower need, with demand for university graduates making up 20.74%, colleges 18.59%, intermediate level 24.43%, and elementary level 22.52%. HCMC's workforce currently reaches 4.9 million labourers this year, including over three million workers from businesses. (BNews, Vietnam Plus Apr 11)

## HCMC to Conduct Career Path Consultation Day 2022 on Apr 17

On April 17, HCMC will conduct its consultation day 2022 for career paths and higher education entrance. The event is hosted by Tuoi Tre newspaper, the DVET, and the Department of Higher Education (the MoET). (Tuoi Tre Apr 11)

### HCMC Eyes Spending \$6M/Year to Support Grassroots Health Workers

Ho Chi Minh City has proposed spending VND138 billion (nearly \$6 million) each year to support grassroots health workers. The municipal People's Committee suggested giving intern doctors at general hospitals and grassroots medical units VND60 million each over 18 months and VND30 million to each intern nurse or midwife for nine months. Retired health workers of advanced age will receive between VND7 million and VND9 million monthly, depending on their qualifications and labor contracts, according to the proposal. HCMC recommended supporting each cleaning staff and security guard excluded from hospitals' payrolls VND5.5 million each month in wages and insurance. (NLD, Tuoi Tre Apr 7)