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## Vietnam Disburses 47% of \$284M House Rent Aid Package as of Sep 6

Of the VND6.6 trillion (\$284.4 million) house rent allowance package, which was approved by the Vietnamese government in late March, over VND3.1 trillion, or 47%, was disbursed to over 4.6 million workers as of September 6, according to the Office of the MoLISA. To date, 39 localities have completed the disbursement, and there remain 21 localities yet to fulfil the task. Localities have so far logged benefit claims of over 5.2 million workers with a total budget of VND3.7 trillion and approved the documents of over five million workers for VND3.6 trillion. (Tin Tuc Sep 7)

## Vietnam Mulls \$34.4M for Training, Re-Training of Workers in 2022-2025

Vietnam may set aside some VND800 billion (\$34.4 million), mostly from the state budget, for the training and re-training of workers in 2022-2025, according to a draft circular. The Ministry of Finance is consulting ministries, agencies, and localities about the draft circular on expenses for the improvement of workforce skills until 2025 before submitting it to the government for approval. The MoLISA aims to offer training to about 4,800 college and intermediate learners for at least 20 new occupations on a trial basis and provide re-training and employment transition to no less than 300,000 workers. (CafeF, Tien Phong, Dien Dan Tieu Dung Sep 12)

# **DVET Orders Checks into All Medical-Pharmaceutical Colleges' Enrolment, Training**

In a document on September 7, the DVET has asked all medical and pharmaceutical colleges to self-check their enrolment and training, aiming to timely detect and handle violations, if any, and report results before September 20. The move followed information on the hand-over of diplomas without training at Hanoi College of Pharmacy, Phu Tho Medical College, and Le Quy Don College. (Cong Ly Sep 9)

# VSS Completes 2<sup>nd</sup> Disbursement of Unemployment Insurance Fund to 359K Workers

The Vietnam Social Security has completed the second disbursement of the unemployment insurance fund to 359,000 workers with a total budget of over VND1.01 trillion (\$43.87 million). (NLD Sep 13)

#### **Vietnam PM Appoints Deputy Minister of Labour**

Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has re-appointed a deputy minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs. Specifically, Mr. Le Tan Dung, born 1966, was re-appointed as Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs from September 14. He was in







charge of the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training (DVET) and took over the position of labour deputy minister for the first time in 2017. (<u>Bao Chinh Phu, Giao Duc Thoi Dai, VietnamNet, Bao Tai Nguyen Moi Truong, CADN, Lao Dong, VietnamBiz, Bao Chinh Phu 1 Sep 11)</u>

## Vietnam Hanoi to Spend VND1.1T on Supporting Tuition Fees in 2022-2023

Vietnam's Hanoi capital city has planned to spend VND1.13 trillion (\$48.8 million) to assist half of the tuition fees for students of public education facilities in the school year of 2022-2023, Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Viet, Chief of Office of the Hanoi National Assembly Delegation, informed. The move aims to lower the pressure on the students and parents after the two difficult years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he said. Mr. Viet also added that Hanoi would support and exempt tuition fees for students of families under the social-welfare policy or having difficult circumstances. (Tuoi Tre, Tuoi Tre 1, Thanh Nien, Bao Quoc Te, Lao Dong Thu Do, Tuoi Tre Thu Do Sep 9)

#### MoLISA Announces Training Program on Evaluation of Nat'l Professional Skills

The MoLISA has announced a training program on the evaluation of national professional skill under Circular 16/2022/TT-BLĐTBXH. The participants include lecturers from TVET facilities, experts and technical officers from businesses, artisans, or relevant individuals. They will get training in 50 hours, including 18.5 hours of theory, 26.5 hours of practice, and five hours of tests. (<u>Luat Vietnam Sep 9</u>)

#### Council Presents Prizes to 29 Winners of National Job Skills Competition-stage 2

On September 9, the national judgment council No.3 presented prizes to 29 winners of the second phase of the national job skills competition 2022. They are in the fields of beauty care, hair design, and six job modules. (Kinh Te & Do Thi Sep 11, Dan Tri Sep 9)

# Business Sector and Labour Market

#### Foreign Cooperation

# Further Training Course "Application of Scalance XS208 and S615 to Industrial Network Safety and Security" at LILAMA 2 College

