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Vietnam Estimates \$2.5B in State Budget to Raise Base Pay, Allowances in 2023

The Vietnamese Ministry of Finance estimated VND60 trillion (\$2.5 billion) in state budget to increase base pay for public servants and allowances for certain groups next year, Deputy Minister Nguyen Duc Chi said. Mr. Chi gave the estimation in a regular government meeting in Hanoi on October 29, adding that the budget is available for disbursement, subject to the approval of the National Assembly. As of end-2021, the local budget for wage reform was VND290 trillion while the state budget for the work reached VND43 trillion, he elaborated. ([Thanh Tra](#), [Kinh Te Moi Truong](#), [To Quoc](#), [Hanoi Moi](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#) Oct 29)

Vietnam Spends \$3.6B in Aid of 56M Workers, 730K Employers during COVID-19

Vietnam has disbursed VND87 trillion (\$3.6 billion) in assistance of 56 million workers and 730,000 employers affected by COVID-19, said Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung. Minister Dung gave the information at the ongoing fourth National Assembly session in Hanoi on October 28 morning, citing the government-issued relief packages per Resolutions 30, 68, 116, and 08. In the third quarter of this year, the average income of workers was VND7.6 million/month, which rose by VND1.6 million y/y, Mr. Dung added. However, he said that social security works and sustainable poverty reduction still face many challenges. There remain 2.4 million poor and near-poor households in the country, accounting for over 9% of the total. Additionally, the proportion of workers with degrees or certificates remains low, and the workforce quality has not met the demand yet, the minister said, pointing out a shortage of skilled workers and the high proportion of workers in the informal sector. ([Thanh Nien](#), [Lao Dong](#), [VTV](#), [Chinh Phu](#) Oct 28)

Vietnam Social Security Disburses \$1.96B to COVID-19-Hit Workers, Employers

The Vietnam Social Security (VSS) has so far disbursed VND47.2 trillion (\$1.96 billion) in support of workers and employers hit by COVID-19, making up 54.3% of the government's pandemic relief packages. The VSS has allocated VND31.8 trillion in cash from the unemployment insurance fund to 13.3 million workers. It has suspended retirement and survivorship funds payment, reduced occupational accident and occupational disease insurance premiums payment, and supported vocational training for 739,000 employers with a total budget of VND15.43 trillion. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#), [Thanh Tra](#), [Hai Quan Online](#) Oct 27)

Vietnam Lawmaker Proffers Proposals to Fully Tap Human Resources

National Assembly (NA) Deputy Pham Trong Nghia from Vietnam's northern province of Lang Son has made some recommendations to the government to effectively make use of local human



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resources. Speaking at the October 31 meeting of the underway fourth NA session in Hanoi, Mr. Nghia cited a 2020 report by the Asian Productivity Organization as saying that Vietnam's labour productivity lagged well behind many of its Asian peers, such as Japan by 60 years, Malaysia by 40 years, and Thailand by ten years. Voicing concern over the waste of manpower, he quoted a survey conducted by the International School, under the Vietnam National University, as saying that 31.6% of graduates in architecture, technical, construction, and engineering majors landed jobs outside their fields. Up to 63% of graduates in humanities, arts, and social sectors get jobs unrelated to their majors, and the rate for graduates in agro-forestry-fisheries industries is 67%. The deputy, therefore, urged the government swiftly issue a manpower development strategy and education development strategy in 2021-2030, with a vision to 2045; a strategy on intellect development in 2021-2030; and a plan on attracting talents by 2030, with a vision to 2045. He suggested forming mechanisms to connect the labour market to the education and training system to deal with unbalanced labour supply and demand, introducing and carrying out a program on labour productivity improvement; and devising a strategy on enhancing the value of Vietnam's workforce, towards phasing out cheap labour. Mr. Nghia recommended adopting strategies to draw over 5.3 million overseas Vietnamese, especially scientists and national administration experts. ([CafeF](#), [VTC](#), [NLD](#) Oct 31)

Deputy PM Issues Decree on Administrative Fines against TVET violations

On October 26, Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam signed Decree 88/2022/ND-CP, which stipulates administrative fines against TVET violations. The decree stipulates the maximum fine rate of VND75 million against individuals and VND150 million against organizations if they violate TVET regulations. ([QDND](#) Oct 27)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Master Trainer Training for In-company Trainers at College Level at LILAMA2

