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NA Chairman Urges Allocating More Resources to Vocational Training

National Assembly (NA) Chairman Vuong Dinh Hue asked the MoLISA to effectively implement the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws on vocational training, while concluding a question and answer session of the 15th legislature's fifth meeting in Hanoi on June 6. The NA leader pointed out limitations to labour and employment, stressing that the scale of vocational training remains small, and its quality and efficiency, especially in high-quality personnel training, is still low. Mr. Hue urged the MoLISA to further review and speed up the perfection of institutions on vocational training, and work to raise the efficiency of State management in this regard. The MoLISA was also asked to coordinate with other ministries and agencies in reforming training programmes and methods, upgrade training equipment, improve the capacity of teachers and managers, and standardise criteria in vocational training, making them match those of developed countries in ASEAN and the world. The top legislator also suggested increasing resources and prioritising the State budget to vocational training, improving the efficiency in the use of investment capital, mobilising the engagement of different economic sectors, and enhancing public-private partnership (PPP) in this field. It is a must to review, study and propose measures to completely handle the cases of social insurance collection and payment that ran counter to regulations within this year, he requested. Notably, the NA Chairman asked the MoLISA to partner with other ministries and agencies to accelerate the restructuring of sectors, especially labour-intensive industries like garment-textile and leather-footwear, making them go green, and satisfy requirements of competition and international integration. At the same time, they need to keep a close watch on developments of the economy and the labour market in order to take timely countermeasures and ensure social welfare, he said. The People's Supreme Court will coordinate with the MoLISA, the Ministry of Public Security and the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour in removing bottlenecks to lawsuits relating to social insurance, he continued. He also suggested reviewing and amending the Law on Employment to create more job opportunities and prevent unemployment, while building a system of information and data on the labour market. (Vietnam Plus, VnEconomy, Dang Cong San, Tin Tuc, Bao Chinh Phu Jun 6)

Inadequate Incentives Make Students Indifferent to Vocational Learning

Inadequate support policies and incentives are the major reasons behind students' indifference to vocational study, said Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung at the June 16 meeting of the ongoing 15th National Assembly's fifth plenary session. The current TVET recruitment volume is about two million students, of whom 25% are at the intermediate level, and 26% are at the college level, Minister Dung said, adding that 58% of vocational students land a job after graduation. Speaking of human resources training, Mr. Dung said







among 51.4 million workers, only 26.4% have degrees and diplomas, lower than in other developed nations. (VTC Jun 6)

Ministries of Labour, Agriculture to Reform Vocational Training Model for Rural Workers

The MoLISA will join hands with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to reform the vocational training model for rural workers in line with the demand forecast and more effective employment, said Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung at the June 16 meeting of the ongoing 15th National Assembly's fifth plenary session. Speaking of solutions in support of workers aged over 40 years old subject to layoffs, Minister Dung recommended facilitating businesses to create sustainable employment, paying attention to social welfare infrastructure such as kindergartens and schools, staying proactive in offering early training to jobless female workers, and providing credit policies to female workers. (Tin Tuc Jun 6)

TVET Institutes Hesitate to Increase Tuition Fees

Following Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha's permission for universities and TVET institutes to increase tuition fees from the upcoming school year, TVET institutes have hesitated to make the move. Currently, monthly tuition fees of public colleges and intermediate schools range between several hundreds of Vietnam dong to VND1 million, so pursuing TVET is an option of many students with underprivileged circumstances. (Thanh Nien Jun 2)

Vietnam Reduces 287 Public Vocational Institutions since 2017

Vietnam has cut 287 public vocational institutions since 2017, according to a recent report sent to NA deputies by the MoLISA. Under Resolution 64/NQ-CP signed on September 4, 2014, there have been 538 districts of 54 provinces merging vocational training centres with district-level public centres into continuing education-vocational training centres, or reducing by 575 public centres. As of May 2023, Vietnam had 1,888 vocational education institutions, including 397 colleges, 433 intermediate schools, and 1,058 vocational centres. Of the total, 1,205 are public institutions, comprising 313 colleges, 204 intermediate schools, and 698 vocational centres. (Dai Bieu Nhan Dan Jun 5, Dai Bieu Nhan Dan, Giao Duc Jun 6)

