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• Policies •

Vietnam Should Not Miss Golden Chances on TVET for Youths

It is necessary now to fix the gap between TVET and the actual needs of the society and improve career path guidance for youths. One possible solution is TVET schools and businesses accompanying each other and state agencies fixing barriers and giving solutions to the business-TVET school ties. (VOV May 16)

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DVET Opens Profession Course for TVET Managers

On May 12, Hanoi Foreign Language and Technology College (FTC) and the DVET opened a course of profession for TVET managers, particularly staff of DoLISAs, colleges, intermediate schools in Hanoi. The course was from May 12 to May 16. (Dan Sinh May 14)

Vietnam Forms New National Council for Education-Human Resources Development

Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Pham Binh Minh has approved the establishment of the National Council for Education and Human Resources Development for the 2022-2026 period. The council is chaired by Deputy PM Vu Duc Dam, while Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son acts as vice chairman. The members comprise representatives from the MoLISA; the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST); the Ministry of Health (MoH); the Vietnam Association for Promoting Education (VAPE); and universities. The council serves as a think tank responsible for advising the Prime Minister on reviewing and evaluating reforms in education and human resources development; and executing the Laws on Education, Higher Education system, national qualifications framework, education development strategies, and major educational projects. Besides, it provides consultancy for the government in policy making in furthering comprehensive reforms in education, vocational education, and human resources development or building and implementing major mechanisms, policies, and projects. (Vietnam Plus, Thanh Nien, Suc Khoe Doi Song, Bao Quoc Te, VTC, Cong Luan, To Quoc, Tuoi Tre Thu Do May 12)

Vietnam May Aid Economic-Defence Units with VND62B Annually

Vietnam may aid economic-defence units with VND62 billion (\$2.66 million) a year at most, in order to build facilities and purchase equipment, according to a draft circular of the Ministry of Finance. Per the draft rules, such an aid is for the first year. For next years, the aid may increase by no more than 5% of the previous year. The rules stipulate purchase of tables, chairs, learning equipment for preschools; wages, insurance for teachers of preschools; equipment for clinics, meals for patients of clinics, medicines; dissemination of poverty reduction programs; vocational



training for citizens; documents for cultivation and plantation; and others. (<u>Bao Chinh Phu</u> May 12)

Finance Ministry Drafting TVET Support for Drug Addict under Rehab

Vietnam's Ministry of Finance is drafting a circular on support for drug addict under rehabilitation. The support includes tuition fees for beginner-level and under-3-month TVET courses, with the maximum figure per Circular 152/2016/TT-BTC. (<u>Bao Chinh Phu</u> May 13)

Vietnam Labour Confederation to Conduct PM-Worker Meeting in Late May

The Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) plans to conduct a meeting-dialogue between the Prime Minister and workers (especially factory workers) in northern Bac Giang province on May 29. The VGCL is collecting opinions on topics of the event, such as employment, incomes, residence for workers, kindergartens for workers' kids, courses for skill enhancement, and others. (Thanh Nien, Tuoi Tre, VnExpress, NLD May 17)

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Ha Tinh's Vocational School Receive GIZ-funded Metal Cutting Training Program

The Vietnam-Germany Technical College in Ha Tinh provine has received the GIZ-funded metal cutting professional training program based on German standard from Dong Nai- based Lilama 2 International Technology College since the 2021-2022 academic year. In the 2022-2023 school year, the college will continue to recruit learners for the metal cutting profession and others. (<u>Ha Tinh May 11</u>)

ILO Vows to Help Vietnam Seek International Support to Deal with Labour Affairs

The International Labour Organization (ILO) pledges to help Vietnam seek support from some financial institutions such as the IMF, WB, and the International Finance Corporation, to deal with some labour-related affairs, said Director Kevin Cassidy for the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United States. The ILO leader made his commitment in a meeting with Vietnamese Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung, who is accompanying Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh on his U.S. trip. Support could be mobilized for Vietnam's priorities, comprising labour market management, manpower quality improvement, social welfare, and the officialisation of the informal economy. In reply, Minister Dung shared that the Vietnam-ILO agreement on decent work in 2022-2026 has been completely compiled and is about to be signed. Vietnam supports ILO-launched initiatives about the future of work and vow to respect, promote, and uphold the organization's basic principles, he stressed. (Bao Dan Sinh, MoLISA May 15)