From September 27 to October 27, the Programme Reform of TVET in Viet Nam (TVET Programme), the Regional Cooperation for the Development of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (RECOTVET) and LILAMA 2 International Technology College successfully organised the master trainer training for in-company trainers at college level. The training was organized in 13 days with 90 hours and divided into three training phases which combine onsite and online training formats. The training brought together 16 representatives from HQTIs and their business partners in Dong Nai, Long An, An Giang, and Ho Chi Minh. Those trainers are equipped with well-developed training materials and methodologies so that they can effectively conduct training for in-company trainers whenever needed. The training content/material was developed based on the DVET's Decision 868/QD-TCGDNN on training programme for in-company trainer and ASEAN In-company Trainer standards booklet. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Dat, a teacher in Long An College said: "Currently, we gradually improve training by learning and implementing. The training provided me a systematic knowledge especially detailed steps to organize in-company training which we can apply effectively in the



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college.” Mr. Thach Thanh Sang, a manager in Garage 102 Linh Anh, who is one a business representative participating the training. Before joining the training, he approached Ho Chi Minh Vocational College of Technology (HVTC) to offer apprenticeship opportunity for the college’s students. Luckily, he was invited to participate this training and found it really helpful for his future collaboration training plan. “More training like this should be organised to promote linkage between enterprise and school and enhance the quality of the training in the future,” Mr. Sang said. The training is one of GIZ continuing effort to further develop a pool of master trainers to later provide training for in-company trainers. After the training course, based on the feedbacks and evaluation of learners, the training contents and format will be revised for the scale up training which is planned to be organised in December for representatives of supported HQTIs and their business partners in Ninh Thuan, Nha Trang, Hue, Ha Tinh, Bac Ninh, and Ha Noi. ([TVET](#) Nov 1)

Capacity Training on Developing Mechatronics Teaching & Learning Materials

Within the cooperation framework between the Programme “Reform of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Viet Nam” and partner colleges, GIZ’s Development Advisors (DA) – Simon Parthum & Mirco Rudolph had conducted a series of three capacity training workshops on “German standard oriented Mechatronics Teaching & learning materials (TLM) development” for 24 teachers from three colleges (An Giang Vocational College, Long An College and Ninh Thuan Vocational College) from September 21 to October 20 at Long An College. The training focuses on developing a unified set of TLM, fostering collaboration between colleges, and forming strong working groups for the tasks at hand. In these training sessions, DAs shared knowledge on the fundamental concept and different sorts of TLM, overview structure of TLM template and advised the implementation steps. Also, DAs together with the teachers discussed the difficulties that they have during their daily teaching activities and proposed the solutions to resolve them. Talking about the workshops, Mr. Simon said, “Personally, I consider the direct exchange during the workshops to be particularly important in order to better understand the barriers of the Module responsible teachers and also how and where we can provide targeted support to break them down. Creating and improving high-quality TLMs is a challenging work task, which often means additional work that is overshadowed by everyday tasks. However, an up-to-date TLM represents one of the most important cornerstones for high-quality vocational training. That’s why Mirco and I decided on this workshop concept, which was announced as the kick-off event for further activities to complete the TLM.” At the end of the training, all participating teachers responded positively to the content and results of the training. The teachers also suggested the Programme to continue organizing other intensive training courses to gain more knowledge and sharpen related skills. The Programme “Reform of TVET in Viet Nam” is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in cooperation with the DVET under the Vietnamese MoLISA. The Programme aims to better align TVET to the changing world of work which will be increasingly digital and green. ([TVET](#) Oct 30)

