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MoLISA Makes New Proposals for TVET Curriculum

The MoLISA has been seeking opinions for a draft circular on the building, accreditation, and issuance of curriculum and compilation and appraisal of college and intermediate textbooks. Under the draft circular, which will replace its 2017 edition. In the draft circular, it proposed removing rules requiring each subject/module to have two-six credits and each week to have no more than 40 practical hours and 30 theoretical hours. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Lao Dong](#) May 5)

4,200 Persons Get Support to Join TVET in Q1, up 17.7% y/y

Around 4,200 persons got support to join TVET in the first quarter (Q1) of this year, up 17.7% y/y, according to the Employment Department, under the MoLISA. They mostly registered to join occupations such as driving, cooking, bartending, office IT, interpreting, make-up, apparel, and footwear. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 5)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Germany's Schleswig- Holstein Eyes Stronger Labour Cooperation with Vietnam

The German state of Schleswig-Holstein has a demand for skilled workers and wants to promote labour cooperation with Vietnam, said its Minister-President Daniel Günther while receiving Vietnamese Ambassador to Germany Vu Quang Minh on May 3. Some Schleswig-Holstein universities look to bolster training cooperation with foreign partners, including Vietnam, the German state chief said, adding that he will talk to the German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (IHK) and the local business community about a possible trip to Vietnam in 2024 or 2025. Minister for Economics Claus Ruhe Madsen elaborated that his state is in need of skilled workers in nursing, hospitality, driving, and others, unveiling his plan to work directly with the Vietnamese Embassy in Berlin on this issue. Germany has depended heavily on gas supplies from Russia, but the Russia-Ukraine conflict prompts the EU nation to diversify markets, Mr. Madsen noted, adding that Vietnam is catching the eye of Germany. Director of International Affairs at IHK Kiel Werner Koopmann stated that IHK desires to attract skilled workers from Vietnam and called for support from the Vietnamese embassy to address some difficulties in this regard. Ambassador Minh, in reply, commented that Vietnam and Schleswig-Holstein have great potential for cooperation in maritime, sea transport, shipbuilding, and ocean research. He invited the German state's leaders and business executives to visit Vietnam in the coming time. ([BNews](#), [Vietnam Plus](#) May 4)



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Vietnam, UK Have Ample Room for Education Cooperation: Professor

Vietnam and the United Kingdom have great potential to promote cooperation in education training and scientific research, assessed Professor Patrick Callaghan, vice dean of London South Bank University (LSBU). He suggested the two countries expand ties at all educational levels and further partner in issues with global impact outlined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which are UK's strengths and Vietnam's interests. Professor Callaghan noted that Vietnamese and British universities, including LSBU, can cooperate in transnational education, doctoral training, and scientific research regarding engineering, health and social care, and community affairs. Particularly for LSBU, he affirmed that Vietnam is a priority partner of the university in areas of enrolment, transnational education, research, and knowledge transfer. The LSBU's vice dean also shared that his university has worked with three Vietnamese partners to seek cooperation opportunities in these fields. ([Tin Tuc](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [VTV](#) May 4)

Japan Suggested to Offer More Benefits to Attract Vietnamese Nursing Workers

Japan should offer additional proper benefits and wage hikes to draw more Vietnamese nurses and caregivers under the Vietnam-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) program, suggested Vietnamese Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung. Minister Dung made his suggestion while hosting Japanese Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in Hanoi on May 5. Since the program was launched in 2012, both countries have jointly held 11 training courses and dispatched 1,696 Vietnamese nursing workers and caregivers to Japan, Mr. Dung noted. Regarding Japan's specified skilled worker program, the Vietnamese official said Vietnam remains one of the top sources of trainees and workers for Japan despite COVID-19. He proposed both sides well prepare for occupational skill and foreign language competitions for candidates of the program. Minister Kato Katsunobu, for his part, stated that Japan is working to tailor the specified skilled worker program to develop a new system for workforce protection and development. Welcoming proposals by the Vietnamese side, the Japanese minister agreed to regularly exchange and share experiences with Vietnam to co-address issues related to manpower development. ([Dan Tri](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Lao Dong Xa Hoi](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Dan Tri 1](#), [MoLISA](#) May 5)

