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● Policies ●

Vietnam Vocational Training Recruits 920,000 People in Year to Early Jun

The vocational training system in Vietnam recruited 920,000 people in the year to early June, up 5% y/y, fulfilling 48% of the annual target, said Mr. Pham Vu Quoc Binh, deputy director general of the DVET, under the MoLISA. The figure included 70,000 in colleges and intermediate schools, or 14% of the target; and 850,000 in beginner-level courses, or 55% of the target. Mr. Binh also noted an achievement that over 60% of vocational schools have applied online teaching, via popular apps of Zoom Cloud Meeting, Hangouts Meet, Microsoft Team, Skype, Google Classroom, and others. Another is that the DVET has asked vocational schools to boost cooperation with businesses. Besides, the DVET and local authorities have successfully implemented the resolutions on employments and training for labourers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Binh also urged vocational schools to boost recruitment by promoting courses on social media, such as Facebook and TikTok. ([Lao Dong](#), [Dan Tri](#), [Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#), [Dan Viet](#) Jun 28)

Vietnam Delays National Work Skills Competition by 1 Week

The second phase of the 12th national work skills competition is delayed by one week to July 15-23, in order to prevent overlapping with the national high school graduation exam and ensure benefits of participants of both events. ([Bao Tin Tuc](#) Jul 5)

Inflation, Labour Shortage Two Biggest Issues of Vietnam's Economy: Official

Rising inflation and labour shortage are the two biggest problems right now for Vietnam's economy, said Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Tran Quoc Phuong at the regular government press conference on July 4. Besides, labourers are not ready to return to work, especially in the economy's production hubs. Vietnam needs to have measures to connect the labour market. Many skilled workers have gone back to their hometown so it takes time to find replacement. ([CafeF](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Tin Nhanh Chung Khoan](#), [Kinh Te va Du Bao](#), [Dau Tu](#), [Dien Dan Doanh Nghiep](#), [Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#), [VTV](#), [Thuong Hieu Cong Luan](#), [Dan Viet](#) Jul 5)

Vietnam Aims to Simplify Outcome Requirements of Vocational Training

The MoLISA is drafting a circular on outcomes of vocational training learners for intermediate and college courses with simpler terms. The MoLISA said the current Circular 12/2017/TT-BLDTBXH is outdated. The MoLISA's draft circular features four criteria for outcomes of vocational training courses, comprising of names, levels, minimum knowledge, and minimum capacities. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Jul 4)



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Vietnam's Workforce Reaches 51.4M in H1/2022: Statistics Office

Vietnam's workforce at the age of 15 or above is estimated to have reached 51.6 million in the second quarter (Q2) of 2022, up 0.6% y/y; and 51.4 million in the first half (H1) of this year, up 0.4%, according to the latest data of the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). The H1 figure includes 27.3 million males and 24.1 million females, up 0.3% and 0.1% y/y, respectively. The number of employed people at the age of 15 or above is 50.3 million in H1. The figure included 13.9 million in the agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector (27.7%), 16.8 million in the industry-construction sector (33.4%), and 19.6 million in the service sector (38.9%). The unemployment rate in was 2.46% in Q1, 2.32% in Q2, or 2.39% in H1. In the first six months of 2022, the rate was between 2.93% in urban areas to 2.05% in rural areas. The unemployment rate among young people (at the age of between 15 and 24) is 7.78% in the six-month period, ranging between 9.21% in urban areas and 7.01% in rural areas. The underemployment rate is 2.48% in H1, ranging from 1.88% in urban areas to 2.85% in rural areas. ([GSO Jun](#))

Vietnam's Average Monthly Wage Up 1.6% y/y to VND7.4M in H1/2022: GSO

The average monthly income of Vietnamese contracted labourers is estimated to have reached VND7.4 million (\$318) in the first half (H1) of 2022, up by VND417,000 or 5.9% y/y, reported the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). In the second quarter (Q2) of 2022, the figure is VND7.5 million, up by VND707,000 or 10.4% y/y, and is between VND7.9 million for male workers and VND7 million for female workers. The rate of labourers without labour contracts outside the agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector is 55.9% in the period, ranging from 47.8% in urban areas to 62.6% in rural areas. ([GSO Jun](#))