2.7M Vietnamese Workers Subject to Defaults on Social Insurance Payments

Vietnam currently has 2.7 million workers who are the victims of defaults on social insurance payments for one month and above, said National Assembly Deputy Nguyen Hoang Bao Tran from southern Binh Duong province at the underway NA plenary session. Of those, over 200,000 have their social insurance benefits left in limbo due to firms' bankruptcy, dissolution, and business owners absconding, Ms. Tran said. She also voiced concern about the unemployment rise recently, hence the high demand for jobless benefits. However, many workers could not get their unemployment benefits due to some administrative procedures, the lawmaker said, calling on the government to put forward solutions to the issue. NA Deputy Nguyen Thi Minh Trang





from southern Vinh Long province was concerned about a 20% increase in claims for one-off social insurance benefits from the same period of 2022. (VietnamBiz Jun 1)

Business Sector and Labour Market

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Training Course on Installation and Maintenance of Skyair Air-conditioning for Teachers at VCMI

The training course "Installation and maintenance of Skyair air-conditioning" was successfully conducted from May 30 to June 2 at the College of Machinery and Irrigation (VCMI). The aim of the course was to develop teachers' capacity and equip knowledge of industrial and commercial air-conditioning system Skyair for 09 VCMI key teachers who will be teaching in the German standard oriented occupation "Mechanics for Sanitary, Heating and Climate Technology" (SHK) at VCMI. This is the following part of the air-conditioning series with the first part was implemented in June 2022. The master trainer was Mr Vu Van Tuyen, the Vice Dean of Electronics Faculty at VCMI, who took part in various training courses implemented by Mr Ruben Ziehler, GIZ Development Advisor, and Daikin Vietnam professional training courses. Therefore, he developed didactic concepts and multiplied what he has been trained to implement the training for other teachers at VCMI. During this 4-day course, participants were provided with knowledge and skills on Skyair air-conditioning technology (Ceiling mounted Cassette air conditioner, ceiling concealed air conditioner, and ductwork of industrial refrigeration system) including standard installation, maintenance, and repair according to technical requirements. They had opportunities to practice professional measuring and testing tools and devices to: Process and install the copper pipe system, Install airconditioning system (indoor and outdoor units), Test air leakage, recover and recycle refrigerant gas, Measure required parameters and analyze the status of the system, and Implement the 15step Daikin maintenance process. "I found this course very useful for teaching lessons related to air-conditioning and ventilation later. I had the opportunity to approach the latest technologies and equipment as well as a standardized implementation process. Before the course, teaching and learning materials in this field were collected from many non-standardized resources, which now are oriented to international standardization by Mr Tuyen as he taught us to install and maintain the Skyair conditioning system according to technical requirements of industry. Therefore, the students who will be trained towards this approach can meet the recruitment requirements of businesses in the future. The arrangement and content of the training course were good, together with the well-prepared tools, measuring and testing devices" – Mr Vu Tung Lam, a key teacher of SHK occupation, one of the training course participants, expressed his thoughts about the course. This 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 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) together with the Vietnamese MoLISA. (TVET Jun 6)

Better Prepare before Migration – Intensive Transcultural Training for PAM Trainees





