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## ● Highlights ●

## ● Policies ●

### **DVET Orders Tightened Control over Cheating in Exams at Some TVET Institutions**

DVET has requested the local Departments of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs to tighten control over cheating in study and exams at some TVET institutions. The order came after the local newspaper Tuoi Tre (Youth) published four articles on February 6-9, exposing situations that many vocational learners hired others to do their assignments or exams. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Feb 14)

### **2021-2025 Nat'l Poverty Reduction Programme Involves TVET Development**

The national target programme on poverty reduction in the 2021-2025 period involves project No.4 on TVET development and sustainable employment. Project no.4 consists of two sub-projects, which are developing TVET in poor and disadvantaged places with an estimated budget of VND15.3 trillion and supporting Vietnamese people in working abroad under contract with an expected capital of VND570 billion. ([Dan Sinh](#) Feb 18)

### **Digital Transformation One of Key Measures for Vocational Training, Teaching**

DVET determines digital transformation as one of major measures for vocational training and teaching. The social mobilization for digital transformation could generate new professions and working areas, which is both potential and challenging to TVET, DVET Vice Head Vu Quoc Binh said. In its TVET digital transformation programme in 2021-2025, toward 2030, DVET listed solutions to promote TVET digital transformation. At present, Vietnam has 1,904 TVET institutions, including 407 colleges, 439 intermediate schools, and 1,058 vocational centres. Annually, the number of people enrolling in TVET is 2.2 million, and over 80% of graduates are employed. ([Phap Luat](#) Feb 19)

## ● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

### ***Foreign Cooperation***

### **Upcoming Trainings in Service and Commissioning on CNC Machines at LILAMA 2**

To meet the increasing demand in Service and Commissioning on CNC machines of industries, LILAMA 2 organized the Basic Service and Commissioning – Sinumerik 828D training from January 5 to 10 for seven LILAMA 2's key teachers from Mechanics and Mechatronics faculties to better prepare for an in-time response to the industry demand. The training includes a set of basic knowledge in PLC programming, operating CNC lathes and milling machines with Sinumerik system, and the network. By the end of the course, each participant received one certificate as proof of competencies and knowledge they attained from the course. Mr Nguyen



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Hong Tien, one of the key teachers participating in the training shared: “This training will enable our LILAMA 2 teachers to update our knowledge and upgrade our competencies in operating CNC machines, specifically for Service and Commissioning.” This training is a multiplied version of the master training “Service and Commissioning – Sinumerik 840D sl and 828D” with an international expert at LILAMA 2 last August. Ms. Phan Thi Anh Tu, a pioneer female among LILAMA 2 key teachers, together with the support of Mr Phan Hong Phuong, disseminated what she had conceived from the master training to other key teachers of LILAMA 2. With 14 years of working in LILAMA 2, Ms. Tu has received trainings supported by GIZ in both Germany and Vietnam since 2014 and has conducted training as trainers for other key teachers of LILAMA 2 since 2019. The practice-oriented training courses were conducted in the frame of the Development Partnership with the Private Sector (DPP) Vocational Training for Smart Manufacturing in Machine Tools. The DPP is implemented jointly by the cooperation partners Siemens Limited Company Vietnam, LILAMA 2 International Technology College and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (represented by the Programme Reform of TVET in Vietnam) and supported by the develoPPP.de programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). ([TVET](#) Feb 21)

### **Vietnam Appeals for Greater Support from ILO in Decent Work Issues**

Vietnamese Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung has called for greater support from the International Labour Organization (ILO) in implementing the 2022-2026 cooperation program on decent work. Minister Dung made his call while receiving Regional Director for ILO Office for Asia and the Pacific Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa in Hanoi on February 20. At present, Vietnam faces some challenges related to employment and social security, including aging population, climate change, labour market instability, the high proportion of workers in the informal economy, and legal hitches, he noted. For her part, the ILO official lauded Vietnam’s efforts in enforcing the ILO basic conventions and its commitments to labour law, especially the enactment of the 2019 Labour Code and ongoing amendment of laws on social insurance and employment. She said that ILO is willing to provide Vietnam with technical assistance. She invited Vietnam to engage in the “Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection” initiative by the UN and ILO. ([MoLISA](#) Feb 20)

