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## ● Highlights ●

## ● Policies ●

### **Vietnam Ministries Yet to Agree on General Education at Vocational Schools**

The MoET and the MoLISA have yet to agree on general education at vocational training schools. Last week, Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam chaired a working session on solving such issues. It featured Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son, Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan, and some deputy ministers. Minister Dao Ngoc Dung said general education for vocational training learners is lawful, however, there remain problems in details only. He urged the authorities to facilitate this to aid learners. Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam asked the MoET to review Document 2672/BGDDT-GDTX to fix unsuitable terms. The MoLISA said about 400 colleges and schools out of 410 vocational colleges and 444 intermediate schools are capable of teaching general education themselves. Vietnam's vocational training schools recruits 350,000 learners into intermediate courses annually, of whom, 80% are secondary school graduates and intend to take high school graduation exam. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [QDND](#), [Quoc Hoi TV](#), [Cong Ly](#), [Cong Luan](#) Jul 29)

### **Vietnam Disburses VND48T of VND350T Post-COVID Recovery Package**

Vietnam has so far disbursed only VND48 trillion (\$2.1 billion) from the post-COVID-19 economic recovery package of VND350 trillion, the Ministry of Planning and Investment reported. The Vietnam Bank for Social Policies disbursed about VND9.21 trillion in the period. Others included VND196.7 billion for rent support for 344,000 labourers, VND31 trillion for fuel tax exemption, and VND7.4 trillion for extending tax payment period. ([CafeF](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Tin Tuc](#), [Tien Phong](#) Jul 29)

### **DVET Discusses Building of Digital Capability for TVET Lecturers**

On July 28, the DVET held a workshop in Hanoi to discuss the building of digital capability for TVET lecturers. As of end-2020, 100% of 83,959 TVET teachers met the requirements in qualification and pedagogical skills and 60% teachers of practical and integrated contents met the requirements in TVET profession. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 28)

## ● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

### *Foreign Cooperation*

### **Further Training Course on Automation and Motors at VCMII**



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A 5 day-training series have been conducted by the Development Advisor of GIZ, Mr Alexander Husenbeth, in July 2022 at College of Machinery and Irrigation (VCMI), which covered all important aspects of Automation and Electrical Motors. All 9 teachers of the Electrical-Electronics faculty at VCMI attended the training. The training on Automation took three days from July 11 to 13, providing all relevant industrial standards from simple to complex controls. Within the training days, the concept of controls in open and closed circuits was theoretically explored and practical exercises were also implemented. In practical tasks, the different control systems were programmed such as the Siemens Logo and the Simatic S7 PLC systems. To gain hands-on experience, practical examples were discussed, programmed and tested in simulations, for instance, an example about an industrial conveyor belt system with multiple sensors and actors was given. The software used for programming and simulation was the Siemens Logo soft Comfort and the TIA portal (Totally Integrated Automation). The two-day Motor training from July 18 to 19 explained all safety aspects from Automation and added further functions of a system such as motor protection and drive control. The teachers learned the whole process from calculation of the moment to selection of a suitable motor for a specific case. Various starting methods were discussed, from direct online, soft starters and inverters. The motor training ended with a practical exercise in the workshop with a motor test stand. The test stand allows the simulation of a load, enabling the participants to study the behaviour of a motor in its full range of operation. In addition to the training content, standard explanations and exam questions were used to prepare the teachers for the final exam according to the German standard which shall be performed next year. The trainings were held within the component “Supporting High-Quality Institutes for Greening TVET” 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 Development (BMZ), implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) together with the MoLISA. ([TVET Aug 2](#))

### **Vietnam Sends 56,863 Workers Abroad in Jan-Jul: MoLISA**

Vietnam took 56,863 people overseas to work under contracts in the first seven months of this year, including 21,238 females and reaching 63.2% of the year target, according to the MoLISA. Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea firmly held their positions as the biggest takers of Vietnamese workers over the past months. During the period, the ministry negotiated with Israel for a bilateral labour agreement; drafted a pact on agricultural labour pact with Australia; compiled an employment deal with Thailand; finalized the MoU on skilled migrant workers with Germany; and concluded the MoU with Malaysia on the recruitment, employment, and repatriation of workers. ([Lao Dong](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Doanh Nghiep Hoi Nhap](#), [NLD](#) Jul 29)

### **Some 80% of Vietnamese Trainees in Japan Burdened with Debt: Survey**

More than half the foreign technical trainees paid an average of JPY 540,000 (\$4,054) in debt to come to Japan, with around 80% of trainees from Vietnam and Cambodia carrying such debts. The survey, covering 2,100 technical trainees, was conducted by Japan’s Immigration Services Agency between December 2021 and April 2022. The study revealed that 55% of the trainees resorted to borrowing to pay institutions and brokers for covering their expenses before departure to Japan. The average sum of debts was the highest among Vietnamese trainees, at about JPY