Vietnamese Flock for South Korea Careers

As many as 23,500 people have registered for a test to recruit labourers to work in South Korea, the highest in 10 years. The test, conducted under the Employment Permit System (EPS), a program in South Korea that allows employers who have failed to hire local workers to legally employ foreign workers, will be organized from May 9 in Hanoi and from May 10 in Danang, and last until June 10. This year's EPS will choose only 12,000 Vietnamese labourers. Among the candidates, 19,200 have applied for the processing and manufacturing sector compared to South Korea's demand of just 6,300. Of the remaining, 2,600 applied for the fishery sector, 1,300 for farming sector and 434 for construction industry, according to the CoLAB, under MoLISA. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [VnExpress](#) May 4)



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Bac Giang Licenses 2 Singapore-invested Projects Totaling \$132M

On May 4, the government of Vietnam's northern province of Bac Giang granted investment certificates to two Singapore-invested projects with a total pledged capital of \$132 million. Specifically, HIUV Applied Materials Technology Investment Pte. Ltd received a license to build a \$90-million plant to manufacture self-adhesive PET protective films, EAV films, silicone films, film materials, and plastic products and materials serving the solar energy industry. The plant, which is designed to cover 52,803 square meters in Viet Han industrial park, is expected to create 300 jobs and contribute circa VND44.5 billion (\$1.85 million) to the state budget annually once it becomes operational after 12 months of construction. Meanwhile, Yonz Technology Singapore Pte. Ltd received permission to erect a \$42-million plant to produce 110,000 tons of aluminium frames annually for the solar battery manufacturing and assembly industry. The construction of the 100,000-sq.m plant in Yen Lu industrial park is scheduled to be completed in 24 months. Once operational, it is expected to create nearly 1,090 jobs and contribute VND187 billion to the state budget annually. ([Vietnam Plus English](#), [Tien Phong](#), [Bao Bac Giang](#) May 4)

Intrase Hue Inks Cooperation Deal with Polish Firm on Manpower Supply

On May 5, Intrase Hue, under Quinn Hanoi inked a cooperation agreement with Poland's EU Workers Corporation on supplying personnel from central Vietnam to France, Poland, Germany, Romania, and other European nations. They will work in fields of welding, metal painting, automobile industry, construction, and agriculture. Along with the signing ceremony, EU Workers introduced to Thua Thien-Hue province's virtual reality in training welding labourers. Both sides agreed to apply such technology in training learners at Intrase Hue to meet requirements of the European labour market. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 6)

Vinh Long Looks to Expand Collaboration with Niigata Prefecture of Japan

The Mekong Delta province of Vinh Long wants to expand cooperation with Japanese partners, especially with Niigata prefecture, said Mr. Lu Quang Ngoi, chairman of the provincial People's Committee on May 8. At a reception for a Niigata delegation led by Kanai Kenichi, director of the prefecture's Department of Labour and Industry, the provincial leader said that Niigata boasts strengths in agriculture, being one of the largest granaries in Japan. The prefecture is also one of the localities with high demand for labour, mainly in the fields of agriculture and seafood processing. Each year, more than 1,000 labourers in the locality are sent to work in Japan each year, accounting for 85% of the total number of local workers working abroad under fixed term contracts, the official noted. Vinh Long province wishes to boost cooperation with Niigata prefecture in some areas including training high quality human resources, sending trained workers to the Japanese locality; trade investment promotion; applying high technology in agricultural production as well as cultural and tourism exchanges to tighten the relations at local level and enhance understanding between the people of the two localities, Mr. Ngoi said. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [Tin Tuc](#) May 8)

Domestic News



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Vietnam Lacks Skilled Workforce of University, Vocational Education

Vietnam's labour market lack workforce of both university and vocational education, especially skilled human resources, said Vice Head of the MoET's Higher Education Department Pham Nhu Nghe amid the upcoming national high school graduation exam. Many students are sitting on fence whether they should apply for universities or vocational schools. Mr. Nghe recommended students select their majors before applying for any schools based on their competence and strengths. ([Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#) May 5)

Vietnam Forecast to Have 51.25M Employed Workers in Q2, up by 150K q/q

Vietnam is expected to have 51.25 million people in employment in the second quarter (Q2) of 2023, an increase of 150,000 from Q1, predicted the MoLISA. During Q2, the electronic, computer and optical manufacturing industries could see an additional 28,200 employments, food processing may witness 18,600 more employments, and the beverage production sector is forecast to add 4,700 jobs, the ministry said. Meanwhile, some sectors will likely continue to suffer from a fall in employment. The garment industry is projected to cut by 38,100 jobs, the bed, table, and chair production sector may scale down by 38,000 employments, and the industry of printing and copying records of all kinds is likely to slash 37,800 job posts. According to the General Statistics Office, nearly 294,000 workers were subject to layoffs and hour cuts in Q1, and close to 149,000 business employees lost jobs, compared to 118,000 recorded in Q4/2022. Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has asked the labour ministry to work with relevant bodies to develop a policy in support of workers and report it to him before May 15. ([NLD](#), [VTV](#), [Cong Doan](#), [Dai Doan Ket](#), [ANTD](#) May 9)

