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MoLISA Adds Many Jobs to List of Heavy, Hazardous, Dangerous Occupations

The MoLISA has issued Circular 05/2023/TT-BLDTBXH promulgating the list of heavy, hazardous, dangerous jobs or occupations at the college and intermediate levels. The ministry added jobs of many industries to the list, including technical architecture and construction, mechanical engineering, transport services, and geotechnical engineering. (<u>VnEconomy</u> Jun 20)

Vietnam Aims for GDP Growth of 7%/year in 2021-2030: Resolution

Vietnam has set a target of reaching an average annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth of about 7% in 2021-2030, per the government's Resolution 90/NQ-CP dated June 16 on the action plan of the National Assembly (NA)'s Resolution 81/2023/QH15 for the national master plan in 2021-2030 with a vision to 2050. By 2030, the country's GDP per capita is expected to reach about \$7,500. The service sector will account for over 50% of the GDP, while the industry-construction sector will make up over 40%, and the ago-forestry-fisheries will amount to less than 10%. The average annual labour productivity growth is estimated at 6.5%. In addition, the contribution of total factor productivity (TFP) to economic expansion is projected to be over 50%. (Thoi Bao Ngan Hang, Dang Cong San, Bao Xay Dung Jun 17)

Vietnam Should Develop Social Houses Priced at under VND15M/sqm: Board IV

The Private Economic Development Research Board (Board IV), under the Government's Advisory Council for Administrative Procedure Reform, has proposed building social houses with good quality, small areas of 40-50 square meters (sqm), and prices under VND15 million (\$625/sqm). The board made the suggestion after conducting an online survey in late April with 8,343 workers. The survey showed that 57% of workers want to buy a house, with about half of them eyeing social houses. Besides, 39% of labourers said they did not meet the requirements to buy social houses, 33% of them lacked capital for the initial payment, and 32% claimed they could not compete for slots to buy social houses. The remaining issues are (i) complicated procedures (27%), (ii) difficult access to loans (14%), and (iii) inability to fund suitable projects in terms of proximity (12%). In addition, many workers cannot access preferential loans to buy social houses as they are not classified as beneficiaries of social welfare. Meanwhile, the monthly interest payment from loans from commercial banks is over half of workers' salaries. Therefore, Board IV also proposed lowering the interest rate for qualified buyers of social houses to under 5%/year and keeping the rates stable for 15 years. Moreover, the state needs to address the legal issues of real estate firms to enable them to develop social housing projects. (VNBusiness, Mekong ASEAN Jun 15)

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Training of Trainers on "Rooftop Solar Installation in Vietnam" for 10 TVET Colleges

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From June 12 to 15, the theoretical training course on "Rooftop Solar Installation in Vietnam" for 23 teachers from 10 TVET colleges was conducted at College of Machinery and Irrigation-VCMI. The training supports participants to enhance knowledge on PV application and smallscale PV grid- connected systems; requested skills in PV-system installation, operation, and maintenance. This is the first course of the Training of Trainers (ToT) programme for 10 TVET colleges jointly developed and implemented by Energy Support Programme and TVET Programme- GIZ. During 4-day training, the experienced and qualified trainers shared with the participants the basic knowledge on solar PV installation including solar resources, potential solar PV technology, PV system design and installation, health and safety standard in installation, system testing and commissioning. This provides the foundation for the selected participants for the next training on practice and operation, skills improvement and further training. In addition, participants had the opportunity to study specialized devices and equipment in Rooftop solar installation sector like Ground Resistance tester, Power Quality analyser and meter, Solar Irradiance meter,... The trainers gave participants the tasks of calculation and analysis aim to better understand and reinforce the imparted basic knowledge toward the next practical training scheduled at the end of July. 2023. Mr. Sven Ernedal, Chief Technical Advisor of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (4E) Project shared: "The promising and irrefutable trend on clean energy transition domestically. In the short term, it opens a huge space to deploy solar sources as promising solutions. The need for enhancing the technical understanding and practical skill for the group of trainers who are teaching and training the direct solar workers and technicians has been identified as a key element". Talking about the training workshop, Mr. Nguyen Van Chuong - Director of VCMI shared: "This is a necessary training, and it takes place in a time when we are facing a scarcity of energy for living and production. The teachers participating here are expected to apply their knowledge to quickly implement this new training sector in colleges to meet the needs and trend of society." This is an activity in collaboration between the CASE project/ESP and TVET started 2020 in order to develop the capacity of TVET teachers in the field of renewable energy. This activity is carried out within the framework of the Component "Support of High Quality TVET Institutes", under the Vietnam-Germany Cooperation Programme "Reform of TVET in Vietnam". The Programme "Reform of TVET in Vietnam" is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ GmbH in cooperation with 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 Jun 19)