Conference on Promoting Gender Equality and Women’s Participation in TVET



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Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) plays an increasingly important role in building human resources for the national economy, especially in the current context of industrialization and modernization. Thanks to this role, TVET also has the potential to make a significant contribution to accelerating gender equality and social inclusion, by improving access for women and other disadvantaged groups to education and training, promoting their participation in the labour market, and equipping them with the necessary skills to meet the career needs of the future. However, this potential remains largely unfulfilled in the TVET sector in Vietnam, particularly in the fields of science and technology training, which are considered male-dominated industries. Although, in recent years, the number of female students studying at TVET institutions has increased, the proportion of female students is still much lower compared to male students. Specifically, according to the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), the percentage of female students accounted for only 31.6% of the total number of enrolled students, and 29.7% of the total number of graduates at the TVET institutions in 2020. The TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Programme is giving particular attention to promoting gender equality and social inclusion in TVET. The programme believes that the removal of tangible and intangible barriers that hinder participation and benefit from the TVET system in Vietnam can proceed to ensuring equal rights in accessing education and employment opportunities. In 2021, the programme supported a study on “Gender equality in TVET”, aiming at a better understanding of gender issues in TVET, such as the ratio of male and female students participating in TVET courses, ratio of male and female teachers at TVET institutions, employment rate by gender, wage gap by gender, unemployment rate by gender, data gaps on gender equality in TVET, etc. The study also made recommendations related to strengthening gender mainstreaming in TVET policy formulation, implementation, and monitoring, as well as improving enrolment and retention of female trainees at TVET institutions. In response to the month of “Action for Gender Equality” launched by MOLISA and UN agencies, GIZ and the (General Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DVET) jointly organized a workshop on “Promoting Gender Equality and Women’s Participation in TVET” on October 21-22 in Tam Chuc, Kim Bang, Ha Nam. The conference aimed to raise awareness on the importance of promoting women’s participation in TVET; identify measures for strengthening gender mainstreaming in policy making and monitoring based on the TVET Gender research; identify measures for enrolling and retaining women in TVET programmes, and create a list of actionable steps to follow up on. The workshop was attended by a large number of delegates from the Board of Directors and departments of DVET, rector, vice-rectors, teachers, and students of TVET institutions, GIZ, non-governmental organizations in the TVET sector, and consultants on Gender and TVET. After listening to presentations on the results of the study “Gender Equality in TVET” and the consultant group’s recommendations on mainstreaming gender into TVET policy and improving enrolment and retention of female students, the workshop participants had a lively discussion about gender mainstreaming in TVET policies, analysed the relevance and feasibility of each recommendation, explored the challenges and opportunities in actualizing recommendations, identified the leading and partnering parties. Within the framework of the workshop, a panel discussion was also held with the participation of panellists from DVET, GIZ, teachers and students of TVET colleges, and representatives from Passerelles Numeriques Vietnam (PNV) – an NGO working in the TVET sector. The panellists firstly shared their observations and insights on the current status of gender inequality in the enrolment and retention of female students. They



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all agreed that gender inequalities in access to TVET could affect the access to and participation of women in multiple occupations, while the low female representation in those occupations, in turn, affects the girls' mindset and choice of TVET training courses. The panellists also recognized the key factors contributing to gender imbalance in TVET enrolment and retention, such as gender norms, societal expectations towards males and females, the male-dominant learning environment, financial pressures, etc. The panellists also exchanged current measures and lessons learned from their institutions, and made suggestions for future improvement. Before the closing of the first day of the workshop, the participants worked together to develop a preliminary action plan, including activities to be implemented to strengthen gender equality in TVET in general and improve enrolment and retention of female students in particular. The TVET programme planned to continue to discuss these action plans directly with DVET and TVET institutions to develop and agree on specific plans for further actions. On the second day of the workshop, the delegates visited Ha Nam Technical and Vocational College, and listened to the school's sharing about their mechanisms of attracting, recruiting, and promoting female teachers and female staff. The school also shared how they encourage female involvement in innovation and quality improvement, as well as their actions in supporting female teachers and students. After two working days, the workshop has served as the basis of upcoming actions to improve the understanding of issues and identify and implement solutions for gender equality in TVET. These actions will allow the TVET programme to pilot and reinforce an evidence-based approach to gender mainstreaming in TVET, thus contributing to gender equality in access and benefitting TVET opportunities in Vietnam. ([TVET](#) Oct 28)

Vietnam, South Korea Work to Boost Ties

The Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) and the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-chaired the 19th meeting of the two nation's Intergovernmental Committee in Hanoi on October 28 to promote cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, labour, and society. Regarding labour cooperation, over 37,000 Vietnamese labourers are eligible to work in South Korea in four sectors of manufacturing, construction, agriculture, and fishing. However, the challenges come after many workers from Vietnam stay back illegally after their labour contracts end, Mr. Mai noted. ([Cong Thuong](#) Oct 28)

