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## ● Highlights ●

## ● Policies ●

### **MoLISA Proposes Application of Hourly Wages from Jul 2022**

The MoLISA is drafting a circular on minimum zonal wages starting July 1, including a first-ever term of hourly wages. The draft circular sets a 6% increase in monthly minimum zonal wages, from VND3.25 million (\$140) to VND4.68 million for four zones. The hike is based on a hike of 5.3 percentage points for livelihood of labourers and their families and 0.7 percentage point for wage improvement. Regarding the hourly wages, the rates are between VND15,600 and VND22,500 for four zones. The MoLISA said the rates aim to serve people of flexible jobs and non-full-time jobs, such as staff of restaurants, cafes. ([Dan Tri](#), [VnEconomy](#), [SGGP](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [NLD](#), [VnExpress](#) May 21)

### **Vietnam Ineffectively Disburses COVID Support Package of Vocational Training**

Vietnam has disbursed only VND17.1 billion (\$733,905) out of VND4.5 trillion of the COVID-19 relief package of vocational training for labourers, after ten months of implementation. As of mid-May, labour departments of 14 localities had approved support of VND54 billion for 36 businesses to retrain 9,000 labourers. However, the Vietnam Social Security, which is in charge of the budget, has only received applications and disbursed VND17.1 billion for 31 firms in 12 provinces to retrain 4,000 workers. Firms complained about the package, including time-wasting administrative procedures, limited resources due to focus on production recovery in the post-pandemic period, fear of employees leaving firms upon higher skills after the retraining, and others. They have also proposed the package should be extended till end-2023 and streamline procedures. ([Lao Dong](#), [Dau Tu](#), [VnExpress](#) May 19)

### **Vietnam Gov't to Enhance Assistance for Labourers**

Deputy Prime Minister Le Minh Khai signed Dispatch 431/CD-TTg on boosting support for employers and employees. The document asked the chairpersons of provincial and municipal People's Committee to effectively implement Resolution 68/NQ-CP on support for employers and employees. ([VTV](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#) May 19)

### **PM Urges Labour Ministry to Quicken Allocation of House Rent Allowance**

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has asked the MoLISA to accelerate the disbursement of the VND6.6 trillion (\$284.4 million) house rent aid package to workers. The order was made after local media reported that workers have yet to reach house rent allowance though the COVID-19 aid policy took effect nearly two months ago. The ministry has to check, supervise, and handle hurdles to the aid distribution, the PM asked. ([Tien Phong](#), [Doanh Nghiep Hoi Nhap](#), [Vietstock](#), [Thanh Nien](#) May 17)



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## Vietnam VBSP Disburses VND2.34T for Economic Recovery Program

Vietnam Bank for Social Policies (VBSP) has disbursed more than VND2.34 trillion (\$101 million) in preferential loans, following the government's direction on the socio-economic recovery and development program. In particular, the VBSP has provided VND2.03 trillion to help people create more jobs, VND155 billion for students to buy computers for online learning, VND140 billion for house renovate and repair, and VND7.6 billion for non-public preschool and primary schools hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. ([VietnamBiz](#), [VBSP](#), [VTV](#), [Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#), [Kinh Te Moi Truong](#), [Vietnam Plus](#) May 18)

## TVET Proactively Recruits Learners, Still Fails

Many TVET schools have proactively approach secondary schools and high schools to recruit learners, however, the efficiency is close to zero. The Ministry of Education and Training's project 522 on career path guidance for learners have failed after three years, due to the low qualities, and weak cooperation among high schools, secondary schools, and TVET schools. Besides, general education schools have not been supportive in helping TVET schools approach learners, particularly in setting up schedules for exchanges between students and TVET schools. ([Dan Viet](#) May 18)

### ● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

#### *Foreign Cooperation*

## Vietnam National Assembly, World Bank to Boost Vocational Training Ties

Officials from the Vietnamese National Assembly (NA)'s Committee for Culture, Education, Adolescents and Children and the World Bank (WB) had a meeting on May 17 to discuss further cooperation in vocational training, particularly lawmaking. Mr. Nguyen Dac Vinh, head of the NA Committee, said Vietnam seeks to improve the legal framework on vocational training, particularly a more balanced approach for public schools, private schools, and training at businesses. Mr. Vinh suggested the WB make recommendations to improve the legal framework. Mr. Christophe Lemiere, Program Leader for Human Development for Vietnam, affirmed that the WB is willing to share experience with and provide specialists in the education-employment sector to help Vietnam improve its infield legal framework. Besides, both sides discussed laws on employment and vocational training, enhancement of skills of the workforce, autonomy in vocational training, information collection and trend in the labour market, and others. ([Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#), [Quoc Hoi TV](#) May 17)

## MoLISA, World Bank Work on Labour Issues

Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung receive a delegation of the World Bank led by Mr.Christophe Lemiere, Program Leader for Human Development for



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Vietnam, on May 18 in Hanoi, during which both sides discussed some issues related to labour and professional skills. During the talks, the two sides discussed cooperation between the WB and some ministry-run bodies in analysing professional skills development towards a high-income country, professional orientation, and labour mobility research. The ministry aspires to partner with the WB through labour programs and projects, Mr. Dung said. ([MoLISA](#) May 18)