### **Vietnam Appreciates ILO’s Cooperation in Labour Issues**

Mr. Do Ngoc An, deputy head of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee’s Economic Commission, has spoken highly of activities of the ILO office and its cooperation with the Vietnamese body in labour issues. Mr. An made his remarks while receiving Regional Director for ILO Office for Asia and the Pacific Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa in Hanoi on February 20. Vietnam aims to become a developing upper middle-income country by 2030 and a developed high-income nation by 2045 with three key measures, including the development of high-quality workforce, the Vietnamese official said. He looked to the ILO to keep on working together with Vietnamese authorities on employment, social insurance, vocational training, and support for workers. The ILO official, for her part, hailed Vietnam’s labour and employment policies and introduced the “Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection” initiative by the



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UN and ILO, targeting social security coverage and just transition for sustainable employment generation. ([Kinh Te Trung Uong](#) Feb 20)

### **Vietnam, U.S. Push up Labour Cooperation**

Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Nguyen Thi Ha had a meeting with visiting U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai in Hanoi on February 14, during which both sides talked about strengthening labour cooperation between the two nations. Deputy Minister Ha stated that labour and social cooperation activities between the two countries over the past time have greatly contributed to Vietnam's law amendment and completion, especially the amendment of the Labour Code 2019 and ratification of seven out of eight ILO basic conventions. Ms. Ha called on the U.S. to promote cooperation with Vietnam in labour, employment, and vocational training with a focus on training high-quality manpower and helping revise the Labour Code and Social Insurance Law. She asked for the U.S. government's greater assistance in humanitarian and social affairs, including employment generation during the transition to a net-zero emission economy and climate change response. The U.S. official, for her part, lauded Vietnam for tailoring its Labour Code to international labour standards. The U.S. always appreciates respect and protection of workers' rights with American firms upholding labour laws and regulations enacted by the host nations. ([Nhan Dan](#), [Hanoi Moi](#), [MoLISA](#), [Dan Tri](#) Feb 14)

### **Vietnam to Promote Double Taxation Avoidance for Its Workers in South Korea**

The Vietnamese National Assembly will amend the Law on Social Insurance with a focus on double taxation avoidance for workers in South Korea and vice versa, said Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung. Minister Dung gave the information in a meeting in Hanoi on February 20 with member of the National Assembly of South Korea Kim Hack Yong, who is also former chairman of the South Korea-Vietnam Friendship Association. Vietnam will work with South Korea to jointly eliminate hitches related to work permit issuance for foreign workers in Vietnam and license for overseas employers in the host country to hire Vietnamese workers, he added. The South Korean official, for his part, expected relations between the two countries, especially labour cooperation, to keep thriving on the bar with the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership. Currently, there are about 45,000 Vietnamese workers in South Korea under the Employment Permit System and seasonal worker programs. ([Dan Tri](#), [MoLISA](#) Feb 20)

### **JIFA Pledges Zero Fees for Selection of Ha Tinh's Workers for Dispatching**

The Japan International Friendship Association (JIFA) pledged to minimize the fees the fees to select labourers from central Ha Tinh province for dispatching, heard a meeting between JIFA Chairwoman Setsuko Ikeda and Vice Chairman Le Ngoc Chau of the provincial People's Committee. ([Bao Ha Tinh](#) Feb 16)



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## **Japan Firms Directly Recruit Labourers from Vinh Long for First Time**

Ho Chi Minh City-based Hasu Asia, Japan's Nikkaki, and Daito association have directly recruited labourers from southern Vinh Long province, the first time ever. Among six candidates in the welding sector, two were chosen. ([Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Feb 16)

## **An Duong Group Signs with Japan Assoc. on Vocational Training for Hospitality Trainees**

On February 20, An Duong Group signed a deal with the Japan Ryokan and Hotel Association on providing hotel and restaurant professional training to trainees to work in Japan. Representative of the association Shige Hoshinaga said at the signing ceremony that he appreciated An Duong Group for its preparation in terms of facilities, teaching staff, and training programmes for the cooperation. ([Hanoi Moi](#), [Dai Doan Ket](#), [Tien Phong](#) Feb 21)