Vietnam, Finland Enhance Labour, Vocational Training Cooperation

Finnish Ambassador to Vietnam Keijo Norvanto met with Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung in Hanoi on October 26, during which both sides discussed vocational training cooperation and plan to send Vietnamese workers to the European nation. At the working session, the ambassador proposed the two sides promote digital transformation in vocational training and manpower development for the green economy. The diplomat also sought support from the ministry in staging a vocational education and training conference this December. As Finland is facing a shortage of workers, especially those in agricultural and healthcare sectors, the country is in dire need of foreign labourers, including Vietnamese, Mr. Norvanto noted. For his part, Deputy Minister Dung welcomed proposals by the Finnish diplomat and expected the two sides to promote a joint vocational training program. In reply to the vocational training conference request, the Vietnamese official suggested that it



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should primarily cover policies, demand, and development orientations related to vocational training in the two countries. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Thoi Dai](#), [MoLISA](#) Oct 26)

S.Korea's LS Electric Launches \$25M Plant in Vietnam Bac Ninh

LS Electric, a leading South Korean electric company in Vietnam, inaugurated a \$25-million factory at Yen Phong industrial park of northern Bac Ninh province on October 26. The plant specializes in medium-voltage cabinets, low-voltage cabinets, transformers, and other electrical equipment. This is the first smart energy technology application factory in the northern region and is expected to create jobs for 500 labourers and earn an annual revenue of \$500 million. ([Thuong Hieu Cong Luan](#), [Bac Ninh TV](#), [Korea Times](#) Oct 27)

Vietnam Nghe An OKs \$275M FDI Projects in Electronics, Metal

Vietnam's central province of Nghe An has given in-principle nods to two foreign direct investment (FDI) projects in electronics and metal sectors with a total capital of \$275 million. The first project will be invested by Luxshare - Ict (Nghe An) Limited, a subsidiary of China's Luxshare Precision, in the VSIP Nghe An industrial park. It is expected to start construction in January 2023 and be put into operation in March 2024, creating jobs for 14,000 labourers. ([VietnamFinance](#), [VietnamFinance 1](#), [CafeF](#) Oct 30)

South Korea Gwangju's Vice Mayor Visits Industrial Technical College of Vietnam-Korea

On October 28, Vice Mayor Mun Yeong Hoon of South Korea's Gwangju city visited the Industrial Technical College of Vietnam-Korea in central Nghe An province. Information from the trip showed that more than 3,000 learners from the college have worked in South Korea. ([Bao Nghe An](#) Oct 28)

Japanese Career Fair in HCMC Offers 500 Vacancies

A Japanese career fair at Ho Chi Minh City Open University on October 29 attracted the participation of 16 firms with 500 job vacancies. Some notable companies included Navigos Group Vietnam JSC, G.A. Consultants Vietnam, Pronexus Vietnam, Song Han Trading & Tourist, Happy Japan Travel; Tagger Travel, Reeracoen Vietnam, and Tokio Marine. ([Dan Sinh](#) Oct 30)

ULSA, German Foundation Hold Seminar on Employment amid Digital Transformation

The Vietnamese University of Labour and Social Affairs (ULSA) and Germany's Hanns Seidel Foundation held a seminar on opportunities and challenges for workers' employment amid digital transformation in Hanoi on October 26. During the conference, speakers and businesses' representatives discussed opportunities and challenges related to employment, the enhancement of workers' skills amid digital transformation, including those in chemical industry and textiles and elderly workers. ([Dan Sinh](#) Oct 26)



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Tra Vinh Inks Deal with Esuhai to Send Workers to Japan

On October 25, the People's Committee of southern Tra Vinh province inked a deal with Esuhai Company to send workers to work in Japan. In 2012-2022, the province has sent 3,460 labourers overseas, including 2,288 to Japan, 345 to Taiwan, 190 to Malaysia, and 121 to South Korea. In 2021-2025, the province aims to send 4,000 workers to Japan. ([Nhan Dan](#) Oct 25)

Domestic News

Vietnam's Real Salary Growth to Come 2nd in Asia-Pacific Next Year

Workers based in Vietnam are forecast to see the second highest rate of real salary increase in Asia-Pacific next year, according to the latest Salary Trends Report by ECA International (ECA). Salaries for workers in Vietnam are expected to grow by 4%, minus the rate of inflation, next year. ([Tin Tuc](#) Oct 28)