### **Vietnam Social Security to Cooperate with Microsoft, USABC, WB**

Director General Nguyen The Manh of the government-run Vietnam Social Security (VSS) had meetings with officials of Microsoft, the U.S.-ASEAN Business Council (USABC), and the World Bank (WB) to discuss higher cooperation, as part of the recent United States visit of Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh in mid-May. Mr. Manh had a meeting with Microsoft Corporate Vice President and Microsoft Asia President Ahmed Mazhari. The two sides discussed digitalization at the VSS, particularly data centre infrastructure, Big Data application, artificial intelligence (AI) application, licensed software, and others. Mr. Manh and USABC President-CEO Ted Osius penned a plan of implementing an agreement on social insurance, which was signed in March. Per the plan, the two sides will cooperate in experience exchange, training of staff, learning of experience from other nations, and others. Mr. Manh also had a meeting with WB officials to discuss investment from social insurance fund. Currently, the VSS' social insurance fund primarily invests in g-bonds. The WB official vowed to help the VSS in expanding the investments beyond g-bonds with better outcomes. The WB added that it would provide scholarships on investments for VSS staff. ([Cong Ly](#), [Tap Chi Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Hiem Xa Hoi 1](#), [Bao Hiem Xa Hoi 2](#), [Tap Chi Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#) May 18)

### **Vietnam Shares Experience in Raising Children's Access to Education**

Deputy Minister of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs Nguyen Thi Ha presented Vietnam's experience in increasing educational access for children as well as reducing the risk of school dropping out and child labour at the fifth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour in Durban, South Africa on May 17. In her speech, Ms. Ha called for strengthening cooperation to improve high school education, career orientation, and vocational training for decent work for the young generation and the abolition of child labour. ([Vietnam Plus](#) May 18)

### **RMIT Lecturer Proffers Measures for Vietnam's Tourism Staffing Shortage**

Dr. Nuno F. Ribeiro, Senior Lecturer and Research Cluster Lead, Tourism and Hospitality Management at RMIT University Vietnam, has made some solutions to the shortage of tourism workers after reopening. The sector needs to put forward measures to encourage qualified workers to come back, re-train experienced staff, and attract potential talents with generous wage offers. Training of new staff should be tailored to the market demand. The partnership between the government, travel agents, and tourism training facilities should be reinforced, the expert said, recommending granting tax incentives to private and non-profit organizations specializing in tourism and hospitality training. ([Zing News](#))



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## **DVET Hosts Delegation from Germany's Mecklenburg Vorpommern State**

On May 17, Deputy Director General of the DVET Pham Vu Quoc Binh hosted a delegation from and the German state of Mecklenburg Vorpommern (MV)'s Ministry of Economics, Infrastructure, Tourism and Labour. The German side noted that MV state has high demand for labourers in many fields and wants to work with the DVET and relevant agencies under the MoLISA to bring students graduating from TVET institutes to Germany per long-term and short-term contracts. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 21)

## **Thua Thien-Hue Sends Eight Students to Work in Japan**

On May 23, Thua Thien-Hue province sent eight among 50 students at HUEIC-SAKICO to work in Japan. In the first quarter of this year, the province sent 44 labourers overseas, up 190% y/y. The locality aims to raise the figure to 2,000 this year. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 23)

## **France-Vietnam Job Fair To Be Held in Hanoi, HCMC**

The France-Vietnam Job Fair 2022, co-hosted by the France Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Vietnam (CCIFV) and France Alumni Vietnam, will take place in Hanoi on May 21 and in HCMC on May 28. Some 40 companies in HCMC and Hanoi have confirmed their attendance at the upcoming event. So far, around 250 jobseekers in Hanoi and 400 in HCMC have registered for the event. In addition, employers and employees will also be welcomed to workshops and seminars on the labour market during the event. According to a representative of CCIFV, this year's event has attracted many companies in Vietnam, spanning a wide range of sectors such as hospitality, information technology, logistics and accounting. ([Thanh Nien, Saigon Times](#) May 21)

## **Central Economic Commission Work with ILO**

On May 23, Mr. Do Ngoc An, vice head of the Central Economic Commission, worked with Ms. Ingrid Christensen, country director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Country Office for Vietnam. Ms. Christensen appreciated the invitation to participate in the Vietnam Economic Forum and vowed to cooperation with the commission. ([KTTW](#) May 23)

## **Vietnam, China to Enhance Ties between Labour Unions**

Officials from the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL), the head of labour union in the country, and its Chinese counterpart, had an online meeting on May 24 to discuss further cooperation. The two sides focused on operation of labour unions upon participation in free trade agreements, especially terms about labourers' representative organization, the leadership of the Communist Parties, cooperation between local labour unions, experience exchange and training, development of labour unions for new jobs (such as car drivers and motorbike riders of ride-hailing service), and others. ([Tin Tuc, Lao Dong](#) May 24)



