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Vietnam Disburses VND500B of COVID Package for Retraining Workers

Vietnam has so far disbursed VND500 billion (\$21.46 million) out of VND4.5 trillion from the COVID-19 package of retraining workers. The package's deadline for application was June 30. The authorities received applications from 500 firms, of which, they have approved the support worth VND99 billion for 46 firms with 11,000 labourers. The achievement is far below the MoLISA's expectation of VND4.5 trillion for one million labourers. The Directorate of Vocational Education and Training (DVET) noted obstacles, including the pandemic disrupting the administrative processing, firms not qualifying for the packages upon their resumption of operation, firms ignoring such support, and others. ([Tien phong](#) Jul 26)

MoLISA, MARD Host Workshop on TVET for Rural Labourers in IR4.0

The MoLISA, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), and the Party Central Committee's Education and Propaganda Commission hosted a workshop in northern Thai Nguyen province on July 20 to discuss TVET for labourers in rural areas in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4.0). ([Dan Sinh](#), [GDNN](#) Jul 21)

DoLAB, IOM Issue Handbook on Health Issues for Vietnamese Labourers Overseas

The DoLAB, under the MoLISA, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have issued a handbook on health issues for Vietnamese labourers overseas. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 24)

Vietnam Still Fails to Push Career Path Guidance for Secondary School Learners

Deputy Director General Pham Vu Quoc Binh of the DVET urged learners' parents to stop ignoring TVET and to stop hope for higher education as the only path to success. He urged parents to get insight on learners' strengths and ambitions and then guide them to suitable paths. This is a task of the whole society and the education sector and the TVET sector will fail on itself. ([Quoc Hoi](#) Jul 22)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

ILO Vows to Aid Vietnam Labour Confederation in Implementing EVFTA

The International Labour Organization (ILO) vowed to aid the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) in implementing labour-related terms of new-generation free trade



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agreements (FTAs), particularly the EU-Vietnam FTA (EVFTA). Ms. Yuki Oksuji, an expert from the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), made the statement at a workshop on July 21. The event focused on the EVFTA and the role of labour unions. ([Lao Dong](#) Jul 21)

South Korea Receives 153 Vietnamese Workers under EPS Program

South Korea has received 153 out of 8,000 Vietnamese workers eligible for the Employment Permit System (EPS) program. Of these, 110 work in manufacturing and processing sectors while the remainders work in fisheries. Both countries are attempting to send 6,000 Vietnamese workers to South Korea for the rest of this year. ([Tin Tuc](#) Jul 26)

Mercedes-Benz Vietnam Holds First Graduation Ceremony of Dual TVET Program

Mercedes-Benz Vietnam (MBV) has recently organized the graduation ceremony for the first course in 2019-2021 of the Dual Vocational Training Program for 14 learners selected from its dealers. The program has been co-hosted by MBV, Lilama 2, and German Industry and Commerce in Vietnam (AHK) in 2.5 years. ([Tap Chi Giao Thong](#), [Hai Quan](#) Jul 22)

Toyota Vietnam Hosts Skill Contest for its Staff

Toyota Vietnam has conducted the final round of the 22nd edition of its work skill contest for its staff, featuring 300 competitors. This is the first time Toyota conducted the contests for all work skills of the sales and services chain. ([Bnews](#) Jul 26)

Taiwan-invested Firm to Build \$10M Shoe Plant in Nghe An

Taiwan-invested firm Shun An Co., Ltd has planned to build a high-class shoe factory with a total investment of \$10 million in Nghe An at the end of July. The project will cover over 4.52 hectares in Nghia My industrial cluster, Thai Hoa township. It will create jobs for over 500 local labourers. ([Nha Dau Tu](#), [Nghe An 24h](#), [The Investor](#) Jul 21)

Domestic News

Vietnam Faces Unemployment, Labour Shortage Simultaneously in 2021

Vietnam faced high unemployment of 3.98%, underemployment of 4.46%, and low labour force participation rate of 67.7% (down 1.9 percentage point y/y) in 2021, according to a newly-released report by Hanoi-based Thuongmai University. The report particularly noted the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the operation of many businesses and forced labourers to evacuate from major economic hubs, leading to above-mentioned problems. It added a problem of low quality of Vietnamese labourers. Despite improvements, the rate of trained labourers remained small at 26.1% in 2021. In addition, among trained labourers, university graduates accounted for 11.12%, while those with basic and intermediate training were 9.11%. This reflected an imbalance in the workforce. The report suggested solutions of enhancement of