Vietnam Licenses 125,821 New Firms in Jan-Oct, up 34.25% y/y: Ministry

Vietnam is estimated to have licensed 125,821 new firms with a combined registered capital of VND1,379 trillion (\$57.45 billion) in the first ten months of this year, up 34.25% y/y in number and 5.75% y/y in value, the Ministry of Planning and Investment said on its website. The new firms created 834,982 jobs during the ten-month period, up 18% y/y, including 76,858 jobs in October, up 30.68% y/y. ([MPI](#) Nov 1)

Hanoi Supports Employment for 183K Persons since Jan, up 34% y/y

Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi has supported jobs for 183,027 people since early 2022, up 34% y/y, surpassing the year target by 14.3%, according to the municipal Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs. The city has allocated VND2.65 trillion (\$110.6 million) to provide employment to 56,238 workers. Since the beginning of this year, 14,485 people have been employed through job fairs, and 1,750 others have been sent overseas to work under contract. In October, the city is estimated to have helped 14,584 people get jobs and spent VND151.3 billion from the local budget on supporting employment for 3,033 workers. Since early this month, the department has issued new work licenses to 1,083 expats and renewed permits for 59 expats. ([Dau Tu](#), [Dang Cong San](#), [Bao Kiem Toan Nha Nuoc](#) Oct 27)

10,000 People to Join Hanoi's TVET-Job Market Connection Conference in Dec

Around 10,000 people are expected to join the capital city of Hanoi's TVET-job market connection conference on December 11. They comprise 8,000 to join career orientation sessions and 2,000 join career fairs. ([Dau Tu](#), [Tuoi Tre Thu Do](#) Oct 30)



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Hanoi Hi-Tech Vocational College Signs Deal with Firm, Skills Consulting Group

Hanoi High-Tech Vocational College inked a MoU with International Vocational Training JSC and New Zealand's Skills Consulting Group on October 29 in Hanoi within the New Zealand Education Ex. Under the deal, Skills Consulting Group will continue support for the Hanoi college in industrial electrical, refrigeration and air conditioning training. It will help graduates with demand for traveling to New Zealand for further training and introduce jobs for them. The group will assist the college develop a training program for elevator and escalator technicians, and hi-tech agriculture and livestock occupations. ([Tri Thuc Cuoc Song](#) Oct 31)

Industrial Vocational College Hanoi Kicks off Phase 2 of Ready for Work Project

Hanoi Industrial Vocational College (HNIVC) in coordination with the Plan International Vietnam (PIV) launched phase two of the "Ready for Work" project in Hanoi on October 27. The project, with a \$304,166 in sponsorship from Standard Chartered Foundation (SCF), aims to provide market-oriented short-term vocational training and soft skills to youngsters. Phase one of the project offered 1,146 young persons with vocational training and 4,800 others with soft skills and gender equality knowledge. Besides, nearly 1,200 youngsters were connected to jobs via job fairs. Phase two with a budget of VND2.2 billion will give support to disadvantaged young persons, especially women, relate to work skills and opportunities. ([Kinh Te Do Thi](#) Oct 27)

FDI Firms in Thanh Hoa Employ 171,702 Workers as of Oct 20

Thirty-six FDI firms in central Thanh Hoa province had employed 171,702 workers as of October 20. They earned an average monthly wage of VND6.56 million each in September and October. ([Bao Thanh Hoa](#), [Lao Dong](#) Oct 26)

EZ, IPs in Vietnam Nghe An Expect to Attract \$2.9B Investment by 2025

The Dong Nam Economic Zone (EZ) and industrial parks (IPs) in Vietnam's central province of Nghe An are forecast to lure 100 foreign direct investment (FDI) and domestic direct investment (DDI) projects worth VND70 trillion (\$2.91 billion) by 2025. The number of labourers in the local EZ and IPs is forecast at 80,000-100,000 in 2022-2025. ([Bao Nghe An](#) Oct 29)

TVET Institutes in Ha Tinh Enrol 50,701 Learners in 2020-2022

TVET institutes in central Ha Tinh province have issued three resolutions on TVET and employment in 2020-2022. Local TVET institutes have enrolled 50,701 learners in the period. The province has spent VND5.3 billion on the work. ([Bao Ha Tinh](#) Oct 26)

