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DVET, FPT Polytechnic College Respond to World Youth Skills Day

On July 15, DVET and FPT Polytechnic College held activities to respond to the World Youth Skills Day. Participants included DVET Deputy Director General Nguyen Thi Viet Huong and FPT Polytechnic College's Rector Vu Chi Thanh. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 15)

MoLISA Proposes Lump-Sum Allowance for People with Working Capacity Declines

The MoLISA is seeking opinions for a draft decree stipulating voluntary social insurance benefits for occupational accidents for employees working without labour contracts. Ministry proposed that workers whose working capacity decreases by 5% due to occupational accidents will receive a lump-sum allowance five times as much as the basic salary. For every additional 1% decrease through 30%, they will be entitled to an extra half of the basic salary. ([Lao Dong](#) Jul 16)

MoLISA Revokes Licenses of Some Labour Dispatching Firms

The MoLISA has revoked licenses of some labour dispatching firms for violating the Law on Vietnamese Guest Workers. The firms are Vinaconex Sai Gon joint Stock Company, Dong Do International Joint Stock Company, and Royal International Joint Stock Corporation. Besides, the DoLAB has imposed a fine of VND132 million on VTC1 Overseas Study Investment and International Cooperation Joint Stock Company for signing incorrect contracts labourers. ([CafeF](#) Jul 12)

VBSP's Outstanding Social Policy Credit +7.4% to \$12.68B by end-Jun

The total outstanding social policy credit of the Vietnam Bank for Social Policies (VBSP) reached nearly VND304.430 trillion (\$12.68 billion) by the end of June, up 7.4% from the end of last year, with over 6.6 million poor households accessing the capital. In the first half (H1) of this year, policy credit helped finance production and business, created jobs for over 310,000 labourers, and assisted over 4,000 temporary overseas workers. It also supported over 25,000 needy students, among others. ([CafeF](#), [Tin Nhanh Chung Khoan](#), [Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#), [Market Times](#), [Thi Truong Tai Chinh Tien Te](#), [Doanh Nghiep Hoi Nhap](#))

● **Business Sector and Labour Market** ●

Foreign Cooperation

Localities Strive to Dispatch Workers Abroad

Ninh Binh province has issued a plan, aiming to dispatch 1,400 workers overseas under contract. The province sends 1,000 labourers abroad annually, much lower than Nghe An province, which took 11,500 workers abroad in the first half of 2023. Meanwhile, Tien Giang province said it dispatched 226 workers abroad, mainly to Japan and South Korea, reaching 75.3% of the year's target and up 23.5% y/y. ([NLD](#) Jul 13)

Australia Supports Vietnam Women's Empowerment in Leadership in VET

Australia and Vietnam share a commitment to promoting gender equality, supporting women's empowerment, and driving inclusive leadership in vocational education and training (VET) sectors including logistics. Through Aus4Skills, another group of Vietnamese women VET leaders have been equipped with adaptive leadership skills and effective responses to invisible barriers. After completing their short course on women's leadership in June, 24 women leaders and managers from VET colleges and partners presented their applications projects at a symposium in Ho Chi Minh City on July 8. Throughout the course, participants exchanged skills and knowledge in gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI) issues. They explored topics such as career development, work-life balance, and challenges to female leadership in male-dominant sectors. This has helped participants apply transformative ideas to boost women leadership in VET in application projects at their own workplace. Speaking at the symposium, Ms Julie Hart, First Secretary (Development) at the Australian Embassy Vietnam, encouraged participants to continue driving women leadership initiatives and contributing to a more inclusive and equitable society. ([VTC](#) Jul 18)

Vietnam Agro University Seeks to Promote Dispatch of Workers to Japan

Director of the Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA) Nguyen Thi Lan met with Governor of Japan's Miyazaki prefecture Kohno Sunji in Hanoi on July 11, during which they promoted a program on sending agricultural labourers to Japan. During the talks, Ms. Lan said that the VNUA had made efforts and got a license to send Vietnamese workers abroad. The university has selected 13 candidates to send to Miyazaki, she said, adding that they will get foreign language and professional training with experts of the VNUA and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). In reply, Mr. Kohno Sunji stated that Miyazaki prefecture plans to receive the first trainees at the VNUA's agricultural facilities in December this year. Sharing that Japan is facing a serious labour shortage, the governor gave much expectation of Vietnamese talents. ([Tuoi Tre Thu Do](#))

Nam Dinh's First Seasonal Workers Come to South Korea's Jeju Island

The first seasonal workers from the northern province of Nam Dinh arrived at South Korea's Jeju island on July 13 under a cooperation agreement between the two local authorities. The Jeju authorities said that 14 seasonal workers from Nam Dinh province entered South Korea through Jeju International Airport under the Seasonal Worker Programme of the Korean Ministry of

Justice. Upon their arrival, they received training on how to respond to emergencies, prevent human rights violations, and fight crimes against foreign workers. They then will work for local farms that are also trained on regulations that they must comply with when employing foreign workers under the provisions of the programme. On March 29, Jeju signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vietnamese province to address its labour shortage. This year, Jeju needs 867 foreign seasonal workers, and the number it has signed with Nam Dinh is 264. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [Vietnam Plus English](#) Jul 14)