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674,000. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is developing a website that will allow Vietnamese to apply online for traineeships in the country in the hope to cut out unscrupulous brokers that charge exorbitant fees. Candidates can browse that information but will still have to apply through local institutions. The website is expected to go on trial in April 2023 and fully function in 2024. ([VNBusiness](#), [Nikkei Asia](#) Jul 29)

### **Vietnamese Firms Should Seek to Enhance Ties with Australia's Northern Territory**

Vietnamese firms should seek to increase cooperation with Australia's Northern Territory in labour and construction materials. President Nguyen Ngoc My of the Northern Territory - Vietnam Business Council (NTVBC) made the proposal at an investment and trade promotion conference. Mr. My hoped the VAFIE to become a bridge for sending high-quality Vietnamese workers to the Northern Territory, with an aim of having ten firms with 100 labourers work in Australia in the first year. He added the firms can hold tours to survey markets and seek business opportunities in labour training and export in the Northern Territory. ([Dau Tu](#) Jul 28)

### **Cal-Nev-Ari City, Cam Lo District Ink Deal to Bring Vietnamese Herbs to U.S.**

On July 26, the United States' Cal-Nev-Ari City and Cam Lo district in Vietnam's central Quang Tri province inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly bring herbs to the American nation. Besides, Cal-Nev-Ari City will help attract investment in high-tech factories; develop herb material areas and organic agriculture; and develop tourism, vocational training, and connect with U.S. partners in potential areas. ([SGGP](#), [VnExpress](#), [Kien Thuc Gia Dinh](#), [Vnanews](#) Jul 26)

### **Germany Denies Visa Issuance for New Vietnamese Passport Holders**

The German Embassy in Vietnam has announced a refusal to issue visas to Vietnamese citizens holding passports (per a new model released on July 1), due to a blank "place of birth" information that is said to confuse the identification of passport holders. Vietnamese citizens with the new passports, featuring a dark blue cover instead of the traditional green one, will not be able to apply for a C or D visa to enter Germany, the embassy said on its website on July 27. Those who have got the visa approved in their new passports are advised to not fly to Germany as they might be denied entry at the border, the notice said. The old passports will continue to be valid till the expiration date. ([Tien Phong](#), [Cong Ly](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [VTC](#), [Dan Tri](#), [PLO](#), [VietnamNet](#), [VnExpress](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 28)

### **Vietnamese Senior Party Official Holds Talks with South Korean PM**

Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPVCC) Secretariat Vo Van Thuong, who is on a visit to South Korea on the 30th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic ties, met with the host country's Prime Minister Han Duck-soo on August 1. Both sides should boost bilateral people-to-people ties, promote South Korean businesses to invest in



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Vietnam, transfer technologies and develop supporting industry, increase two-way trade in a balanced manner, and expand labor ties, he elaborated. ([Lao Dong](#), [Bao Quoc Te](#) Aug 1)

### **Quang Nam's District Signs Deal to Send Workers to South Korea**

The local government of Nam Tra My district in Quang Nam province inked an agreement on August 1 to send seasonal workers to Hamyang district of South Korea-based Gyeongsangnam province. The Vietnamese district plans to take the first 21 workers to Hamyang for the rest of this year. ([CAND](#) Aug 1)

#### ***Domestic News***

### **Vietnam Licenses 89,400 New Firms in Jan-Jul, up 18% y/y: GSO**

Vietnam licensed 89,400 new firms in January-July, up 17.9% y/y, with their total registered capital of VND1,006 trillion (\$43.36 billion), down 5.6% y/y, the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) said in its latest monthly report. The average registered capital of a new firm in the first seven months of this year fell by 19.9% y/y to VND11.3 billion, the office said, noting that the new firms used 621,000 labourers during the period, up 11.8% y/y. ([GSO](#) Jul 29)

### **Vietnam Facing Labour Shortage in Sectors, Localities Only: Economist**

Only some sectors and localities in Vietnam are facing labour shortage, Mr. Le Duy Binh, director of consulting firm Economica Vietnam, clarified the country's simultaneous labour improvements (lower unemployment rates and higher workforce) and labour shortages. He noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed labour reform in Vietnam. Localities, with strong economic growths, become more competitive in attracting labourers. Labourers, after the exodus in 2021, have changed their preferences in picking jobs. In addition, foreign investments are flowing into Vietnam amid the shifting of the global supply chain. Those factors have led to labour shortage in some localities, economic hubs, and sectors in Vietnam. He noted the biggest negative impacts belong to sectors of apparel, footwear, electronic assembly, wood processing; and areas in the southern region. He urged struggling firms to adapt to the situation by restructuring, reducing the reliance on affordable workforce for labour-intensive tasks, and improving the incomes and benefits of workers. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 31)