Vietnam Makes Serious Efforts in Child Labour Eradication: ILO Director

Vietnam has made serious efforts in child labour elimination with the introduction of a national policy on the matter, Director General at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Guy Ryder told. ILO is effectively working with Vietnam to enhance its law enforcement capability as the country has free trade agreements with foreign nations, including the EU members with high attention to labour standards. (Tin Tuc May 17)

U.S. Department of Labour Gives Aid of \$50M to Vietnam to Date

The U.S. Department of Labour has so far provided \$50 million in aid to Vietnam via bilateral mechanisms or the International Labour Organization (ILO) to carry out employment and social welfare projects, Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung said. Minister Dung, who is accompanying Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh on his U.S. trip, gave the information at a meeting with Ms. Thea Lee, deputy undersecretary for International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Labour, in Washington D.C. on May 11. This is also the first visit by a Vietnamese labour minister to the U.S. department since the two countries set up bilateral diplomatic ties. The Vietnamese official proposed both sides keep on joint technical projects on enhancing labour law enforcement capability and building a harmonious and advanced labour relationship, with priorities for skilled manpower development, social insurance system reform, and labour market development. For her part, Ms. Thea Lee pledged to promote cooperation with Vietnam in labour, child labour reduction, and support for COVID-19-hit children. Wrapping up the talks, the two sides agreed to resume the annual U.S.-Vietnam Labour Dialogue, which has held 15 sessions since 2000. (Thanh Nien, Dan Viet, SGGP, Tuoi Tre, Kinh Te Do Thi, VnEconomy, ANTD, Vietnam Plus, Phu Nu Viet Nam May 12)

MoLISA, Better Work Keep on Cooperation in 2023-2027

The MoLISA aspires to harmonious and long-term cooperation with Better Work- a joint flagship program between the United Nation's International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank Group-run International Finance Corporation (IFC), in 2023-2027, said Deputy Minister Le Van Thanh. Mr. Thanh made his statement while talking to Director of Better Work Dan Rees in Hanoi on May 16. He lauded Better Work's support in improving working conditions at Vietnamese enterprises per international standards, smoothing Vietnamese exports to go global. (Bao Dan Sinh, Thoi Dai May 16)

Vietnam Politburo Member Nguyen Xuan Thang Works in Israel

Director Nguyen Xuan Thang of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HCMA) has recently worked in Israel. On May 11, Mr. Thang, also a Politburo member, met Speaker of the Knesset Mickey Levy. He asked for the acceleration of the signing of free trade and labour cooperation agreements between the countries. (<u>Tin Tuc</u>, <u>Bao Quoc Te</u>, <u>Vnanet</u>, <u>Vietnam Plus English</u> May 12)



Vietnam Recruiting 30 Caregivers to Work in Osaka, Japan

The Centre of Overseas Labour (CoLAB), under the MoLISA, is recruiting 30 caregivers to work in Osaka, Japan. The recruitment is the second intake of 2022, per a program between the CoLAB and the Osaka Health Care Association. The deadline for submitting applications is May 31. Qualified candidates will learn Japanese language in Vietnam for nearly a year, then advance to Japan for further training courses and work in Japan (as interns) for at least three years. On May 12, the CoLAB conducted a farewell ceremony for 14 people of the first intake to depart to Japan. (VTV, colab.gov.vn, colab.gov.vn May 16)

Japan JICA Pledges to Help Thanh Hoa with Vocational Training

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will continue to assist Vietnam's central province of Thanh Hoa with vocational and Japanese language training to send local workers, including nursing trainees, to Japan, said Chief Representative of the JICA Vietnam Office Shimizu Akira. The JICA leader gave the commitment while having talks with Permanent Vice Chairman of the provincial People's Committee Nguyen Van Thi on May 10. Along with the province, JICA will devise suitable plans to develop six core fields, particularly in investment, health, and infrastructure. (Bao Thanh Hoa, thanhhoa.gov.vn, truyenhinhthanhhoa.vn May 10)