Danang, Japan's Kisarazu City Boost Cooperation in Preschool Education, Nursing

Vice Chairman of the Danang People's Committee Ho Ky Minh hosted Vice Mayors of Japan's Kisarazu City Sachiko Tanaka, who arrived in the city to attend the eighth Vietnam-Japan Cultural Exchange Festival on July 13-16. The Japanese guest shared that Japan is in dire need of young human resources in nursing and preschool education, suggesting Danang and Kisarazu continue to strengthen cooperation on training human resources for nursing and preschool education fields. ([Thoi Dai](#) Jul 15)

Vinh Long Sends 927 Labourers Overseas in H1

Southern Vinh Long province sent 927 workers abroad in the first half (H1) of this year, mostly to Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, up 272 y/y, said Mr. Pham Anh Tuan, vice chief of office of the provincial DoLISA. This year, the province aims to raise the figure to 1,700, Mr. Tuan noted. ([Lao Dong](#) Jul 12)

Bosch Vietnam Accompanies Country's Technical Vocational Training in 10 Years

The Bosch Technical Industrial Apprenticeship (TGA) centre in Vietnam celebrated the tenth year of its foundation with nearly 135 graduates of the 2019-2023 academic year. With over ten employees in 2008, Bosch Vietnam now has over 1,800 staff. ([Saigon Times](#) Jul 13)

Domestic News

Vocational Schools Balk at Increasing Tuition Fees in 2023-2024 Academic Year

Parents seem uninterested in sending their children to intermediate schools and colleges, affecting vocational institutions' recruitment and making them balk at increasing tuition fees this academic year. Ms. Vo Thi My Nga from Phu Yen-based MienTrung Industry and Trade College said that though Decree 81 signed by Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha allows universities and vocational schools to double or triple tuition fees in the 2023-2024 school year from earlier, her school increases tuition fees by only 15%. Headmaster of the General Technical College of Quang Tri Le Thien Vinh said that his institution maintains the tuition fee rates as the 2022-2023 academic year. ([Giao Duc](#) Jul 18)

Vietnam Logs 1.07M Unemployed Persons in Q2, up 25.4K q/q: MoLISA

Vietnam recorded 1.07 million unemployed people of working age in the second quarter (Q2) of this year, which rose by 25,400 from Q1, according to a report by the MoLISA. The unemployment rate in urban areas hit 2.75%, and there were 940,700 underemployed persons of working age in the period, jumping by 54,900 q/q. Five industries witnessing the biggest increase in employees were hospitality and catering services with 106,000; wholesale-retail and vehicle repair with 53,000 each; administrative and support services with 33,000; and entertainment and recreation with 32,000. Meanwhile, the five sectors incurring the sharpest decrease in employment were processing-manufacturing with 189,000; construction with 42,000; agro-forestry-fisheries with 24,000; water supply and waste treatment with 13,000; and electricity production and air conditioner manufacturing with 1,000. Five industries that recorded the greatest recruitment demand were information communications; finance, banking, and insurance; wholesale, retail, and vehicle repair; assorted services; and administrative and support services. In the quarter, there were 357,513 people filing for unemployment benefits, up by 152,385 q/q and 55,927 y/y, raising the total jobless benefit applicants in the first half of this year to 562,641. During Q2, the country supported vocational training for 11,209 people and gave job consulting and introduction to 1.1 million people. By end-Q3, Vietnam is estimated to have 51.5 million employed people, up by 267,000 from Q2. Three sectors forecast to see hiring demand decline are agriculture and service with 78,000 and retail with 32,000. ([Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [VnEconomy](#), [MoLISA](#))

Vinh Phuc Tops Vietnam in 2023 High School Graduation Exam Scores

The northern province of Vinh Phuc leads Vietnam in terms of average national high-school graduation exam scores this year, at 7.219 out of ten points, according to statistics from the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET). It is followed by southern Binh Duong province with 7.161 points, northern Nam Dinh province with 7.109 points, northern Ninh Binh province with 7.032 points, and northern Bac Ninh province with 6.922 points. The southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City jumps two notches from last year to 11th position with 6.742 points; while Hanoi City places at the 20th position, with 6.586 points. The five localities at the bottom of the rankings included the Central Highlands province of Dak Nong (6.079 points), southern Tra Vinh province (6.072 points), northern Cao Bang province (6.033 points), the Central Highlands province of Dak Lak (5.984 points), and northern Ha Giang province (5.598 points). This year, the valedictorian of the national high school graduation exam is a candidate from Nam Dinh province, with a total score of 57.3 points out of 60 points. ([VnExpress](#), [Tien Phong](#), [VTC](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [SGGP](#), [VietnamNet](#), [QDND](#), [Bao Tai Nguyen Moi Truong](#), [CafeF](#))