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## ***Domestic News***

### **Public High Schools in Hanoi Boost Recruitment of Grade 10**

Hanoi plans to recruit 104,000 students into high schools for next 2022-2023 school year, including 77,000 into public schools, 27,000 into non-public schools, 12,900 into TVET-continuation education centres, and 12,100 into TVET centres. ([Lao Dong](#) May 24)

### **Bac Ninh Strengthens Promotion of TVET**

Bac Ninh province has plans to strengthen the promotion of TVET to raise awareness of the society about the importance of vocational training in 2022-2025. In 2021, vocational training facilities across the province offered training to 5,000 college learners; 3,500 intermediate students; and 47,500 people at elementary or three-month level. ([Bao Bac Ninh](#) May 22)

### **Nam Dinh Arrests 4 Educational Officials**

On May 13, Nam Dinh province police arrested four educational officials, for charges of "fraudulent activities while on duty." They are two former officials of Nghia Hung district vocational training-continuation education centre and two former officials of Nam Truc district vocational training-continuation education centre. ([Thanh Nien](#) May 13)

### **Vinh Phuc Hosts TVET Orientation-Job Fair 2022**

Northern Vinh Phuc province hosted a TVET orientation and job fair for 2022 on May 21. The event featured eight TVET orientation booths from colleges and intermediate schools, as well as 26 career orientation desks from 26 firms, along with 1,860 students. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 21)

### **Quang Ninh Conduct TVET Guidance for Students**

On May 20, Quang Ninh DoLISA conducted TVET guidance day 2022, featuring 2,000 grade 9 and grade 12 learners. Quang Ninh currently has 43 TVET units and units with TVET activities. Annually, Quang Ninh recruits 36,000 people into TVET with 141 jobs of 7 sectors. ([GDVN](#), [Bao Quang Ninh](#), [Quang Ninh](#) May 20)

### **Career Fair in Thua Thien-Hue Offers over 10,500 Vacancies**

A career fair in central Thua Thien-Hue on May 21 attracted the participation of 20 universities, colleges, intermediate schools, and TVET institutes, with over 4,000 positions, and 60 recruiters with 6,500 job vacancies. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 21)

### **Firms in Quang Ngai Need 17,000 Labourers**





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Firms in central Quang Ngai province need to recruit around 17,000 labourers with attractive incomes. Besides, firms are recruiting 1,000 people to work abroad, such as Japan, Germany, South Korea. ([VOV](#) May 22)

### **Danang Offers TVET to 9,000 Rural Workers since 2012**

Since 2012, 28 TVET facilities in Danang City has given training to over 9,000 rural workers. Of those, 81.15% got jobs; 24.04% were recruited by businesses; 70.74% were self-employed; and 5.49% worked at cooperatives. At present, Danang has over 70 TVET establishments with more than 57,000 learners of 284 professions and fields, including 13,478 at college level; 8,481 at intermediate level; and 35,319 at elementary and three-month levels. ([CADN](#) May 20)

### **JHL Group Signs Vocational Training Deal with Dong A University**

JHL Group sealed a deal on May 25 with Dong A University, located in Danang City, on the implementation of international labour movement model in line with vocational training. Under the pact, both sides will join hands to offers training in fields of nursing, automotive engineering technology, food technology, information technology, tourism, and hospitality. They will also help learners to attend internship programs in Japan. ([Dan Sinh](#), [MoLISA](#) May 22)

### **DVET, Dak Nong Work on Enhancing Workforce**

On May 23, the DVET and Dak Nong People's Committee worked on boosting TVET towards training high-quality labourers. DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung proposed Dak Nong focus on TVET, set clear path on labourer training, issue special mechanisms and policies, boost TVET promotion, and improve the facilities of TVET. ([GDNN](#), [Bao Dak Nong](#) May 23)

### **HCMC Grants Prizes to Skilled Students in 2022**

On May 21, Ho Chi Minh City's Youth Union and DoLISA granted awards to skilled students in 2022. The competition attracted the participation of 549 students from 25 intermediate schools, colleges, and TVET institutes, who performed in 19 jobs. The city granted the first prize to Cao Thang Technical College, second prize to Saigontourist Hospitality College, third prize to Thu Duc College of Technology, and consolation prize to Nguyen Huu Canh Technical and Economics Intermediate School. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 22)

### **Career Fair in HCMC Offers 5,000 Vacancies**

A career fair in Ho Chi Minh City on May 20 attracted the participation of 70 firms and 5,000 students. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 21)

### **Dong Nai College of High Technology Has New Principal**



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The Dong Nai government has decided to appoint Mr. Le Dinh Tham to be the new principal of Dong Nai College of High Technology. Mr. Tham will hold the position for five years, starting June 2022. ([Bao Dong Nai](#) May 23)

### **An Giang Aims to Provide TVET to 20,000 People in 2022**

Southern An Giang province aims to provide TVET to around 20,000 people with 15,000 of them expected to graduate this year and raise the trained labour rate to 68% and the proportion of labourers with certifications to 27%. Besides, the province aims to send 200 labourers overseas. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 24)