In cooperation between DVET and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)/ the Programme on "Partnership Approaches for Development-oriented Vocational Training and Labour Migration" (PAM in Viet Nam), the second transcultural training for 21 abroad-track PAM trainees was implemented with core themes focusing on specific cultural knowledge of Germany at the workplace from May 20-21 in Vung Tau City. The two-day training focuses on navigating working environment in Germany, cultural perception and communication competence in the context of integration for trainees respectively. Within the first day, working environment in Germany was illustrated with from the very basic activities, ranging from different forms of greetings in the concept of globalization to a more technical one, such as labour law, salary and tax, employee representation and protection in Germany. Thus, trainees achieve a comparative understanding of their obligations and legal rights when working in such a European country. Explaining the cultural perception within the second day training, PAM trainees were encouraged to share their ideas regarding various life situations, peoples and make judgments about other behaviours. They thereby understand their natural tendency of jumping to premature conclusions, well-perceive the necessity to adapt perspectives, awareness of local socio-political phenomena and discourses when confronting different value systems. In each topic, group discussion and physical activities were well-integrated to receive more interactions and raise eagerness to learn deeper in culture, as it will establish "learning by practicing" habit for trainees. Sharing after the training, Mr. Ho Nhut Khanh, a PAM trainee, conveyed his interest in interaction activities within the session. Via each activity, Khanh "develops the problem-solving skills that can be applied properly in each situation." Besides, he "gets various viewpoints about people and life, hence, understands himself and others better." Regarding the desire to get more inputs of German working environment, PAM trainee Ms. Vu Hoai Thuong expects "to be trained further in working culture of German enterprises", how to communicate properly with colleagues so that she could be rapidly integrated with the new environment when migrating. This is the second training course for PAM trainees among a series of transcultural events to provide comprehensive information about German culture before migration. (TVET Jun 2)

Workshop "Introduction of Digital Literacy Training Module"

In 2022, the Programme "Reform of TVET in Viet Nam II" (TVET Programme) collaborated with consultants and digital transformation (DX) focal points from partner TVET colleges to conduct a research on developing a Digital literacy Training module for TVET students. Research results were presented and discussed in the workshop on digital transformation in TVET – Achievements in 2022 and key priorities for 2023, which was organized in Hanoi on December 30, 2022. To further develop the Training module, the TVET Programme collaborated with Directorate of Vocational Education and Training (DVET) and Nha Trang College of Technology (NTCT) to organize the Workshop "Introduction of Digital Literacy Training Module" from 29 to 30 May 2023 at NTCT. The workshop aimed at achieving three key objectives. First, it was to enhance IT teachers' competence by introducing updated contents and teaching methods, and new EdTeches in the training module. Second, we continued collecting comments and feedbacks to finalize training content of the Module through discussion, feedbacks and argumentations. Finally, we discussed methods for the implementation of the Digital literacy Training module in the future. The workshop welcomed representatives of the





TVET Programme, the Formal Training Department of the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training, the Rector Board of Nha Trang College of Technology – the hosting organization, Prof. Dr. Ho Tu Bao and Dr. Nguyen Nhat Quang – GIZ's senior consultants, the research team, and 33 participants who are management representatives of Training Affairs/IT Departments and teachers of the Informatics subject from 11 partner TVET colleges. At the workshop, the research team presented on the regulatory framework, roadmap, and methods for the development the Training module. After a brief introduction to main contents of five chapters in the Training module, workshop participants focused on discussing the allocation of training contents and teaching hours for each lesson component. The research team introduced new learning and teaching methods such as flipped classroom, blended learning, progress-based learning assessment using e-portfolio based on digital tools and platforms such as Moodle, Googlesite, H5P... The research team also provided advice on developing a roadmap for the implementation of the training module, the development of digital training contents for the theoretical component, test banks, testing and assessment methods for completing the training module. At the workshop, Mr. Ha Duc Ngoc, a representative of the Formal Training Department expressed that the Digital literacy Training module is a product of dedication and collective intelligence. The Department will advise DVET's leaders on revising guidance documents to enable a multiplication of the training module to other TVET institutions in the TVET system. Prof. Dr. Ho Tu Bao and Dr. Nguyen Nhat Quang also affirmed that the Digital literacy Training module is a meaningful work. It is inevitable due to technological developments, and crucial to meet the requirements of a qualified labour force in the new era. The workshop created an interactive forum for participants to discuss, share, exchange and learn from each other through presentations, argumentations and groupwork by colleges. The workshop opened opportunities for in-depth professional discussions and technical exchanges, and technological applications to digitally transform learning and teaching activities in TVET. Based on workshop results, the TVET Programme keeps on updating content of the Digital literacy Training module and sends the updated version along with the workshop documentation to DVET for multiplying the Training module. The TVET Programme will continue accompanying and supporting this activity with an aim to enhance digital competence for TVET teachers and students. In the current stage, the TVET Programme will support the creation and operation of a community of practice for workshop participants to discuss and exchange professional issues, lessons learnt, experiences, best practices and new ideas related to the Digital literacy Training module. According to the Operational Plan in 2023, the TVET Programme will organize a capacity development workshop on e-pedagogies for core teachers from 11 partner TVET colleges. We will align the workshop topic on e-pedagogies with newly proposed teaching and learning methods in the Digital literacy Training module. (TVET Jun 1)