To continue the training series of Digital Industry 4.0, LILAMA 2 International Technology College (LILAMA 2) recently launched an advanced training course on "Application of Scalance XS208 and S615 to industrial network safety and security" for teachers of Mechatronics and Industrial Electronics. The training course was conducted from August 22 to 31, with the content focusing on network safety and security issues. The objective of this training course is to provide the participants with knowledge and ability to set up a virtual private network (VPN), using SINEMA RC to establish communication and security between two automation production





clusters, and configure the firewall in Siemens S615, install SINEMA RC applications on CPU Desktop. Interviewed in a group discussion about virtual private networks – one of the modules of this training course, Mr. Tran Huu Phuoc said: "The organisation of this training course is essential because it satisfies the high requirements of network security in the future 4.0 industry. As for the course's content, I have mastered the knowledge of self-protecting data traffic by using IPsec encryption with a password and Switching VPN connections with an authentication certificate." At the end of the training course, the teachers were equipped with the necessary skills to continue multiplying the knowledge to teachers and students in the coming time and timely grasp the new trends of Industry 4.0. The further training course 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 Development (BMZ), implemented by GIZ together with the Vietnamese MoLISA. (TVET Sep 13)

## Vietnam Needs to Resolve Some Challenges to Achieve Development Goals: IMF

Despite decades of impressive gains, Vietnam still has to resolve some challenges to achieve its development goals, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in an article published on its website. Accordingly, the performance gap between highly productive firms that benefit from foreign direct investment (FDI) and less productive companies results in less potential economic growth. Businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), are hampered by burdensome regulations, cumbersome administrative procedures, weak corporate governance, insufficient infrastructure, and digital connectivity gaps. Improving labour skills and avoiding recruitment mismatches will help companies optimize operations. (NDH, Vietnam Plus English, IMF, BNews, SGGP, CafeF, VTV Sep 7)

#### WB Tips 4 Ways to Help Vietnam Raise Number of Higher Education Learners

The World Bank (WB) has suggested four ways to help Vietnam increase the number of higher education learners because of the country's low rate of post-general education enrolment. First, Vietnam needs to enhance access and equity for post-general education by improving the role of private and non-university educational institutions, increasing training models, raising enrolment sources, and providing financial aid for students. Second, Vietnam should enhance the educational quality and appropriation, including reforming teaching and learning methods, managing researchers and faculty, further investing in infrastructure and facilities, and boosting the cooperation between higher education facilities and businesses. Third, Vietnam needs to ensure the finance for higher education, the WB emphasized, noting that the country should better allocate and use state capital and private sector's capital for higher education. Fourth, the WB expected an enhanced administration for Vietnam's higher education. (Tuoi Tre, VietnamNet, VnExpress Sep 6)

Vietnam Looks forward to EU Feedback on of Labour Legal Document Enforcement





The Vietnamese MoLISA looks forward to feedback from the EU about the development and supervision of the enforcement of labour legal documents in line with international regulations, said Deputy Minister Le Van Thanh. Deputy Minister Thanh made his request in a meeting on September 8 in Hanoi with Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade Bernd Lange, concerning Vietnam's labour commitment to the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) implementation. Speaking of the country's activities in the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Thanh said that Vietnam has so far attended 25 ILO conventions and is looking to participate in 15 others, including Convention 87 (C087) on the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention. In his reply, Mr. Lange applauded the Vietnamese ministry's efforts to uphold labour-related articles stipulated by EVFTA during the past two years of COVID-19. He voiced his support for Vietnam's plan to join C087 and pledged to closely follow labour cooperation between the EU and the Southeast Asian nation. (MoLISA Sep 8)

## Japan's Ibaraki to Give Special Support to Workers from Vietnam Long An

The Japanese prefecture of Ibaraki will receive 13 first workers from Vietnam's southern province of Long An in October, and the local government will provide special support for them, said Ibaraki's Governor Kazuhiko Oigawa. Mr. Oigawa made his commitment while receiving a delegation led by Vice Chairman of Long An People's Committee Mai Van Nhieu on September 6. Some 12,000 Vietnamese people live and work in the prefecture at present, significantly contributing to the local economy, he added. Many Ibaraki enterprises desire to come to Vietnam for investment opportunity exploration, he said, adding that the local agency will help them seek chances in the Vietnamese locality. For his part, Mr. Nhieu stressed that Long An has a workforce of one million people, of whom 72% got training, and houses over 130 Japanese companies. Therefore, it has favourable conditions to promote labour cooperation with Ibaraki. On the same day, the two sides co-held a conference on strengthening the sending of Long An workers to Ibaraki. (NLD, Dan Viet, Nha Dau Tu, SGGP Sep 7)