### **Labourers of Gas Facilities in Vietnam Can Work at Most 12 Hours per Day**

Labourers of gas facilities in Vietnam, with jobs of running, maintaining, and repairing the gas pipelines and other infrastructures can work no more than 12 hours a day and no more than seven days for a session, according to the Ministry of Industry and Trade's latest Circular 12/2022/TT-BCT. Those labourers can work overtime but no more than 300 hours a year. The circular will become effective on September 9. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Thu Vien Phap Luat](#), [Luat Vietnam](#) Jul 27)



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## **Nearly 70% of Sugar Mills in Vietnam Incur Losses due to Smuggling**

Only 25 out of 41 sugar mills in Vietnam have managed to maintain operation in the 2021-2022 crop, of which, 17 factories, or nearly 70%, have incurred losses due to smuggling, according to a report by the Vietnam Sugarcane and Sugar Association (VSSA). Such losses have made 3,300 labourers unemployed and forced 100,000 sugarcane farmers to shift to other crops. ([NLD](#) Aug 1)

## **Hanoi to Provide Training Costs to Learners of 78 Jobs**

The capital city of Hanoi has approved a list of 11 groups of jobs, equal to 78 jobs in elementary and short-term levels, which will provide training costs to learners in 2022-2025. The learners comprise (i) people with disabilities, (ii) people of ethnic minorities, (iii) people/families with revolutionary contributions, poor people, households with agro and business land revoked, unemployed women (iv) near-poor people, and (v) women and rural labourers not belonging to groups 1, 2, 3, 4. ([ANTD](#), [KTDT](#) Aug 1)

## **Hanoi Provides Jobs to 137.3K Workers in Jan-Jul, up 23.2% y/y**

Hanoi created jobs for 137,300 workers in the first seven months of this year, up 23.2% y/y and equivalent to 85.8% of the year target, according to the municipal DoLISA. In July, the city offered employment to 18,400 workers, up 35.4% y/y, including 12,100 sent abroad to work under contracts, the department said. Last month, Hanoi gave VND145.3 billion (\$6.26 million) in unemployment benefits to 5,700 workers, introduced jobs to 7,200 people, and offered vocational training to 101 persons. ([VnEconomy](#) Jul 29)

## **TVET Institutes in Vinh Phuc Enrol 210K Learners since 2015**

TVET institutes in northern Vinh Phuc province have enrolled nearly 210,000 learners since 2015, contributing to raising the trained labour rate to 78%. ([DNHN](#) Jul 26)

## **Cooperatives in Nghe An Employ Nearly 61K Labourers**

840 cooperatives in central Nghe An province had employed 60,936 labourers as of end-June, the provincial cooperative alliance said at a conference on July 28. ([Nghe An](#) Jul 28)

## **Thua Thien-Hue Strives to Develop High-Quality Workforce**

Thua Thien-Hue province strives to improve its workforce, especially high-quality ones, in order to fulfil targets of pacey and sustainable socioeconomic growth. The province currently employs 562,000 people, including 80,720 high-quality ones, or 14.38% of the total. Thua Thien-Hue aims to improve rate of trained labourers to 70%-75% in 2025, of which certified ones at 30%-35%. ([Nhan Dan](#) Aug 2)





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## **HCMC's Average Labour Productivity 2.5 Times Higher than Vietnam's Average**

The average labour productivity in Ho Chi Minh City is 2.5 times higher than Vietnam's average while average incomes are 1.54 times higher than the country's average, said Assoc. Prof.-Dr. Tran Hoang Ngan, director of HCMC Institute for Development Studies, at a workshop on July 28. ([Dan Tri](#) Jul 29)

## **Firms in Binh Phuoc Need 20K Labourers, Mostly Manual Workers**

Firms in southern Binh Phuoc province are in need of more than 20,000 labourers, including 200 skilled ones, while the rest are manual workers in fields of apparel-textile, footwear, wood processing, and electronics. ([Binh Phuoc](#) Jul 31)

## **Binh Duong May Need 40K-50K Workers for Rest of 2022**

Businesses based in Binh Duong is expected to need between 40,000 and 50,000 workers in sectors of textiles and garments, wood, leather shoes, textile dyeing, welding, and mechanical cutting. In the first half of this year, 2,282 enterprises province-wide have demand for about 80,800 workers, including 7,800 skilled employees. ([NLD](#) Aug 2)

## **Ca Mau Creates Jobs for over 27,600 People since Early 2022**

The southernmost province of Ca Mau has so far this year created jobs for over 27,600 people, equal to 69.52% of the year's target. Besides, the province has enrolled 13,916 TVET learners, said Mr. Nguyen Quoc Thanh, director of the provincial DoLISA. ([NLD](#) Jul 28)