Vietnam Can Still Achieve GDP Growth of 6.5% in 2022: GSO

Vietnam can still achieve gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 6.5% in 2022, regardless of challenges, such as below-expectation recovery, the complicated development of the global economy, and others, said Ms. Nguyen Thi Huong, head of the General Statistics Office (GSO). Ms. Huong made the statement in an interview to review the socioeconomic achievements in the first half (H1) of 2022. She noted current challenges for the economy, such as energy and food crisis due to the Ukraine-Russia conflict, slow disbursement of public investment, shortage of high-quality labourers, lacklustre vocational training. ([Dan Viet Jun 30](#))

Vietnam Licenses, Welcomes Back Record 116,900 Firms in 6 Months

Vietnam licensed 76,233 new firms and recorded 40,667 rejoining the market in the first half of the year, or 116,900 in total. In the period, the number of licensed companies grew 13.6% year-on-year, with registered capital totalling VND882,122 billion (\$37.9 billion), down 6.4%, and employment of 514,820 people, up 6.3%, according to General Statistics Office (GSO). ([Theinvestor](#), [GSO Jun 30](#))



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Vietnam Has over 19.8M Learners in Preschool, General Education in 2021-2022

In the 2021-2022 academic year, Vietnam recorded had over 4.48 million kids in kindergartens and preschools, surpassing 2.9% of the whole year's target; and nearly 15.4 million learners in general education, reaching 85.8% of the goals, according to the latest data of the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). In the first half (H1) of this year, TVET units across Vietnam are estimated to have recruited 921,600 learners, reaching 44.2% of the annual target. Of which, colleges and intermediate schools recruited 71,600 while beginner-level courses and other courses attracted 850,000 learners. ([GSO Jun](#))

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Further Training on Electrical Discharge Machining Technology for LILAMA 2's Teachers

Besides turning, milling, and grinding, Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) is nowadays the fourth most popular machining method worldwide. The ability to fabricate complex shapes, to cut extremely hard materials with high precision, and the significant improvement in cutting speed create the enormous advantages compared to conventional metal cutting machining. Therefore, the further training on Operation of EDM was conducted at LILAMA 2 International Technology College (LILAMA 2) from June 20 to 24 to upskill the teachers in Metal Cutting occupation – Mechanics Faculty in this essential technology. The course was carried out by Mr Andreas Fischer – the Development Advisor of GIZ at LILAMA 2. According to Mr Andreas, the focus of this training was to explain the EDM technology, the operation of the machine hardware and the regular maintenance of the machine. During the first and the second half day of the training, theoretical contents, fundamentals of EDM technology and basics of programming were delivered and discussed. After that, the participants had the opportunity to learn about the EDM machine's configuration, set-up, and operation. Many exercises were carefully prepared to provide the teachers with hands-on experience in wire threading, dimension measuring, starting point setting, etc. Also, programming was integrated via a group assignment so that the teachers could refresh and adapt their programming knowledge to EDM context while improve their teamworking skills at the same time. Finally, the last day of training was dedicated to the maintenance topic. “We have received several cooperation invitations from the enterprises nearby regarding EDM, which shows that this technology is certainly in demand now. Hence, we are very grateful to have this training in time and to get updated with the emerging technology” – Mr Nguyen Hong Tien – Vice Dean, Mechanics Faculty, who was one of the participants of the training, expressed. The participated teachers can now multiply the equipped knowledge and skills to other colleagues and their students. Furthermore, cooperation opportunity with the industry in the field is improved and LILAMA 2's competitiveness among other TVET institutes is enhanced. The training was held within the component “Supporting High-Quality TVET Institutes” as part of the Vietnamese – German Programme “Reform of TVET in Viet Nam”. The programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and