Dissemination on Law on Contract-based Vietnamese Overseas Workers for Provincial Employment Service Centres in Southern Vietnam

To disseminate more extensively the Law on contract-based Vietnamese overseas workers (Law 69) to provincial Employment service centre's representatives who are undertaking the role of advising and managing potential migrant Vietnamese workers , a training workshop was organized by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – the Programme Migration & Diaspora (PMD) in collaboration with DoLAB of Vietnam's MoLISA





on the April 14, 2022 in Vinh Long city. The training course drove the attraction of 42 participants including representatives of the Department of Overseas Labour and Employment Service Centres of 18 provinces in the south of Vietnam including Ba Ria Vung Tau, Binh Duong, Tay Ninh, Binh Phuoc, An Giang, Bac Lieu, Ben Tre, Ca Mau, Can Tho, Dong Thap, Hau Giang, Kien Giang, Long An, Tien Giang, Tra Vinh, Vinh Long and Soc Trang. The training workshop consists of 6 thematic presentations. Those are law on contract-based Vietnamese overseas workers, its circulars, decrees and regulations on implementation measurement, finance management of service provision and overseas employment support fund, penalties for administrative violations and database system of contract-based Vietnamese overseas workers. The question-and-answer sessions have been followed after each presentations to facilitate participants comprehend more comprehensively articles of the law. By this way, representatives from DOLAB also understand what difficulties their counterparts at local may face up with, how to resolve it in differently provincial contexts and learn from different resolutions on such as contract-based overseas workers support and management. This workshop, furthermore, creates the opportunities for both DOLAB and provincial service employment service centre's representatives to have direct discussion to enhance 69 law enforcement at local level. (TVET May 30)

Vietnam, Australia Have Opportunities to Boost Vocational Training Cooperation

The lack of skilled workers is a challenge for Vietnam's post-pandemic economic recovery, but it's also an opportunity for Australia's technical and vocational education and training sector, remarked Mr. Ho Thai Binh, an Indo-Pacific Fellow at the PerthUSAsia Centre in his research. He explained that Vietnam is short of skilled workers to promote domestic production, and employers find it hard to seek suitable employees while Australia has a system of vocational schools with international standards. As such, cooperation between Australian vocational institutions and Vietnamese partners will generate mutual benefits. He suggested that Australian representative agencies in Vietnam build a network of vocational alumni, develop more joint programs with Vietnamese vocational institutions, provide supportive visa guidance and assistance, work with both Vietnamese and Australian partners to provide employment opportunities and better counselling for prospective students, and to raise awareness about vocational training. (VOV May 30)