Quang Nam Aims to Enrol 24,000 People into TVET Yearly in 2022-2025



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Central Quang Nam province has set a target to enrol 24,000 TVET learners yearly in the 2022-2025 period, including 4,000 at the college and intermediate levels and 20,000 at elementary and short-term levels. ([Dan Sinh](#) Oct 26)

TVET Institutes in Ninh Thuan Enroll 9,000 Learners Annually

Twenty-one TVET institutes in central Ninh Thuan province have enrolled 9,000 learners annually. ([Dan Toc Mien Nui](#) Oct 27)

Ninh Thuan to Spend \$130M on Improving Quality of Manpower in Key Economic Areas

Ninh Thuan province has issued a plan on improving the quality of manpower in key economic sectors by 2025, with a vision to 2030, with an estimated budget of VND3.12 trillion (\$130 million). The province aims to have 63% and 68% of its workforce in key economic industries by 2025 and 2030, respectively; and attain rates of skilled workers of 70% and 75% by 2025 and 2030, respectively. At present, Ninh Thuan has 21 TVET institutes with over 400 teachers, offering training to over 9,000 learners annually. ([Bao Tin Tuc](#) Oct 27)

Labour Shortage Plagues Businesses in Southern Vietnam

Businesses located in Vietnam's southern region are struggling to find workers to fill their vacancies in the wake of a strong recovery post-pandemic. Ho Chi Minh City-based Duy Anh Foods Import Export Co., Ltd is in need of 250-300 workers in 2022, but its employment has reached 60%-70% of the demand since early this year, a representative of the firm said. Should the company hire enough employees, it can raise the export capacity by 30%-40% from the current level of three or four tons of goods per day, the businessperson said. Vice Chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City Union of Business Associations Tran Viet Anh said many enterprise members are reeling from staffing shortages despite constant hiring, especially those in intensive-labour sectors such as garment and footwear. The prolonged COVID-19 pandemic has triggered an exodus of migrant workers in some industrial hubs, and rising living costs have held them back from returning to urban areas, Mr. Anh explained. Mr. Nguyen Van Khanh, vice chairman of the Shoes and Leather Association of HCMC, said that quite a few firms, particularly small-sized ones, are unable to deliver enough products to their partners due to worker shortages. Speaking of the labour market, Mr. Anh said that manpower training appears to mismatch the actual demand as there are few schools with training majors for industries in dire need of workers such as packaging, recycling, and export. ([Tin Tuc](#) Oct 27)

Ho Chi Minh City to Have 77K Job Openings for Rest of 2022: FALMI

Businesses located in Ho Chi Minh City are expected to offer 77,000 job openings for the rest of 2022, especially later this year when the Tet holiday approaches. Commerce and services are the sectors with the highest demand for workers, accounting for 66%, followed by industrial and construction areas with 33%. The need for skilled staff make up 84% of the total, including



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university graduates (16%), college graduates (24%), intermediate level (28%), and primary level (14%). ([Bao Tin Tuc](#) Oct 31)

IPs, EPZs in Vietnam HCMC Attract \$12.33B by end-Sep: Hepza

Industrial parks (IPs) and export processing zones (EPZs) in Vietnam's southern economic hub of Ho Chi Minh City attracted 1,674 projects worth \$12.33 billion by the end of September, said Mr. Hua Quoc Hung, head of the Ho Chi Minh City Export Processing and Industrial Zones Authority (HEPZA). Local IPs and EPZs generate annual export revenue of \$7 billion, accounting for 15% of the city's total export revenue. They also contribute VND22 trillion (\$916.66 million) to the budget each year and create 281,000 jobs. ([Dau Tu](#), [NLD](#), [Nhan Dan English](#), [HCM CPV](#) Oct 27)

TVET Institutes in Ben Tre Enrol 7,787 Learners since Early 2022

TVET institutes in southern Ben Tre province have enrolled 7,787 learners since early 2022, including 817 at the college level, 1,019 at the intermediate level, and 5,951 at elementary level and short-term courses. ([Dan Sinh](#) Oct 31)

Ba Ria-Vung Tau Aims to Create Jobs for 11,000 People in 2023

Southern Ba Ria-Vung Tau province has set a target to create jobs for 11,000 people next year and lower the unemployment rate to 2.6%. ([Dang Cong San](#) Nov 1)