## Vietnam, Japan Seek to Slash Intermediary Charges for Trainees

The Vietnamese MoLISA will team up with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to adopt an employment information project that will connect workers with dispatching companies, thus reducing and scrapping intermediary fees for trainees, said Vice Head of the Department of Overseas Labour (DoLAB) Pham Viet Huong. Mr. Huong gave the information at a conference held on September 6 in Tokyo to seek measures for greater labour cooperation between the two countries post-pandemic. The ministry will upgrade the database on Vietnamese contract workers abroad for better management, he added. Chairman of the Japan International Trainee & Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization (JITCO) Hiroaki Yagi said that the Japanese government is re-taking account of the skilled trainee and specified skilled worker programs. The JICA mulls developing a new recruitment system to eliminate brokers and cut initial fees for foreign trainees, Mr. Yagi noted. (Tin Tuc, Dan Tri, Vietnam Plus Sep 6)







## **Japan May Employ Vietnamese Driver Trainees**

The Japanese Ministry of Justice will propose relevant agencies expand the foreign trainee program for Vietnamese drivers, said Minister Yasuhito Hanashi while receiving Vietnamese Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung on September 6 in Tokyo. Minister Hanashi asked the two sides to join hands to hold specified skilled worker tests in Vietnam soon, adding that the ministry will mull scrapping resident tax for Vietnamese trainees. Japan has resumed receiving foreign trainees after a long hiatus due to COVID-19, and the ministry will step up checks of trade unions to ensure the rights of workers, he stressed. Minister Dung, for his part, requested the Japanese ministry to exempt some taxes and reduce charges for Vietnamese trainees. He suggested Japan mull expanding the portfolio of occupations in need of overseas trainees. (Tin Tuc, Dan Tri, Bao Dan Sinh, Nhan Dan, BNews, Vietnam Plus Sep 6)

# Japan's Osaka Healthcare Assoc. to Receive More Vietnamese Trainees in Coming Time

Japan-based Osaka Healthcare Association will work closely with Vietnam's Centre of Overseas Labour to receive more Vietnamese trainees in the time to come, said Chairman of the association Takeshima Tenmi while receiving Vietnamese Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung on September 8 in Osaka. The association has completed the building of a dormitory for labourers. Minister Dung, in reply, lauded efforts of both sides to send the first 14 Vietnamese trainees to Japan since early 2022. On the same day, Mr. Dung met with Member of the Parliament Mita Katsuhisa, Osaka Collaboration Management, Chairman of the Osaka Collaboration Management Oike Koji, and Executive President of the trade union EUC Hazaki Kazuhiro. (Giao Duc Thoi Dai Sep 13, Dan Tri Sep 8)

## Vietnam, Australia Deepen Strategic Partnership

Vietnamese Minister of Foreign Affairs Bui Thanh Son and his Australian counterpart Penny Wong co-chaired the fourth Vietnam-Australia Foreign Ministers' Meeting on September 12 in Canberra, during which both sides exchanged ways for a tighter bilateral strategic partnership. Regarding labour cooperation, the two sides will weigh adjusting the memorandum of understanding on the agriculture visa program in line with the new context. (Bao Quoc Te, Bao Quoc Te 1, VTV, Lao Dong, Vietnam Plus, QDND, VnExpress, Nhan Dan, Tien Phong Sep 12)

## Low Labour Costs Appeal to Singapore Startups into Vietnam: Exec.

Vietnam is one of the most attractive destinations for Singaporean startups thanks to its large workforce, low labour costs, and great market, Straitstimes cited Mr. James Tan, managing partner of venture capital company Quest Ventures, as saying. The labour force in Vietnam is increasingly well educated and still relatively affordable compared to Singapore, he noted. The country has a tech-savvy population and a booming middle class as well, making it a potential market, Mr. Tan added. (Tuoi Tre, vnreport.vn, Straits Times Sep 12)





