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Top Legislator Chairs Labourers’ Forum to Gather Opinions

National Assembly (NA) Chairman Vuong Dinh Hue chaired a labourers’ forum in Hanoi on July 28, which brought together about 500 trade union officials and members, and labourers. The event was jointly held by the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) and the NA Office on the occasion of the 94th anniversary of the Vietnam Trade Union. In his remarks, the chief legislator stressed that people and businesses are put at the centre in all decisions and policies adopted by the NA, and that labourers are subject to the nation’s labour laws. He called the forum a special meeting with voters, during which leaders listen to opinions of trade union officials and members, and labourers. Mr. Hue asked the participants to focus on proposals regarding jobs, livelihoods and incomes of employees, as well as the improvement of the legal system, especially laws directly relating to workers and public servants such as the Land Law, the Housing Law and the Law on Social Insurance, among others. He asked the NA’s Council for Ethnic Minority Affairs and other NA committees, along with relevant ministries and agencies to clear up questions raised by trade union members and labourers. VGCL President Nguyen Dinh Khang said that the confederation collected 1,589 opinions of trade union members and labourers from reports by 79 trade unions of cities, provinces and corporations, and more than 3,000 opinions from press agencies and trade unions through social networks. They discussed issues relating to housing, social insurance, health insurance, unemployment insurance, and one-time insurance withdrawal, and wage increases, he said, noting that VGCL divided the opinions into 45 major groups to be sent to the legislature for consideration. Mr. Khang noted that trade union members and labourers nationwide hope that their opinions will be put under consideration by NA leaders at this forum to build relevant laws and policies. Vietnam currently has 11 million trade union members and more than 50 million labourers. (Vietnam Plus, Vietnam Plus English Jul 31)

VGCL, VSS Sign Deal to Facilitate Workers to Join Social Insurance

The Vietnam General Confederation of Labour has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Vietnam Social Security (VSS) to facilitate workers to be covered by social and health insurance in the 2023-2028 period. (Cong Thuong Aug 1)
From July 17 to 21, the training workshop on “Continuous Improvement Process (CIP)” combined with consultation on occupational health, safety, fire prevention (OHS) was conducted at Vietnamese-German Technical College of Ha Tinh. The course is under cooperation framework between Programme “Reform of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Vietnam”-GIZ and the college. Mr. Alwin Matthias Angert, Development Advisor of Programme, shared with the Automotive Technology Faculty’s teachers the basic and practical tools to support the workshop management aim to steer the workshop structured in an outside company-oriented way. He guided the teachers on how to identify the levels based on the “5S levels of achievements matrix” method, and how to implement for each specific practical workshop. Therefore, teachers can figure out the shortcomings and develop a plan and process of implementing the workshop management activities in accordance with the actual situation. The Development Advisor and teachers practiced implementing the first steps of the continuous improvement process (CIP) at several workstations in the Automotive Technology workshops. Teachers are requested to apply the shared tools and methods to self-assess the results, replicate, and synchronize the 5S-workstations to other practical workshops. Combined with this training, Mr. Matthias Angert conducted the survey and consulted on occupational health, safety, and fire prevention at practical workshops of other technical occupations in the college. The advice and recommendations given by the Development Advisor help teachers increase awareness of workplace safety, work structure and monitoring. Speaking at the Evaluation Meeting, Mr. Cao Thanh Le, Rector of Vietnamese-German Technical College of Ha Tinh, shared: “The opinions and advice which raised by GIZ Development Advisor are necessary in the workshop management. The college is committed to further improve occupational safety, fire protection, and facilitate good conditions for students to study and practice to meet the requirement of labour market.” At the end of the CIP training and OHS survey, all teachers committed themselves to implementing the agreed request and advice. Vietnamese-German Technical College of Ha Tinh is supported by the Vietnamese-German Programme “Reform of TVET in Vietnam” in developing into a high-quality TVET institute. The Programme “Reform of TVET in Vietnam” is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented GIZ in cooperation with the DVET under the MoLISA. The programme aims to better align TVET to the changing world of work which will be increasingly digital and green. (TVET Aug 1)