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ASEAN Council, MoLISA Hold Regional Dialogue on State Governance in TVET

The ASEAN TVET Council and Vietnam's MoLISA co-hosted a regional dialogue in both online and offline on June 29-30, regarding state governance in TVET amid the digital era and the fourth industrial revolution. The event was staged with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat and the German government via the Regional Cooperation Program to Improve the Quality and Labour Market Orientation of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (RECOTVET). ([Nhan Dan](#), [Dan Sinh](#) Jun 29)

Vietnam Aims to Send 2,370 Persons to S.Korea for Farming, Fishing Work in 2022

Vietnam aims to send 2,370 workers to South Korea to do farming and fishing jobs during 2022, including 1,285 in the agricultural sector and 1,085 in fishery industry. The MoLISA has sent a dispatch to localities as to holding employment tests for those who want to work in South Korea in farming and fishing areas under the Employment Permit System (EPS). Employment for agricultural and fishing work will be available on August 16-19 and September 13-16, respectively. ([VnEconomy](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [ANTD](#), [Lao Dong](#) Jul 3)

8 Districts in Vietnam Suspended from Sending Workers to S.Korea on Overstay

South Korea has announced a hiatus on receiving workers from eight district of four Vietnamese provinces that see a high rate of workers overstaying their visas, according to the MoLISA. Four localities with eight districts suspended from South Korea's Employment Permit System (EPS) program are the Nghi Xuan, Cam Xuyen districts of Ha Tinh province, Dong Son, Hoang Hoa of Thanh Hoa province, and Nghi Loc, Hung Nguyen, Cua Lo of Nghe An province, and Chi Linh City of Hai Duong province. The suspension will not be applied to those who enrol to work in the fishery sector, EPS workers returning to Vietnam on time, and labourers with illegal overstay voluntarily coming back to the home country during the free-punishment period announced by the South Korean government. ([ANTD](#), [Lao Dong](#) Jul 1)

Vietnam, Japan Seek to Address Absconding Workers

Vietnam expects to work with Japan to handle workers leaving their employers without permission as well as firms that illegally recruit them, said Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung. Minister Dung made his statement at a meeting on June 29 morning with Japanese Minister of Justice Yoshihisa Furukawa, who is on his trip to Vietnam. The official said since early 2022, the number of absconding Vietnamese trainees in Japan has declined 54% y/y. Noting that absconding workers are buoyed by higher incomes and not bounded by tax responsibilities, he proposed Japan weigh waiving residence and personal income taxes and approving the double taxation avoidance for Vietnamese workers. Speaking of incidents occurring to Vietnamese trainees recently, Minister Furukawa said Japan is reviewing



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and assessing programs receiving foreign workers to ensure the rights of migrant labourers. As to Vietnamese trainees reportedly having to pay enormous costs to brokers before heading to Japan, he said that his country has rescinded licenses of 33 trade unions, issued warnings to over 4,000 cases, and remove internship applications of 309 cases, others. At present, Japan houses some 430,000 Vietnamese people. Since the beginning of 2022, Vietnam has sent 50,000 trainees to Japan, Mr. Dung said. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 29)

Vietnamese FM Holds Talks with Top Diplomats of Laos, Thailand, Cambodia

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son had meetings with the top diplomats of Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia last weekend, ahead of the seventh Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting scheduled for July 4 in Bagan, Myanmar. Meeting with Deputy PM and FM of Thailand Don Pramudwinai, Mr. Son requested Thailand to facilitate the entry of Vietnamese foodstuff, dairy, and dairy products into its market and extend the labour recruitment agreement. ([Bao Quoc Te](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Nhan Dan](#) Jul 3)

Highly-skilled Labourers of Nghe An Province Have Chances to Work in Germany

On June 30, Nghe An Trading and Tourism College inked a deal with the German Industry and Commerce in Vietnam (AHK) on the implementation of the "RroReccognition" and "Hand in Hand for International Talents" projects. Per the deal, both sides agreed to join hands to send highly-skilled labourers to Germany. ([Phap Luat Plus](#) Jul 1)