Vietnam Proposes ILO Keep Advancing Decent Work

The International Labour Organization (ILO) should continue to promote green growth, decent work, and just transition of employment, thus leaving no one behind, said Vice President of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour Phan Van Anh. Mr. Anh made his call while addressing the 111th Session of the International Labour Conference, held in Geneva on June 4-16. He suggested ILO focus on peace and equality promotion in the world of work, advance the







enforcement of its international labour standards, and increase technical support and experience sharing for member states. The Vietnamese official recommended the organization connect countries, social partners, businesses, and international brands together to contribute to and engage in social equality promotion. During the trip for the conference, the Vietnamese mission had bilateral meetings with international labour confederations and partner countries. (Lao Dong Jun 19)

VSS Issues Plan on Implementing Vietnam-S. Korea Social Security Agreement

The Vietnam Social Security (VSS) has issued Plan 1711/KH-BHXH on implementing the agreement between Vietnam and South Korea on social security. Per the plan, VSS will form a working group to carry out the deal, ensure connection with the MoLISA and relevant ministries and agencies, and work with the South Korean side on related issues. (<u>Nhan Dan</u> Jun 16)

Migrant Workers in Vietnam Overcharged for Electricity, Water Bills by 15%-20%

Many migrant workers in Vietnam are overcharged on electricity and water bills by 15%-20% compared to the state-set prices, said Prof. Dr. Dang Nguyen Anh from the Vietnam Academy of Social Issues. Speaking at an international workshop on social security for migrant workers in Vietnam held in Hanoi on July 17, Mr. Anh said that migrant workers, accounting for 10% of Vietnam's population, are mainly rural and unskilled labourers. Their access to social services and protection remains limited. Most migrant workers stay in rental homes, and around one-third of them live in dilapidated houses. Many also default on house rental payments, even for three-four months. Dr. Duong Thi Thanh Xuan, vice principal of the Trade Union University, stated that migrant workers reported housing as their most challenging problem with 42%, besides poor incomes, unemployment, and struggles in adapting to the new places. Prof. Dr. Anh recommended quickly finalizing social security policies for migrant workers, especially affordable housing and just access to health services, social welfare, and education. (Dan Tri Jun 17)

Quang Nam College Inks Deal with Japan's Nippon Tsubasa Education

Quang Nam College in central namesake province has inked a deal with Japan's Nippon Tsubasa Education on high-quality training for students. Quang Nam College has selected six students in the livestock sector to join the program. Two of them were dispatched in April while the other four will be sent to Japan in October. (<u>Thanh Nien</u> Jun 19)

Saigontourist Hospitality College Inks Deal with Australia's New Era Institute

Saigontourist Hospitality College has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with New Era Institute to train learners in occupations of recipients, waiters, and cookers. (NLD Jun 16)