Vietnam Licenses 49,900 New Firms in Jan-Apr, up 0.6% y/y: GSO

Vietnam licensed 49,900 new firms in the first four months of this year, up 0.6% y/y, with their total registered capital of nearly VND465 trillion (\$19.37 billion), down 26.8% y/y, the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) said in its latest monthly report. The average registered capital of a new firm fell 27.2% y/y to VND9.3 billion, the office said, noting that the new firms used 331,400 labourers during the period, down 4.8% y/y. ([GSO](#) Apr 29)

Hanoi Creates Jobs for 64.6K Persons in Jan-Apr, 39.9% of Year's Goal

Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi supported employment for 64,609 people in the first four months of 2023, reaching 39.9% of the year's target, according to the municipal DoLISA. During the period, Hanoi approved unemployment benefits for 21,500 people with a total budget of VND620 billion (\$25.83 million) and spent VND1.5 billion on supporting vocational training for 363 others. In April, the city generated jobs for 20,039 people and its employment service centre held 25 job fairs with 2,025 workers recruited in total. Hanoi paid VND620 billion in jobless benefits to 7,219 workers last month and allocated VND586.5 million for vocational training for 131 persons. ([Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [ANTD](#), [Tuoi Tre Thu Do](#), [Nhiep Song Kinh Doanh](#), [Tin Tuc](#) May 8)



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Hanoi to Hold TVET-Labour Market Connection Event on May 14

The capital city of Hanoi will organize an event connecting TVET institutes and local labour market on May 14, the municipal DoLISA announced at a press conference on May 5. The event is expected to attract over 7,000 participants, including those from 51 local TVET institutes, 30 outstanding cooperation businesses, and 50 recruiters with nearly 2,000 vacancies, as well as 5,000 students from secondary schools, high schools, and TVET institutes-regular training centres. ([QDND](#), [Dan Sinh](#) May 5)

Yen Bai Helps Nearly 8,000 Labourers Find Jobs in Jan-Apr

Northern Yen Bai province helped 7,962 labourers find jobs in the first four months of this year, down 1.1% y/y and fulfilling 40.8% of the whole-year target. In the spell, the province enrolled 5,888 TVET learners, up 12.4% y/y and meeting 32.7% of year target. The figure included 307 at the college level, 507 at the intermediate level, and 5,074 at the elementary and short-term levels. ([Dan Sinh](#) May 4)

HCMC Aims for Trained Labour Rate of 89% by 2030

Southern Ho Chi Minh City has set a target to raise its trained labour rate to 87% by 2025 and 89% by 2030, according to a plan freshly issued by the municipal People's Committee. Besides, the city aims to maintain its urban unemployment rate at under 4% by 2025 and below 3% by 2030. ([HCMCPV](#) May 6)

Binh Duong's Leader Makes 5 Solutions to Hitches Facing TVET Sector

Mr. Vo Van Minh, chairman of the People's Committee of southern Binh Duong province, has made five recommendations to address difficulties facing the TVET sector. They are to (i) continue implementing the Prime Minister's Directive 24/CT-TTg dated May 28, 2020 on promoting skilled human resources, (ii) boost dissemination on TVET development and involve the participation of the whole society, especially businesses, in training skilled workforce, (iii) strengthen the linkage between the State, schools, and businesses in TVET activities, (iv) increase forecast capability for human resources demand, and (v) continue streamlining TVET institutes. ([Giao Duc](#) May 8)

Can Tho Targets to Recruit 45,000 TVET Learners in 2023

Can Tho city aims to recruit 45,000 TVET learners and offer training to 82% of workers locally in 2023. To reach the goals, the city focuses on implementing the TVET development strategy in 2021-2030, the TVET digital transformation program by 2025 and vision to 2030, and the 2021-2025 plan on the national qualification framework for TVET. In 2022, Can Tho city recruited 47,911 students of college, intermediate, primary, and under-three-month education combined. ([Can Tho](#) May 8)



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Employment-TVET Fair in Vinh Long Attract 1,000 Participants

Southern Vinh Long province's DoLISA held an employment-TVET fair on May 6, which attracted the participation of 42 recruiters and 1,000 labourers. ([Lao Dong](#) May 6)