## **111 Labourers from Quang Nam Illegally Staying in South Korea**

As many as 111 labourers from central Quang Nam province, who arrived in South Korea for work under the EPS program, had their contracts expired in 2009, but have yet to return to the homeland, according to the MoLISA's CoLAB and the provincial employment service centre. ([CADN](#) Feb 20)

## **Vietnam Seeks to Boost Education Ties with UK Cambridge University**

On February 13, Vietnamese Ambassador to the UK Nguyen Hoang Long met with the leader board of the UK's University of Cambridge, during which both sides mainly discussed cooperation in education. At the meeting, Ambassador Long affirmed that the UK is the leading partner of Vietnam in the education sector, with over 100 higher education projects. He wished both sides would promote collaboration in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and proposed the University of Cambridge support Vietnam in research and doctoral training to increase the number of Vietnamese Ph.D. student arrivals to the UK. Regarding green growth, Mr. Long expected that Cambridge could become a key partner in the green transition, especially through its Cambridge Zero program. The diplomat also proposed both sides strengthen collaboration in computer science and artificial intelligence (AI), and legal training. For his part, Professor Andy Neely, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, looked forward to increasing the number of Vietnamese students studying at Cambridge, especially in areas where Vietnam has strengths, such as science, technology, and engineering. He affirmed that he would offer the best environment for students regardless of their financial capacity. ([Viet Bao](#) Feb 15)

## **Vietnam, Australia Cooperate on Education, Employment**

On February 21, Dong A University, Imex Pan Pacific Group (IPPG), and Response Consulting APAC - a subsidiary of Australia-based Response International Group (Australia) signed an education and employment cooperation agreement. Under the deal, Response Consulting APAC



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will bring an array of human resources from Vietnam to Australia to work, while simultaneously introducing educational programmes from Australia to help improve the capacity and proficiency for students in the nation. Furthermore, under the terms of the programme, employees' vocational skills in Vietnam will be improved, thereby making contributions to boost economic development between the two countries, said Mr. Luong Minh Sam, Chairman of the Council of Dong A University. ([To Quoc](#), [NLD](#), [Nhan Dan](#) Feb 21)

### **France Fifth Destination Chosen by Vietnamese Students: Minister**

France is the fifth chosen destination for Vietnamese students, following Japan, the United States, Australia, and South Korea, with more than 7,000 Vietnamese students among the total 31,000 international students in France, said Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son. The minister unveiled the information at a meeting with Mayor of France's Le Havre city Édouard Philippe, who is also former French prime minister, in Hanoi on February 13. Minister Son stated that Vietnam and France have a wide range of education cooperation, especially between higher education facilities. He looked forward to deepening the strategic partnership with France, with a priority on education and training. During the talks, both officials discussed cooperation prospects in education in the time ahead, especially in higher education, focusing on majors that France has strengths such as political science, maritime, technology, engineering, and commerce. ([Dang Cong San](#), [Giao Duc](#), [MoET](#), [Giao Duc Thoi Dai](#) Feb 13)

### **Mekong University Works with German Firms on Nursing Training, Recruitment**

Mekong University received a delegation of Azurit Hansa group, one of the leading companies in senior care in Germany, on February 17. During the meeting, both sides discussed the training and recruitment of nursing trainees to work in Germany. ([NLD](#) Feb 17)

### **Japan Ranks Second among Investors in Vietnam Haiphong with \$3.9B**

Japan is the second largest foreign investor in Vietnam's northern city of Haiphong with 146 valid projects totalling \$3.9 billion, Mr. Le Trung Kien, head of the Haiphong Economic Zone Authority (HEZA), said at a meeting with businesses in Japan-Haiphong industrial park (IP), previously known as Nomura-Haiphong IP, on February 16. In 2022, Japanese firms made total revenue of circa \$2.2 billion, exported \$3.08 billion, and imported \$2.3 billion. They contributed VND1.31 trillion (\$54.58 million) to the city's budget and created 39,667 jobs. ([Vietnam Plus English](#), [Dai Doan Ket](#), [Dien Dan Doanh Nghiep](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#) Feb 16)

### **Nike, Adidas Supplier Pou Chen Refutes Job Cuts at Vietnamese Plant**

Taiwanese shoemaker Pouyuen Vietnam Co. Ltd., a major supplier to Nike and Adidas based in southern Dong Nai province, has no intention to slash jobs as reported recently, a representative of its parent firm Pou Chen Corp told the Vietnam News Agency. Mr. Nguyen Tan Phap, chairman of Pouchen Vietnam's trade union, made the affirmation in response to information about its plan to slash around 6,000 jobs at its Ho Chi Minh City plant due to weak demand.