Water Associations of Vietnam, Australia Seal Cooperation Deal

The Vietnam Water and Sewage Service Association (VWSA) and the Australian Water Association have inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for 2022-2024 cooperation with the Ozwater22 event in Brisbane, Australia. Under the MoU, both sides will seek to approach external funding to carry out activities stipulated in the deal. They will conduct joint activities, facilitate information exchange and network connectivity, and optimize initiatives for the common interest. (Thanh Nien, Bao Xay Dung, Bao Chinh Phu, Nong Nghiep May 12)

Vietnam Fatherland Front, UNDP Announce 2021 PAPI

The Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) held a ceremony in Hanoi on May 10 to announce the Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index 2021 (PAPI 2021). For the first time after a decade, the positive outlook of local people towards household businesses decreased, with the percentage of surveyed people losing their jobs and incomes growing by 10% year on year. (Bao Chinh Phu, Tin Tuc, Vietnam Plus, Tin Nhanh Chung Khoan, SGGP, baosonla.org.vn May 10)

Danish Firm Pandora to Build \$100M Jewellery Plant in Binh Duong

Danish jewellery manufacturer Pandora will invest \$100 million to build a factory in the Vietnam Singapore Industrial Park 3 (VSIP 3) in southern Binh Duong province, per a memorandum of understanding signed between the two sides on May 12. This is the first facility of Pandora in Vietnam and has an annual capacity of 60 million pieces of jewellery. The





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construction of the project will be kicked off in early 2023 and is expected to be operational by the end of 2024, creating jobs for over 6,000 people. (<u>VietnamFinance</u>, <u>Bao Binh Duong</u>, <u>Lao Dong</u>, <u>Tuoi Tre</u>, <u>Tien Phong</u>, <u>Vietnam Plus English</u> May 12)

Dong Thap Sends 322 Labourers to Work Seasonally in South Korea So Far

Southern Dong Thap province has to date sent 322 labourers to work seasonally in South Korea, including 241 to Cheorwon, mostly in fields of agro production and harvesting. (<u>Dan Sinh</u> May 17)

VYSA Osaka Job Fair 2022 to Take Place in Late May

The Vietnamese students' association in Osaka and EHLE Academy will host VYSA Osaka Job Fair 2022 on May 28. The event is expected to attract the participation of 24 outstanding Japanese firms and more than 500 excellent Vietnamese students studying in both Japan and Vietnam. (<u>Dan Sinh</u> May 15)

Vietnam Bac Giang-based Vocational School Ties up with South Korean Firm

The Vietnam-Korea Vocational College of Technology in Vietnam's northern Bac Giang province signed a cooperation agreement on May 11 with South Korean firm Hana Micron Vina Co., Ltd. The Vietnamese school will train and supply skilled manpower to the company in the long run. (Bac Giang May 11)

Domestic News

Over 1M Candidates Register for Vietnam's 2022 National Graduation Exam

More than one million Vietnamese students completely registered for the national high school graduation exam this year as of 5:00 p.m. on May 13, according to the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET). Of the sum, 103,374 candidates registered to take the exam only to consider and recognize high school graduation, accounting for 10.33%; 38,108 others registered for admission, representing 3.81%, and the 859,531 remaining registered for both high school graduation recognition and admission consideration, making up 85.87%, the MoET said. This year, the national high school graduation examination will be officially organized on July 7-8, with the exam format similar to the previous years. (Giao Duc Thoi Dai, VOV, MoET, Lao Dong, Tin Tuc May 13)

Vietnam Aims to Enter 40 Innovative Countries Worldwide by 2030

Vietnam has set a goal to be one of 40 world's innovative countries by 2030, according to the strategy for development of science, technology, and innovation signed on May 11. By 2030, the strategy expects the value of high-tech industrial products in the processing and manufacturing





industries would reach at least 45%. It also wishes science and technology to contribute over 50% to national economic growth via the factor productivity index (TFP). (<u>VnExpress</u> May 12)