## EU's Committee to Expand Ties with Vietnam in Sustainable Development Areas

The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) will expand cooperation with Vietnam in areas related to sustainable development as the EU is stepping up Asia-Pacific policies and initiatives, said INTA Chair Bernd Lange. The EU official made his statement in a meeting with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son on September 9 in Hanoi. FM Son, for his part, stressed that Vietnam always regards the EU as one of is leading economic partners and fully adheres to its EVFTA commitments on sustainable development and labour. The country will continue reviewing the labour law system and exercising international commitments involving Vietnam. (Bao Quoc Te, Vietnam Plus, Dang Cong San Sep 9)

## Huawei Partners with 2 Universities to Develop Vietnam's ICT Manpower

Huawei Vietnam Technologies Company Limited has recently signed memoranda of understanding (MoU) with the University of Transport and Communications (UTC) and the University of Economics - Technology for Industries (UNETI) on developing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) human resources for Vietnam. With the move, Huawei aims to promote the transformation and upgrade of the ICT workforce, improve productivity, and enhance the sector's employment proportion at home and abroad. Under the MoU, Huawei will provide students of the two Vietnamese universities with courses about networking, cloud computing, security, artificial intelligence (AI), and Internet of Things (IoT), among others. (Thoi Bao Ngan Hang, Cong Thuong, Dau Tu Sep 9)

## Vietnam, USAID Sign Agreement on Higher Education Cooperation

Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) sealed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) late last week to expand cooperation and improve the quality of higher education. The signatories were Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son and Country Director of the USAID Vietnam Aler Grubbs. Per the pact, the USAID will support the MoET in a new project to provide direct technical assistance to review and improve policies on higher education. (Giao Duc Thoi Dai, Giao Duc Thoi Dai Sep 9)

#### **Quang Tri-born Workers Face Difficulties in Working abroad**

Quang Tri province-born workers still face difficulties in working overseas due to their incompetency of foreign languages and limited knowledge of native cultures, according to a meeting between the province and the National Assembly's Committee for Social Affairs on September 12. That the sense of discipline among labourers from Quang Tri, and nearby localities remains low, and the illegal labour migration to Laos still drags on. At present, there are 3,000 Quang Tri-born workers abroad, of whom 85% live in the U.S., Australia, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Canada. (Quoc Hoi TV Sep 12)

#### Domestic News







# Only 30% of Labourers in Vietnam's E-commerce Sector Have Formal Training

There is ample room for educational institutions to provide formal training in the e-commerce sector as only 30% of Vietnamese labourers are now educated in this field, said Ms. Lai Viet Anh, deputy director of the Vietnam E-commerce and Digital Economy Agency under the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Ms. Anh made the statement at a conference on e-commerce training 2022 on September 7. Human resource training is one of five priorities in the national master plan on e-commerce development for the 2021-2025 period, which aims for 50% of educational facilities to have educational training, she noted. Currently, Vietnam is home to 36 universities with e-commerce majors, nearly 40 facilities providing e-commerce specialization programs, and about 60 with e-commerce courses. (VnEconomy, Kinh Te Do Thi, Cong Thuong Sep 7)

#### **Hue Industrial College to Implement Foreign-funded Training Programs**

Hue Industrial College (HUEIC), under the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT), will focus on ten tasks in the 2022-2023 school year, including the implementation of training programs funded by GIZ, Kosen, VinFast, and the Dutch Embassy. (MoIT Sep 13)

## Quang Nam Aims to Enrol 24,000 TVET Learners Annually in 2022-2025

Central Quang Nam province has set a target to enrol 24,000 people into TVET institutes annually in 2022-2025, including 4,000 at the college and intermediate levels and 20,000 at short-term courses. Between 50% and 55% of secondary school graduates are expected to join intermediate schools while 10%-15% are expected to join colleges. (Bao Quang Nam Sep 9)

#### Long An Aims for at least 40% of Secondary School Graduates Joining TVET by 2025

Southern Long An province has set a target that at least 40% of local secondary school graduates will join TVET by 2025, said Mr. Nguyen Hong Phuc, deputy director of the provincial Department of Education and Training (DoET). In the coming time, the DoET will work with the local DoLISA to boost career consultation and orientations for students at secondary and high schools. Besides, the sector will hold TVET classes at secondary and high schools to facilitate students' learning. Theoretical classes will take place at educational facilities while practicing classes will be held at TVET institutes. (SGGP Sep 13)