Domestic News



9+ Model Increasingly Attracted to Students, Parents

The 9+model is increasingly attracted to students and parents. Headmaster of the International College of Ho Chi Minh City Nguyen Dang Ly said that many parents considered the program is considered an economical and time-saving option. After graduation from secondary schools, students can pursue both continuing education and vocational learning. His school increases recruitment volume annually, and in the 2023-2024 academic year, it recruits 300 students for the tenth grade of the 9+ model. (Tuoi Tre Jun 20)

31% of Surveyed Workers in Vietnam out of Work: Board IV

Vietnam's labour market is falling under the spell of economic slowdown lately as 31% of workers have been out of work, the Prime Minister's Private Economic Development Research (Board IV) said, citing its April survey. The survey, covering 8,343 workers nationwide, showed that real estates, construction, and tourism-hospitality sectors saw the highest unemployment rates of 53%, 44%, and 43%, respectively. By localities, Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Nai province, Binh Duong province, and Danang City recorded the highest jobless rates, at over 30% for all. Regarding causes, 32.4% of persons were left out of a job due to business suspension or bankruptcy, and 27.1% were laid off due to order scarcity. The survey indicated that 14% of the respondents claimed lump-sum social insurance benefits. Forecasting that job loss would linger through the end of this year, Board IV proffered a host of measures, such as tax incentives and low-interest loans, in support of businesses. It suggested the government support affordable housing for workers and weigh allowing workers to use their social insurance books for short-term borrowing. (Bao Giao Thong, Cong Thuong Jun 15)

Tourism Industry Faces Serious Lack of Workers

While many industries have a great abundance of workers, the tourism sector is facing a serious shortage of employees. It is estimated that the travel industry needs an additional 60,000 workers annually. Therefore, it is possible to shift the occupations of unskilled textile and footwear workers to those related to the travel industry. However, poor wages and ineffective vocational training programs have hindered the occupation shift. (NLD Jun 17)

Red River Delta Has 109 Universities, Nearly 600 TVET Institutes as of 2022

The Red River Delta had 109 universities and nearly 600 TVET institutes as of 2022, making up 30% of the nationwide TVET facilities, according to a report from the MoET. (<u>Giao Duc</u> Jun 17)

Hanoi Organizes 4 TVET-Labour Market Connection Events in Last 5 Years

The capital city of Hanoi has organized four TVET-labour market connection events in 2019-2023, with the participation of nearly 30,000 students, parents, and labourers. Of them, over 5,000 have been recruited, said Ms. Bach Lien Huong, director of the municipal DoLISA. (Thang Long Jun 19)



TVET Facilities in Hanoi Partner with 1,150 Firms for Student Internships as of Apr

TVET institutions in Hanoi collaborated with 1,150 local businesses to receive 37,246 students for internships as of April, DoLISA Director Bach Lien Huong said. Besides, 92 local firms allocated a total of VND7.2 billion in support of TVET establishments, and 493 enterprises ordered the training of 135,480 students. As of end-2022, Hanoi had 360 facilities that have vocational training activities. (Kinh Te Do Thi Jun 20)

Bac Giang Aids VND6M/Person at Most for Elementary-level Learners

Northern Bac Giang province will provide financial aids of at most VND6 million/person/course for people with disabilities, per a decision issued by the provincial People's Committee. Besides, those of poor households in underprivileged areas will receive VND4 million/person/course. Those of ethnic minorities, families of revolutionary contributors, and poor households will get VND3 million/person/course. Those of near-poor households will receive 2.5 million/person/course. Female labourers and rural workers will get VND2 million/person/course. (Lao Dong Jun 19)

Bac Giang Aims for 40% of Secondary School Graduates Joining TVET by 2025

Northern Bac Giang province is aiming for 40% of secondary school graduates joining TVET at elementary and intermediate levels and 45% of high school graduates joining TVET at the college level. By that end, the province aims to have over 50 TVET institutes, including two high-quality facilities recognized by ASEAN or international organizations. By 2030, the rates are set at over 50% and 55%, respectively. By 2045, at least one college is capable of functioning as a national centre. (Giao Duc Jun 20)