Edugo Group Visits Vietnamese Embassy in Germany

Edugo Group has recently visited Germany and had a working session with Ambassador Vu Quang Minh. Edugo vowed to cooperate with the embassy in bringing Vietnamese learners and workers to Germany to learn and work. ([Edugo](#) Jun 29)

Number of Vietnamese Suppliers in Supporting Industries to Japan Still Modest

Despite the development of supporting industries, only a few Vietnamese suppliers can participate in Japan's supply chain, said Mr. Akutsu Michio, consultant of the Japan Association of International Business Consultants, at an online conference held by Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency (Vietrade) on July 5. Mr. Akutsu Michio attributed the modest rate to the low productivity of Vietnamese labourers, which was rated at 14.4% in a report by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). Currently, the number of firms in the supporting industries accounts for 4.5% of the total in the manufacturing and processing sectors, creating jobs for over 600,000 labourers or 8% of the total workers in the fields. ([Cong Thuong](#), [Dan Sinh](#) Jul 5)

Domestic News

Fiber Manufacturer ADS Plans to Export 6M Solar Panels Annually



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Vietnam's fiber manufacturer DamSan Joint Stock Company (HOSE: ADS) plans to export six million solar panels produced from its AD Green factory annually. Once it comes into operation, the factory will create jobs for nearly 1,000 local workers. ([CafeF](#) Jul 1)

Hanoi Aims to Develop TVET per Regional, Global Standards

Hanoi capital city has aimed to develop its TVET sector in the open, flexible, modern, and effective orientations, meeting regional and global standards, according to Plan 177/KH-UBND issued by the municipal People's Committee on June 28. By 2025, the city aims to provide TVET to 1.15 million people, or 230,000 people per year, increase the rate of trained labour rate to 75%-80%. By 2030, the city aims to raise the rate to 80%-85%. By 2045, the city aims to have TVET sector approaching ASEAN's standards. ([Hanoi Moi](#), [Dan Sinh](#) Jun 30)

Hanoi Creates Jobs for 118,853 Workers in H1, up 21.4% y/y

Hanoi provided jobs to 118,853 workers in the first half (H1) of this year, up 21.4% y/y and equivalent to 74.3% of the year target, according to the municipal DoLISA. Of these, 1,201 workers were sent abroad, mostly to Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea. During the period, the city offered vocational training to close to 3,000 workers. The figure included 21,922 new jobs in June. Between January and June, Hanoi approved 5,823 job positions for foreign workers at 5,326 businesses, licensed 4,663 work permits, renewed 416 licenses, and extended 200 work permits for expatriates. ([VnEconomy](#), [Lao Dong Thu Do](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#) Jul 3)

Hanoi Recruits 101,620 into TVET in H1/2022

Hanoi recruit 101,620 people into TVET in H1/2022, up 194.5% y/y, including 2,450 into colleges and 2,700 into intermediate schools, fulfilling 45.26% of the annual target. Hanoi currently has 361 TVET units, including 119 public ones and 241 non-public ones. ([LDTD](#) Jul 4)

Hai Duong's Employment Centre Helps 20K Labourers Find Jobs in H1

The employment centre of northern Hai Duong province helped over 20,000 labourers find jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, up 40% y/y. ([PLVN](#) Jun 30)

Bac Ninh Aims for Labour Productivity Growth Rate of 8.5%-9%/Year in 2021-2025

Bac Ninh province aims to achieve a labour productivity growth rate of 8.5%-9% annually in the 2021-2025 period. The province will concentrate on strengthening vocational training for local workforce, especially skilled workers. ([LDTD](#) Jun 28)

Yen Bai Creates Jobs for Nearly 11K Labourers in Jan-May

Northern Yen Bai province created jobs for 10,987 labourers in the first five months of this year, up 16.33% y/y and fulfilling 56.3% of the whole-year target. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 30)