**Capacity Building Activities on Digital Transformation at Ninh Thuan Vocational College (NTVC)**

Within the framework of the Digital Transformation Capacity Building Program, the Workshop “Information Technology Infrastructure for Digital Information and Design Thinking on Moodle Application” was held at Ninh Thuan Vocational College from March 15 to 17. The workshop was the opportunity for the core teachers at NTVC to approach the “Training of Trainers” (ToT) model, develop their capacity to design student-centred training content, using Moodle – LMS as their digital e-learning transformation tool. With the support of GIZ and core teachers from Bac Ninh Industrial College, An Giang Vocational College, Vocational College of Machinery and Irrigation, Nha Trang College of Technology, College of Technology II, the workshop created a forum for nearly 50 participants including managers and teachers to exchange their experiences, lessons learned in the community of GIZ’s partner colleges about Moodle’s features, different
forms of e-learning, how to create learning materials on Moodle, structure of integrated lesson plan, necessary skills to create videos for teaching, institutions and regulations relating to e-learning, etc. The workshop was the combination of presentation with discussion, teamwork that encouraged participants to actively participate in real-life problem-solving interactions, helped teachers improve their capacity and be more motivated to use the Moodle application to design flexible, effective courses. At the end of the workshop, the Rector – Mr. Nguyen Phan Anh Quoc delivered a motivating speech to highly appreciate GIZ for the idea of organizing the workshop. He said, “The workshop is successful beyond our expectations because it attracted the active and enthusiastic participation of teachers participating in 04 groups to build their lesson contents in the most effective way. Besides, the workshop is a combination of many helpful contents, creating strong motivation for teachers of the college in using online teaching applications. In addition, the workshop is also an opportunity for the leaders of NTVC to review their management and make appropriate adjustments during the digital transformation journey of the college. In order to continuously improve kills as well as motivate teachers to use digital platforms for teaching, 05 on-site training sessions on Moodle skills were organized for each group of teachers of different knowledge and skills after the Design Thinking Workshop. These training sessions focused on specific instructions on Moodle basic skills (for unskilled teachers, organized in 03 sessions from April to June 2023) to advanced skills (organized in 02 sessions in July 2023) for more than 20 teachers on the following topics: designing lesson plan/course structure; developing the content and figuring the course requirements; enrolling students in the course; creating test content in the form of multiple choice, drag and drop, filling in the blanks, true or false answers …. In the very limited conditions of time, skills as well as human resources to support the video recording for teaching, teachers can use the features of different applications such as Power point, Screenpal, Prezi by themselves. …to develop their own lesson contents, create videos of their lectures based on available materials designed on Powerpoint, Prezi that absolutely helps teachers save a lot of time, make their lectures more dynamic, more qualified and especially increase the interaction between teachers and students. In addition, to help teachers have more reference resources for their self-study and improve more skills, the GIZ Digital Ambassador at NTVC also built a sample course (demo) on LMS platform with very clearly instructions of all steps, created links to cutting-edge, free apps with the aim of ensuring that no teachers will be left behind on the journey of accessing digital skills. NTVC leaders and teachers highly appreciated the capacity building activities after the Design Thinking Workshop designed and supported by GIZ due to its contribution to awareness raising, motivation creating in applying digital skills and to the success of digital transformation journey. (TVET Aug 1)

LILAMA 2 Elevates Expertise in Service and Commissioning

The specialised training programme in Advanced Service and Commissioning – SINUMERIK 828D and 840Dsl Dealer was organised from July 3 to 14 at LILAMA 2 International Technology College (LILAMA 2) and continues the master trainer training programme for SINUMERIK application. The 80h advanced training was conducted by the SIEMENS CNC expert, Mr. Paul Glover, who provided conscientious instructions and hands-on lessons for five key master trainers from LILAMA 2 and three technicians from the industry.

Beyond the training itself — special technology achievement
The participants acquired a profound comprehension of perfectly embedded systems in Totally Integrated Automation (TIA) environment – a unique level of integration — from the field through the production, up to the company supervisory level. The extensive scope of the training guaranteed that the college teachers and industry technicians understood and can practically apply their gained proficiency in servicing and commissioning SINUMERIK 828D and 840Dsl systems. The new gained competencies reach from setting up axis machine data, initialising the programmable logic controller (PLC) and Numerical control (NC) systems to supplementing SINUMERIK applications with tool and process monitoring systems, measurement systems, as well as tele-service and video monitoring systems.

Certificates of Competency

In recognition of the accomplishments and enhanced competencies, SIEMENS certified the LILAMA 2 master trainers and the technicians of the industry upon successful completion of the training programmes. These globally known certificates serve as evidence of the developed abilities and will undoubtedly boost the professional credibility of all attendants, particularly, the master trainers from LILAMA 2.

LILAMA 2’s Dissemination of Service & Commissioning

Following the successful completion of the SINUMERIK master trainer programme, the well-trained key teachers from LILAMA 2 International Technology College are now well-positioned to disseminate higher-level service and commissioning training to the smart manufacturing industry, especially for those who have a demand on CNC highest dynamic performance and precision with SINUMERIK. The practice-oriented training course was 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 the Programme “Reform of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Vietnam” and supported by the develoPPP.de programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) implemented by GIZ GmbH in cooperation with the Vietnamese DVET. (TVET Aug 1)