TVET Institutions in Thai Nguyen Recruit 5.5K Learners in H1, or 13.75% of Year Plan

TVET institutions in Thai Nguyen province are estimated to have recruited 5,500 learners in the first half (H1) of this year, meeting only 13.75% of the year's plan. Of those, 200 are recruited at the college level, 800 at the intermediate level, and 4,500 at the primary and continuing training level. (<u>Bao Thai Nguyen</u> Jun 20)

Hoa Binh Helps 7,200 Labourers Get Jobs in H1

Northern Hoa Binh province is estimated to have helped 7,200 labourers get jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, fulfilling 45% of the year's target, and dispatched 273 workers overseas, meeting 91% of the goal. (Bao Hoa Binh Jun 20)

Vinh Phuc Helps 5,902 Labourers Find Jobs in Jan-May





Northern Vinh Phuc province helped 5,902 labourers get jobs in the first five months of this year, according to the provincial employment centre. Besides, the centre provided consultations in jobs, TVET, and unemployment policies to 14,955 workers, received job applications of 1,676 labourers, introduced jobs to 1,091 labourers, and supplied 451 workers to employers. (Cong Thuong Jun 14)

Quang Binh Provides Job Consultations to over 13K Labourers in H1

Central Quang Binh province is estimated to have provided job consultations to 13,096 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year, according to the provincial employment service centre. In H1, the centre has organized 23 career fair, up 43.75% y/y, with the participation of 100 firms and over 800 workers. (Dan Tri Jun 14)

11,269 Workers in Danang Claim Unemployment Benefits since Early 2023

The Danang employment service centre reported that there were 11,269 local workers claiming unemployment benefits since early this year. Of those, 8,105 were qualified for jobless benefits, up 27% y/y, 6,881 were approved to get unemployment benefits, and 362 opted vocational learning. (NLD Jun 15)

Over 24,000 Labourers in Binh Dinh Unemployed

More than 24,000 workers out of 845,000 people in the working age in central Binh Dinh province have been unemployed and the number is forecast to continue rising by year-end, according to the provincial DoLISA. Deputy Director of the DoLISA Dang Van Phung noted that the department has directed the local employment service centre to survey recruitment demands of firms in and outside the province. So far this year, the centre has organized 15 career fairs, thus providing jobs and TVET to over 27,000 people while introducing jobs to nearly 1,300 people. (Dan Tri Jun 14)

40% of High School Graduates in Dak Nong Opt to Join TVET, Labour Market

Up to 40% of high school graduates in the Central Highlands province of Dak Nong have chosen to join TVET or labour market while 60% have joined colleges and universities, according to the provincial DoET. (Bao Dak Nong Jun 15)

VietJet Aviation Academy Signs Aviation Manpower Training Deal with Lilama 2 College

Vietjet Aviation Academy (VJAA) signed an aviation workforce training agreement with Lilama 2 International Technology College to cater to Long Thanh International Airport upon its official operation. The two sides will coordinate on human resources training in four professions, namely aircraft maintenance repair staff; flight traffic operators; aviation equipment operators and controllers, ground staff. Lilama is expected to recruit students and open the first course in



September, with each course lasting between three months and three years. (<u>Bao Dong Nai</u> Jun 17)

Over 80K Labourers in Binh Duong Lose Jobs in Jan-May

More than 80,000 workers in southern Binh Duong province lost jobs, had contracts terminated, or left without pay in the first five months of this year, according to the provincial DoLISA. They were mostly in the fields of apparel, footwear, and wood processing. Meanwhile, fisheries processing and electronic production sectors were least hit. (Cong Thuong Jun 19)

Ca Mau Helps 22,048 Labourers Get Jobs in since Early 2023

Southern Ca Mau province has helped 22,048 labourers find jobs since early 2023, up 3.8% y/y and fulfilling 55% of the year's target, the provincial DoLISA said on June 17. (NLD Jun 18)