Vietnam Eves Vocational Training Cooperation with Germany's Cottbus

Vietnam and the German city of Cottbus can promote cooperation in higher education and vocational training, including the nursing profession, suggested a diplomat. Vietnamese Ambassador to Germany Vu Quang Minh made his suggestion while meeting with Chief Mayor of Cottbus Tobias Schick on June 1. Vietnam-Germany relations are thriving in all aspects, especially after the Vietnam visit by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz last November, Ambassador Minh assessed, proposing the German city form a relationship with a Vietnamese city. Mayor Schick, for his part, expected to boost cooperation between Cottbus and Vietnam, particularly in vocational education, adding 80 Vietnamese nursing staff work in his city currently. He also welcomed the Vietnamese ambassador's proposal to set up a twin-sister city







relationship with a Vietnamese city. (<u>Bao Quoc Te</u>, <u>Thong Tin Doi Ngoai</u>, <u>VOV World</u>, <u>Tin Tuc</u>, Vietnam Plus Jun 2)

Vietnamese Trainees Protected to Stay in Japan during Pregnancy, Postpartum

Companies taking part in Japan's intern training program are not allowed to force Vietnamese trainees to return to Vietnam if pregnant or giving birth, requested the Department of Overseas Labour under the MoLISA. The request was made after its discussion with Japan's Organization for Technical Intern Training (OTIT). Previously, OTIT's investigation found that several companies have asked Vietnamese trainees to sign agreements to return to Vietnam if they were pregnant or gave birth when working in Japan. The Vietnamese department said the demand was against the rules in both Vietnam and Japan and not in line with the Memorandum of Understanding on the technical internship training program for Vietnamese technical interns in Japan. If trainees become pregnant or give birth, companies must work with the Labour union to consider all the possible options for them to continue staying in Japan to work or return to Vietnam and then go back. Around 328,000 Vietnamese are currently staying in Japan as trainees, according to Vietnam's Immigration Department. (Bao Chinh Phu May 31)

Workers to South Korea Entitled to Borrow up to VND100M for Deposit

Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha has signed Decision 16/2023/QD-TTg on providing loans for workers working in South Korea, under the Employment Permit System (EPS) program, to deposit at the Vietnam Bank for Social Policies (VBSP). The maximum loan borrowed from the VBSP can be equal to the deposit amount agreed between Vietnam's MoLISA and South Korea's Ministry of Employment and Labour, at VND100 million. The maximum loan term is five years and four months. The interest rate will be agreed upon by the workers and the VBSP. (Bao Chinh Phu Jun 2)

DoLAB Licenses 8 Firms to Dispatch Workers to Algeria, Cameroon, Djibouti, Seychelles

The DoLAB has permitted eight firms to dispatch workers to four African nations, namely Algeria, Cameroon, Djibouti, and Seychelles, in the past two years. Vietnamese people sent to the four countries work as construction workers, welders, electricians, foremen, and seafarers (Lao Dong Jun 6)

Samsung Vietnam Holds First Global Samsung Aptitude Test in 2023

On June 3, Samsung Vietnam held the first Global Samsung Aptitude Test (GSAT) of 2023 for fresh graduates. Those passing GSAT will join the interview round on June 15 and then have chances to become official staff of Samsung Vietnam's facilities. (Bao Chinh Phu Jun 6)

Domestic News

Garment Workers in Vietnam Hit Hardest by Layoffs Since Early 2023





Textiles workers in Vietnam suffered the hardest blow from layoffs in the first five months of this year, with 70,000 losing their jobs and 66,000 incurring hour cuts, according to a report. Presenting the report at the 15th National Assembly's fifth plenary session, Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung said that during the five-month period, nearly 510,000 workers were affected due to sharp decreases in orders, of whom nearly 280,000 got furloughed. Following the garment sector, the electronics component manufacturing segment recorded 45,000 workers laid off, trailed by the footwear industry with 31,600. More than 8,600 firms cut staff, of which 27% are foreign-invested enterprises, and 72% are private businesses, the report said, adding that 68% of the laid-off were unskilled workers. The massive layoffs boiled down to order scarcity, high inflation, global economic hardship, and tightened monetary policies, hence weakening purchasing power, Minister Dung explained. Speaking of solutions to the problems, Mr. Dung said the ministry will promote sustainable employment and effective use of workers through employment support credit policies. Besides, it will strengthen the forecast of Labour demand and vocational training of businesses. (VnExpress, Nong Nghiep, Thanh Tra Jun 5)