Vietnam Targets 70% of Workforce in Industry, Service by 2025

The MoLISA conducted a conference in Nghe An province on implementing TVET in 2021-2025. Nghe An currently has 62 TVET schools and 80.76% of graduates have been contributing to the provincial growth. Vietnam aims to have 70% of the workforce working in industry and service by 2025. (Nghe An May 16)

Lai Chau's Career Fair Offers Nearly 19,000 Vacancies

A career fair in northern Lai Chau province on May 13-14 offered nearly 19,000 job vacancies for labourers inside and outside the locality. (<u>Dan Sinh</u> May 15)

Tuyen Quang Checks TVET for Prisoners outside Prisons

On May 11, a delegation of the National Assembly in Tuyen Quang province checked the piloting scheme of TVET for prisoners outside prisons. Quyet Tien prison now holds 4,259 prisoners, including 3,330 males and 929 females. (Quoc Hoi May 11)

Hanoi Creates Jobs for 74,200 People in Jan-Apr

The capital city of Hanoi created jobs for 74,200 people in the first four months of this year, up 22.3% y/y and meeting 46.4% of target, said Mr. Nguyen Hong Dan, deputy director of the municipal DoLISA. Besides, the city agreed to let 15,500 people receive unemployment allowances totalling VND430.5 billion. (KTDT May 16)

Thai Binh Creates Jobs for 11,230 People in Jan-Apr

Thai Binh province generated jobs for 11,230 people in the first four months of this year, completing 34% of the year target. In April, vocational education witnessed the recruitment 1,900 learners, raising the total people recruited for vocational learning between January and April to 3,980. (Thai Binh, Thai Binh May 11)

Career Fair in Thanh Hoa's District Offers Nearly 17K Vacancies

A career fair in Quan Hoa district in central Thanh Hoa province on May 12 attracted the participation of 19 firms and over 1,000 students, with a total of 16,981 vacancies on offer. The figure included 14,401 domestic jobs, 2,080 overseas jobs, and 500 TVET slots. (<u>Dan Tri</u> May 13)

Nghe An Lacks over 200 Vocational Lecturers







Nghe An province is currently in short of over 200 vocational teachers, according to the provincial People's Council. As of late 2020, Nghe An had 2,719 vocational teachers, including 1,378 under state payroll and 1,341 under contracts, and only 50.57% of them met the vocational skill standards. (<u>QDND</u> May 12)

Quang Binh Holds Career Orientation Event for 1,200 Students

Central Quang Binh province hosted a career orientation event on May 15, which attracted the participation of 1,200 students from two high schools and four secondary schools in Bo Trach district. (Dan Tri May 16)

Career Fair in Quang Ngai Offers 11,400 Vacancies

A career fair in central Quang Ngai province on May 14 attracted the participation of 44 units and enterprises who offered 11,400 job vacancies. Besides, firms wanted to recruit over 1,000 labourers to work in South Korea, Japan, Germany, and Taiwan. (<u>Dan Sinh</u> May 15)

Thua Thien-Hue Aims to Improve Human Resources Quality by 2025

Central Thua Thien-Hue province has issued a resolution on improving human resources by 2025, with a vision to 2030. The resolution set a target that the rate of local labourers getting trained will reach 70%-75% and those equipped with certifications will reach30%-35%. The proportion of labourers in the industry-construction sector is set at 34% and the rate of workers in the service sector is set at 51%. About 90%-95% of high school graduates will get career orientations, 30% of secondary school will continue studying at TVET institutes for elementary and intermediate levels, and 40% of high school graduates will continue learning at TVET institutes for college level. All TVET institutes are set to be standardized per national standards and some will reach ASEAN/international standards. (Dan Sinh May 14)

Few Dak Nong Students Advance to TVET

Dak Nong province records a small number of high school graduates enrolling at TVET schools due to the shortage of vocational teachers, pro-university mindset of students and parents, and inadequate promotion. (Dan Tri May 12)

6,000 Students Join Career Orientation Event at HCMUTE

Over 6,000 students from 80 high schools in Ho Chi Minh City joined a career orientation event at Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education (HCMUTE) on May 15. (<u>Dan</u> <u>Sinh</u> May 16)