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Pouchen Vietnam has a headcount of over 16,000 workers, and a slump in orders has made the firm drop overtime shifts for its employees for months, Mr. Phap said. The company has let its workers off on Saturdays and supported each employee with VND180,00 (\$7.5) per day off, he added. ([VietnamPlus](#), [CafeF](#), [VietnamBiz](#) Feb 22)

### **Vietnam Automaker VinFast Gets Permit to Start Construction of Plant in U.S.**

VinFast Trading and Production Limited Liability Company (VinFast), the automobile manufacturing arm of Vietnam's biggest conglomerate Vingroup JSC (HOSE: VIC), has received one of the environmental permits from North Carolina regulators to begin construction of its electric vehicle assembly factory in the United States. The Vietnamese firm is seeking other permits for the plant worth \$4 billion, but would start a tender for construction, Reuters said. VinFast plans to start operations in the plant by 2024, creating more than 7,000 jobs. ([CafeF](#), [Reuters](#) Feb 17)

### **Domestic News**

#### **Hanoi Aims to Have over 200 New Schools by 2025**

Hanoi capital city has set a target to build 64 new schools in 2023, another 63 in 2024, and 82 in 2025, according to a report of the municipal People's Committee. The figure included one TVET-regular training centre. ([Giao Duc](#) Feb 16)

#### **Hai Duong Aims to Lower Rate of Manual Workers in Bizs to under 65% by 2025**

Northern Hai Duong province has set a target to lower the proportion of manual workers in businesses to under 65% by 2025, according to a plan approved by the provincial People's Committee. Per the plan, the province aims for 33% of labourers equipped with certificates and 20%-25% of secondary school graduates advancing to TVET. ([Dan Sinh](#) Feb 18)

#### **Tuyen Quang Aims to Create Jobs for 22K Labourers in 2023**

Northern Tuyen Quang province has set a target to create jobs for 22,000 labourers this year, versus 24,940 last year. ([Cong Thuong](#) Feb 18)

#### **Thua Thien-Hue Aims to Create Jobs for 17K Labourers in 2023**

Central Thua Thien-Hue province has set a target to create jobs for around 17,000 people this year, according to a newly-issued plan. ([Dan Sinh](#) Feb 16)

#### **HCMC Seeks to Enhance TVET Quality**



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On February 15, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City informed that the city will conduct communication activities in combination with the labour market's demand, aiming to enhance TVET quality in the modernization and integration directions. ([Dan Sinh](#) Feb 16)

### **HCMC Spends VND4.73T on Unemployment Allowances, Vocational Training Support in 2022**

Ho Chi Minh City spent VND4.73 trillion on paying unemployment allowances and providing vocational training support last year, according to the municipal DoLISA. In the year, nearly 104,000 businesses and organizations joined unemployment insurance while over 150,000 applied for unemployment allowances. ([NLD](#) Feb 16)

### **Career Fair in HCMC to Offer 10K Vacancies**

A career fair in Ho Chi Minh City on February 25 is expected to attract the participation of 40 firms with 10,000 vacancies. Around 5,000 labourers are hoped to join the event. ([Dan Sinh](#) Feb 16)

### **Rate of Unemployment among Workers with Vocational Skills in HCMC Stays Low**

Ho Chi Minh City recorded 146,285 workers receiving unemployment benefits in 2022, of whom 45,543 achieved college level (31.14%) and 2,869 have primary vocational certificates (1.96%). Meanwhile, there were 6,816 unemployed persons of intermediate vocational level and 8,218 of vocational college level. ([CafeF](#) Feb 19)

### **Ca Mau Aims to Provide Vocational Training to 23,466 Rural Labourers by 2025**

Southern Ca Mau province has set a target to provide vocational training to 23,466 labourers in rural areas by 2025, according to a plan approved by the chairperson of the provincial People's Committee. ([Thuong Hieu Cong Luan](#) Feb 17)