279.4K Workers in Vietnam Laid off in Jan-May: MoLISA

Vietnam logged 279,409 workers laid off in the first five months of this year, according to a report presented by the MoLISA at the 15th National Assembly's fifth plenary session. Of the laid-off, 54.79% came from provinces housing major industrial parks and economic zones such as southern Binh Duong province (71,590), southern Dong Nai province (32,450), Ho Chi Minh City (44,890), northern Bac Giang province (27,500), northern Bac Ninh province (13,990), northern Hai Duong province (16,020), and Hanoi (46,860). During the period, 195,039 workers incurred hour cuts, mainly in textiles with 66,641 and footwear with 66,133. Meanwhile, 17,003 others were subject to unpaid leave, including 4,938 textile employees, 2,243 electronic manufacturing workers, 3,138 fisheries processing Labourers, and 2,232 wood processing workers. Vietnam recorded 393,377 workers claiming unemployment benefits in the first five months of this year, up 8.2% y/y. In the period, 337,432 workers were approved to get jobless benefits, down 0.9% y/y, with an average monthly unemployment payment of VND3.5 million (\$145) per capita. Layoffs currently occur in certain segments and are under control. However, if order scarcity, material shortages, and power prices are not addressed, other sectors will be subject to furloughs in the coming time, warned the ministry. (VnEconomy, VietnamFinance Jun 2)

Jan-Apr Hiring Demand in Vietnam Drops 18% from Pre-Pandemic Level: Navigos

Recruitment demand in Vietnam in the first four months of 2023 plunged by 18% from the prepandemic level and 16% from the same period of 2022, according to a report by Navigos Group. Most segments saw the employment demand fall from the pre-pandemic level, including the tourism and hospitality segment (down 43%), textiles and footwear (down 39%), real estate (down 34%), purchasing/materials/supply (down 25%), IT (down 20%), import and export (down 18%), and transport and logistics (down 22%). Meanwhile, the recruitment need in the banking and finance sector stayed moribund from the same period of 2022 and is forecast to encounter many challenges this year. The consumer goods segment witnessed the hiring demand





surge by 17% y/y and 10% from the pre-pandemic level while the employment demand in the healthcare, wholesale, and retail industries sit stable since 2019. The demand for expat workers and overseas Vietnamese decreased by 49% from the pre-pandemic level and that for seasonal and short-term workers plummeted by 49%. (Tin Nhanh Chung Khoan, PLO May 31)

Vietnam's Health Sector Could Incur Shortage of 50,000 Nurses by 2030

Vietnam's health sector needs to double or triple the number of nursing staff from the current figure to meet the healthcare demand of people, the World Health Organization in Vietnam said, warning of a shortage of 40,000-50,000 nurses in the country by 2030. The information was presented at a nursing conference held by the local newswire Dan Tri (Intellect) and VinUniversity in Hanoi on May 30. Addressing the event, Associate Professor Luong Ngoc Khue, head of the Administration of Medical Examination and Treatment under the Ministry of Health (MoH), said that there are 1,400 public hospitals and 300 private hospitals having their system of chief nursing officers and nurses. However, the nursing workforce remains inadequate though they account for 70% of total medical workers. Most hospitals employ intermediate-level nurses while the country is void of nursing professors and associate professors, Mr. Khue said, stressing the need to enhance the qualification of nursing employees to the college and university levels, at 50%-70% of the total. He went on to point out that coupled with hard physical work, poor wages and benefits, inconsiderably improved working conditions, and underrated roles of nurses make nursing an unattractive profession. By the Law on Medical Examination and Treatment approved by the National Assembly on January 9, 2023, and to take effect on January 1, 2024, nurses with a bachelor's degree are required to pass the national medical council's exam to acquire a certain qualification. (Suc Khoe Doi Song, Vietnam Plus May 30)