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demand-supply of the labour market, vocational training, facilitation for small businesses, and others. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 21)

Apparel, Footwear Firms in Vietnam Facing Serious Labour Problems

Apparel and footwear firms in Vietnam are facing serious labour shortage due to negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, amid the underemployment of 1.2 million people, or 2.4% of the total workforce. The two sectors are the most labour-intensive jobs and the biggest recruiters in the country. The apparel sector normally needs two million workers, or 25% of the total figure of the manufacturing-processing sector, and the footwear sector needs 1.4 million labourers, or 18%. For example, the Centre of Forecasting Manpower Needs and Labour Market Information (FALMI) in Ho Chi Minh City said in 2022-2026, those two sectors need 20,000-22,000 new workers, however, there are only about 1,000 workers actively finding jobs in those sectors. ([VnEconomy](#) Jul 25)

IT, Electronics Sectors in Vietnam Continue to Top Demand for Workers in Q2

Information technology and electronics industries in Vietnam had a high recruitment demand for workers in the second quarter (Q2) this year, and the need will be continuously on the rise, according to data by Navigos Group. During the first half of 2022, Navigos Group's online recruitment platform VietnamWorks recorded over 65,000 job openings, up 20% y/y, including over 36,000 in Q2, up 20% y/y. The other job sectors that had the highest numbers of job vacancies included finance and investment, sales, marketing, accounting, civil construction, administration, banking, and audit. In Q3, industries that will have enormous hiring demand are finance, banking, insurance, audit, retail, IT, telecommunications, and industrial real estate. ([Soha](#), [ICT News](#), [CafeBiz](#) Jul 20)

Poor Pay Triggers Nearly 9.4K Public Health Workers in Vietnam to Quit

Nearly 9,400 public health workers in Vietnam have quit over the past 18 months, citing low pay as the top reason for their resignations, according to a report released by the Vietnam National Union of Health Workers. The report also found that the departure was tendered for healthcare professional revenue decline at medical facilities, inadequate policies for attracting and retaining staff, and tempting wage offers from private hospitals and clinics. Those who quit stated other reasons, including work stress and burnout, working environment affected from the fallout of recent medical supplies bidding violations, and mental breakdowns. The union, therefore, proposed raising the professional subsidies level for public health workers to 100% and adopting the tier-2 wage level for medical graduates, and increasing wages for health employees to equal to the armed forces. ([VietnamNet](#), [Tien Phong](#) Jul 20)

Vietnam Aims for over 20% of Agro Products Produced with High-tech by 2025

Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) has set a target that more than 20% of agricultural products will be produced using advanced technologies by 2025 and



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increase the rate to 30% by 2030. Such a plan is expected to increase agro-forestry-fisheries labour productivity by 7%-8% annually. ([VOV](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Dan Viet](#) Jul 24)

Hanoi DoLISA Hosts Career Fair for Labourers Returning from South Korea, Japan

On July 21, Hanoi's employment centre, under Hanoi DoLISA, hosted a career fair for labourers returning from South Korea under EPS program and Japan under IM Japan program. The fair attracted the participation of 53 firms with 10,910 vacancies. ([ANTD](#) Jul 21)

Lao Cai College Set to Become High-quality School by 2025

Lao Cai College in the northern namesake province is set to become a high-quality school by 2025, heard a meeting on July 17. The college needs VND640 billion for development in 2019-2025. ([GDNN](#) Jul 20)

TVET College in Quang Tri Suspended from Recruitment for 2 Months

ASEAN intermediate vocational training school in Quang Tri province has been suspending from recruitment for two months, due to the usage of training cars without licenses for the cars. The school is a non-public one and under the management of Quang Tri DoLISA. ([Giao Thong](#) Jul 23)

Vinatex Creates 10,000 Employments Yearly in Thua Thien-Hue

Vinatex vows to create 10,000 sustainable employments in Thua Thien-Hue annually until 2030 with yearly income of VND180 million on average, Vinatex executives said to Thua Thien-Hue authorities at a meeting on July 25. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 26)

Former Director of TVET Centre in Binh Phuoc Gets 10-Year Jail Term

The People's Court of Dong Phu District (Binh Phuoc province) has given a jail term of 10 years to Nguyen Thanh Khang, former director of Dong Phu district continuation education-TVET centre, for charge of power abuse. The court also gave jail term of four years and six years to two others. They were detected to have forged TVET contracts for 60 classes to embezzle VND2.7 billion. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 24)