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Lang Son's TVET Schools Recruit, Train 11,370 Learners in 2021

As many as 20 Lang Son-based TVET schools recruited and offered training to a total of 11,370 people in 2021, placing the rate of trained workers to 57.2%, up 1.2 percentage point y/y. Over 80% of graduates got jobs and earned stable incomes. In 2016-2020, 66,316 people got vocational training and employment. ([DDD](#) Jun 29)

Thai Binh Creates Jobs for Nearly 19K Labourers in H1

Northern Thai Binh province created jobs for 18,990 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year, up 19.4% y/y and meeting 57.55% of the whole-year target. The figure included 13,200 jobs in the province, 4,070 jobs in other localities, and 1,720 overseas jobs. In H1, the province enrolled 10,505 people into TVET, up 35% y/y and meeting 29.09% of the full-year target. In H2, the province aims to fulfil the full-year target of creating jobs for 34,500 people. ([Thai Binh](#) Jun 29)

TVET Students Present Recycled Items at Event in Danang

Hundreds of unique recycled products created by vocational school students were presented at an environmental protection event in Danang City, central Vietnam on Saturday. Taking place at the Danang Vocational Training College, the event was organized for the first time by the DVET under the MoLISA. The event was joined by nearly 2,000 students of vocational schools in Danang and nearby provinces. The participants presented a variety of recycled products, namely handbags sewn from used tarpaulin, ornaments made from plastic cups and spoons, and tables and chairs made from discarded tires. It also featured a photo exhibition and a game with about 100 players, centred around environmental protection, climate change, and plastic waste. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [CADN](#), [DVET](#), [Nhan Dan](#) Jul 3)

6,300 People in Khanh Hoa Find Jobs in H1

Around 6,300 people in central Khanh Hoa province managed to find jobs in the first half (H1) of this year. The province enrolled 14,807 people in TVET, meeting 50.19% of the target. As of June, the province's trained labour rate was 81.5%, including 27.15% equipped with certifications. ([Lao Dong](#) Jun 29)

HCMC Creates Jobs for Nearly 163,000 People in H1

Ho Chi Minh City created jobs for 162,781 people in the first half (H1) of this year. The city also enrolled 84,302 TVET leaders, or 22.72% of the year's target. Since early 2022, 73,574 people in the city have received training, or 62.88% of the year's target. So far, the figure has been 4.24 million people. ([LDTD](#) Jun 29)

HCMC-based Textiles, Footwear Businesses Hobbled by Labour Shortage



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Textile and footwear businesses in Ho Chi Minh City are reeling from the recruitment of new workers while existing staff keep quitting. Thanh Cong Textile Garment-Investment-Trading JSC in Tan Phu District is in need of more than 1,000 workers to fill the vacancies and expand operations at nearly 20 plants nationwide. Vinh Phong Footwear Co. Ltd in Hoc Mon District used to have more than 500 labourers before 2020 but these days, the figure has dropped to only 300. Taiwanese shoemaker Pouyuen Vietnam Co. Ltd., the biggest employer in HCMC, needs to employ 8,800 labourers post COVID-19, but the recruitment has just met 65% of the demand while there have been 500-650 staff resigning each month since early this year. ([VnExpress](#) Jul 4)

An Giang Aims for 31.5% of Labourers Equipped with Certifications by 2025

Southern An Giang province has set a target that 31.5% of labourers will be equipped with certifications by 2025 and raise the rate to 39% by 2030. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 29)

6 Kien Giang-based TVET Schools Sign Deal with Sunset Sanato Phu Quoc Complex

Six TVET schools based in Kien Giang province and Sunset Sanato Phu Quoc complex sealed a deal on cooperation in manpower training and supply. Six schools are Kien Giang College, Kien Giang Vocational College, Phu Quoc Vietnam-Korea Vocational School, Kien Giang College of Profession Technology, Vocational Boarding School For Ethnic Minority Students, and U Minh Thuong Vocational Boarding School. ([Lao Dong](#) Jun 30)