134 Universities, Vocational Schools to Attend 2023 Admission Selection Event on Jul 22

As many as 134 universities, colleges, and vocational schools and institutions will attend the 2023 admission selection event on July 22. The event will take place in Ho Chi Minh City with 90 schools and 160 consultancy booths and in Hanoi with 44 schools and 144 consultancy booths. It will be co-held by Tuoi Tre newspaper, MoET's Department of Higher Education, and DVET. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Jul 18)

Logistics Training Curricula in Vietnam Quite Impractical: Official

Though many universities in Vietnam have opened logistics majors, their teachers have little experience, and curricula are quite similar and impractical, said Mr. Tran Chi Dung from the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA)’s Sustainable Development and Digital Transformation Group. Mr. Dung made his remarks at a conference on logistics workforce training on the sidelines of the AFFA mid-year conference in Danang City on July 15. Therefore, schools need to clearly define the basic standards for the output for the logistics industry, Mr. Dung suggested. At the same time, it is necessary to actualize strong training programs and applications for digital transformation so that training programs are always close to reality and bring high efficiency, he added. ([Lao Dong](#) Jul 15)

26,500 Labourers in Bac Giang Lose Jobs, Have Lower Incomes as of Jun

Over 26,500 workers at 87 firms in northern Bac Giang province either lost jobs or had their incomes lowered as of June, according to the provincial DoLISA. Of whom, more than 17,000 labourers had contracts terminated, 2,220 had to take unpaid leave, 862 had contracts suspended, and 6,200 had working time cut. They are mostly in fields of apparel and electronics sectors. ([Vietnam Plus](#) Jul 17)

Ex Labour Confederation Head in Vietnam Hai Duong Seized for Embezzlement

The investigation security agency in Vietnam’s northern Hai Duong province has prosecuted and detained former chairman of the provincial Labour Confederation Mai Xuan Anh for “embezzlement,” per Clause 2, Article 353 of the 2015 Penal Code. He was also deputy head of the provincial Party Committee’s Mass Mobilization Committee. Pham Thi Nhung, head of policy and labour relations at the province’s Labour Confederation, was prosecuted and arrested for the same accusation. The case is still under further investigation. ([CafeF](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Tien Phong](#), [VOV](#), [VTC](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#), [Dan Viet](#))

Firms in Hai Duong Need 22K Workers in Next 5 Months

Firms in northern Hai Duong province need nearly 22,000 workers in the next 5 months, up 10% from the first half (H1). They mostly need labourers in the apparel sector. ([Bao Hai Duong](#) Jul 18)

Danang Employment Service Centre Provides Career Information to 34,294 Labourers in H1

Danang City’s employment service centre provided career information to 34,294 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year. Of whom, the centre introduced jobs to 2,603 people, helped 5,959 join TVET, and provided consultations to 25,732 people. Besides, the centre organized 15 TVET classes with 364 learners. ([NLD](#) Jul 16)

An Giang Introduces Jobs to 22,633 Labourers in H1

Southern An Giang province introduced jobs to 22,633 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year, according to the provincial DoLISA. In H1, the province sent 273 workers abroad, including 190 to Japan and 69 to Taiwan. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jul 18)

Bac Lieu Helps 9,800 Labourers Find Jobs in H1

Southern Bac Lieu province helped 9,800 labourers find jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, down 36.5% y/y and fulfilling 52.97% of the year target. Besides, the province sent 218 workers overseas, up 61.48% y/y and meeting 72.67% of the target. ([Dai Bieu Nhan Dan](#) Jul 17)

Can Tho Helps Nearly 28K Labourers Find Jobs since Early 2023

Can Tho City has helped nearly 28,000 workers find jobs since early 2023, fulfilling 55.4% of the year target, according to the municipal DoLISA. Besides, local TVET institutes enrolled 23,024 learners in the period. ([NLD](#) Jul 12)

Kien Giang Helps 20,485 Labourers Find Jobs in H1

Southern Kien Giang province helped 20,485 labourers find jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, fulfilling 58.5% of the year target, according to the provincial DoLISA. Besides, TVET institutes enrolled 13,041 learners, up 2.66% y/y and meeting 54.33% of the target. ([Bao Kien Giang](#) Jul 14)

41,200 Labourers in Long An Have Working Hours Cut since Early 2023

Over 41,200 labourers in southern Long An province have had their working hours cut since early 2023 while 18,300 workers have jobs suspended since early 2023, according to the provincial DoLISA. ([Lao Dong](#) Jul 15)

Vinh Long's TVET Institutes Enrol 18,600 Learners in H1

TVET institutes in southern Vinh Long province enrolled 18,600 learners and created 14,300 jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, including sending 1,000 abroad, according to the provincial DoLISA. ([Bao Vinh Long](#) Jul 17)

TVET Institutes in Ca Mau Enrol 6,344 Learners in H1

TVET institutes in southern Ca Mau province enrolled 6,344 learners in the first half (H1) of this year, fulfilling 23% of the year target, according to the provincial DoLISA. The figure comprised 2,867 at the intermediate level and 3,477 at the continuous training level. ([Bao Ca Mau](#) Jul 14)