Hanoi Supports Jobs for 85.7K Persons in Jan-May, down 11.4% y/y

Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi supported employment for 85,784 people in the first five months of this year, down 11.47% y/y and reaching 52.9% of the year's target, according to the municipal DoLISA. The decrease boiled down to the falling recruitment demand of firms due to order scarcity, the department said. During the five-month periods, the city dispatched 1,910 workers to Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea; and 55,221 others were introduced to jobs. Hanoi approved unemployment benefits for 30,374 people with a total budget of VND855 billion (\$35.6 million), which increased by 9,000, and spent VND2.1 billion on supporting vocational training for 487 others. (VnEconomy, Kinh Te Do Thi, Dai Bieu Nhan Dan, Nong Nghiep, Tuoi Tre Thu Do, Doang Nghiep Tiep Thi May 29)

29% of Secondary School Graduates in Thai Nguyen to Get Admitted to TVET Schools

Around 6,000 out of 13,600 secondary school graduates in Thai Nguyen province, or 29%, will be admitted to continuing education centres and vocational schools in the 2023-2024 academic year. The province is home to 40 continuing-vocational education centres, vocational intermediate schools, and vocational colleges combined. (Nhan Dan Jun 1)







Hung Yen Aims to Generate Jobs for 24K Workers in 2023

Hung Yen province aims to create jobs for 24,000 workers in 2023, including 3,100 to be sent abroad. It targets to recruit 62,500 vocational learners, comprising 3,000 of college level, 7,000 of intermediate level; and 52,000 of primary and short-term training. The province sets a goal of having 69% of workers get trained and 31% have degrees and diplomas. In 2022, Hung Yen generated jobs for 25,000 workers, of whom 2,300 were dispatched overseas. (Lao Dong Jun 4)

Nam Dinh Aims to Create Jobs for 32K People in 2023

Northern Nam Dinh province is aiming to create jobs for 32,000 people and enrol 35,200 TVET learners in 2023, thus raising the trained labour rate to 49% by year-end. (<u>Dien Dan Doanh</u> Nghiep Jun 6)

Dak Lak's Employment Service Centre Supports 3,479 Labourers in May

The employment centre of Vietnam's Central Highlands province of Dak Lak supported jobs, careers, and other policies for 3,479 labourers, introduced job vacancies to 501 workers, and helped 200 of them get jobs in May. In the first quarter of this year, the province helped 53 workers join vocational training, versus 398 in 2022 and 195 in 2021. (Lao Dong Jun 6)

TVET Institute's Head in Gia Lai Accused of Violating Financial Management Rules

Mr. Vo Van Luong, director of Chu Prong TVET-continuous learning centre in the namesake district of Gia Lai province, has been accused of violating financial management and democratic regulations. Currently, the local People's Committee and relevant agencies have transferred the case file to local police. (Cong Thuong Jun 2)

HCMC's Biggest Employer Pouyuen Vietnam Cuts 1,249 Workers in 2nd Phase of Layoff

Taiwanese shoemaker Pouyuen Vietnam Co. Ltd., the biggest employer in Vietnam's southern economic hub of Ho Chi Minh City, has announced the termination of labour contracts with 1,257 workers on June 3, following the furlough of 4,439 employees on May 20. The laid-off workers will have their contract terminated on July 8, and 52% of them are people aged over 40. (NLD Jun 3)

Binh Phuoc Aims to Provide Vocational Training to 40K Labourers in 2023-2025

Southern Binh Phuoc province has set a target to provide short-term vocational training to 40,000 labourers in the 2023-2025 period and raise the local trained labour rate to 70% by that end, according to a plan issued by the provincial People's Committee on June 5. (Bao Binh Phuoc Jun 5)