Vietnam Dispatches 85,224 Workers Abroad in Jan-Jul, Meeting 77% of Target

Vietnam sent 85,224 workers, including 29,712 females, overseas in the first seven months of 2023, reaching 77.47% of the whole-year target, according to the DoLAB, under the MoLISA. Of the sum, 41,139 were taken to Japan; 36,956 to Taiwan; 1,799 to South Korea; 1,024 to China; 800 to Singapore; 802 to Hungary; 537 to Romania; and other markets. In recent years, Japan has been the biggest recipient of Vietnamese workers. This year, Vietnam aims to take 110,000 workers abroad. (Vietnam Plus, Suc Khoe Doi Song, Lao Dong Cong Doan Jul 31)

Vietnam to Send workers to Greece This Year
The DoLAB has allowed three firms to send a combined 150 labourers to Greece this year. The firms are CIP.CO Export Import and Human Resource JSC, BBC Group Trading Development and Investment JSC, and Viet Thang International Development Corporation. The 150 employees will work in Greece’s agriculture sector for two years while receiving minimum monthly salaries of EUR803 ($889). (Vietnam Plus Jul 26, Tuoi Tre News Jul 27)

ACCA, DVET Support Colleges in Diploma Integration

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and DVET held a ceremony on July 27 to launch support for Vietnamese colleges in updating and integrating diplomas. The event aimed to implement a memorandum of understanding (MoU) inked between ACCA and DVET on February 21, 2023. (VietnamNet Aug 1)

Skilled Vietnamese IT Workers Underwhelmed with Japanese Employers

Japanese companies are at risk of losing skilled information technology workers from Vietnam on which they rely, as more young professionals from the Southeast Asian country look to the U.S. and Western employers for higher wages. A job fair in Hanoi capital city in May drew many Japanese companies looking for graduates from the Hanoi University of Science and Technology, the country’s top science school. Seven of the businesses succeeded in recruitment, but “there is a strong sense that those candidates had an interest in Japanese culture,” said an official from the fair’s organizer. The official said IT companies in Europe and the U.S. are willing to offer an annual salary of JPY10 million ($70,500) to highly skilled workers, much more appealing than the level quoted by Japanese enterprises at around JPY4 million-JPY8 million. IT workers have many global opportunities, and competition for them is fierce. “Japanese IT companies offer lower wages than other foreign companies,” an engineer working for a European business based in Ho Chi Minh City said. “They often require people to learn Japanese, so I am not thinking about working for one.” (VietnamBiz Jul 26)

Vietnam, Japan’s Wakayama Boost Ties

Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Nguyen Sinh Nhat Tan received Governor of the Japanese prefecture of Wakayama Kishimoto Shuhei in Hanoi on July 27, during which both sides discussed measures for greater cooperation. Deputy Minister Tan suggested cooperating in consuming each other’s typical agricultural products and supplying Vietnamese workers to Wakayama firms. The Wakayama governor, in reply, said his prefecture wants to promote workforce training cooperation with the Vietnamese ministry to provide labourers to Wakayama businesses. (MOIT, Tap Chi Cong Thuong, Dang Cong San, Vietnam Plus Jul 27)

Japan’s Wakayama Looks for Vietnamese Workers to Plug Staffing Shortage

The Japanese prefecture of Wakayama is looking to step up the training and reception of trainees, specified skilled workers, and engineers from Vietnam to tackle labour shortages. On his recent trip to Vietnam, Wakayama’s Governor Kishimoto Shuhei signed a memorandum of
understanding (MoU) to receive more Vietnamese workers with the Department of Overseas Labour on July 28 in the presence of Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Nguyen Ba Hoan. The Wakayama government will develop a mechanism to support and take care of Vietnamese trainees and workers in the prefecture, while the Vietnamese ministry will set up communication channels to address issues and protect the interest and legitimate rights of Vietnamese workers, said the MoU. Before the agreement conclusion, Governor Shuhei talked to Deputy Minister Hoan, who requested Wakayama to strengthen vocational training and social security for Vietnamese workers there (Nhan Dan, MoLISA, Bao Kiem Toan, Lao Dong Hoi, Dan Tri Jul 28)

Dong A University Holds Wakayama Career Fair

On July 26, Dong A University in central Danang City held a Wakayama career fair, as part of the Vietnam visit by the Japanese prefecture’s officials. The event offered over 200 vacancies, mostly in fields of caregiving, business administration, electronics commerce, construction, electric-electronics technology, automation, automobile technology, and Japanese language. (Bnews Jul 26)

Japan’s Keidanren Looks to Partner with College of Engineering Technology Polytechnic

Representatives of the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the Japan International Friendship Association (JIFA) took a field trip to Hanoi-based College of Engineering – Technology Polytechnic (CTECH) on July 26. During the meeting with CTECH’s Headmaster Le Kim Dung, Keidanren’s representative Shimizu Yusaku hoped it would have opportunities to cooperate with the college in the coming time. JICA’s representative Shishido Kenichi said the Japanese delegation wants to learn about vocational education in Vietnam and the dispatch of Vietnamese workers to Japan. (Dan Sinh Jul 28)

PM Calls on Samsung to Develop Vietnamese Managerial Crew

Vietnam expects Samsung to promote the training and development of Vietnamese managerial and leadership crew at its local subsidiaries, said Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh. PM Chinh made his call while meeting with General Director of Samsung Vietnam Choi Joo Ho on July 30 as part of the Vietnamese government chief’s trip to northern Bac Ninh province, which is home to Samsung Electronics Vietnam (SEV). He hoped the South Korean tech giant to contribute to high-skilled workforce training and administrative capability improvement in Bac Ninh and Vietnam. Samsung has invested $19.8 billion in Vietnam to date, with a disbursement rate of 102%. Its Vietnam workforce stands at 100,000, including 261 foreigners. (Bao Chinh Phu, Tien Phong, Thanh Nien, VietnamBiz, Dang Cong San, VOV, Vietnam Plus Jul 30)

Innovation Precision Vietnam to Build $160M Aluminium Alloy Plant in Nghe An
The government of Vietnam’s central province of Nghe An has approved an investment policy for a VND3.87-trillion ($161.25 million) aluminium alloy plant invested by China-owned Innovation Precision Vietnam. Head of the Dong Nam Economic Zone Management Board Le Tien Tri said this project has the largest-ever investment rate in Nghe An province. Once operational in October 2024, it is expected to create about 1,500 jobs. (Dau Tu Jul 29)

**Vietnam-Taiwan Business Assoc., Vietnam Association of Community Colleges Ink Deal**

On July 26, the Vietnam-Taiwan Business Association (VTBA) and the Vietnam Association of Community Colleges (VACC) inked an agreement to help member colleges train human resources for Taiwan-invested firms in Vietnam. (Giao Duc Thoi Dai, Doanh Nghiep VN Jul 27)

**Hong Kong Workers Biggest Earners among Expats in HCMC**

Hong Kong workers were the biggest earners among 9,583 expats licensed to work in Vietnam’s southern economic hub of Ho Chi Minh City in the first six months of 2023, according to the municipal department of DoLISA. In the period, 30 Hong Kong workers earned an average monthly salary of VND400 million (16,666). Of them, 11 are managers, 16 are experts, and three are technical employees. Coming second were 61 Indonesian workers with an average monthly salary of VND300 million, including nine managers, one executive director, 40 experts, and 11 technical staff. Holding third place were those from Singapore, with 164 employees making an average monthly wage of VND145 million. Of those, 67 are executive directors, along with one manager, 86 experts, and ten technical workers. In the six-month period, the municipal labour department awarded work licenses to 6,873 expats, 1,974 managers, 1,396 technical staff, and 80 executive directors. More than 4,000 units and enterprises applied for work permits for expats from 127 countries and territories. As of July 15, HCMC was home to 26,677 foreigners with valid work licenses from 9,202 organizations and businesses. South Koreans made up the largest share with 1,671, followed by Japan with 1,437, China with 739, the U.S. with 719, and the UK with 644. (Dan Tri, An Ninh TV, Tien Phong, QDND, ANTD Jul 29)

**Domestic News**

**Heads of Vocational Schools Concerned about Students Quitting**

Some leaders of vocational schools voiced their concern about many students quitting after studying for a while. Principal of Quoc Viet Technical and Economics Intermediate School Nguyen Phuc Tho said that some 15%-20% of students drop out of the school each year while in some other vocational schools, the rate is even over 50%. Mr. Tho attributed the situation to students’ unclear motivation for study and poor educational capability. (Giao Duc Jul 30)

**Many Vocational Schools Struggle with Shortage of Teaching Staff**

Many vocational schools have been struggling with the shortage of teaching staff. Director of Hanoi-based Soc Son Vocational Education - Continuing Education Centre Nguyen Van Toan said that it is short of teachers to meet the demand of 1,200 students across 27 classes, especially
teachers of literature, prompting the school to hire contract teachers. The Dak Lak Vocational Education - Continuing Education Centre currently lacks 13 teachers and is seeking to recruit contract teachers. (Giao Duc Thoi Dai Jul 31)

Over 30% of Vietnamese High school Graduates Decline University Chance in 2023

More than 30% of 951,900 Vietnamese high school graduates in 2023, equivalent to nearly 300,000 students, gave up the chance to apply for universities, down 4% y/y, data from the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) as of July 30 showed. However, the ministry said that rate was normal as students have many education options for the future, such as vocational education or study abroad. Other education experts said that 30% of candidates, who refused university admission, could also be virtual candidates or candidates not meeting the entrance requirements prescribed by the universities. This year, Vietnam’s university enrolment rate is 66% (or 600,000 candidates), higher than last year with 64.07%, the MoET accessed. (Dai Doan Ket, VnExpress, Bao Chinh Phu Aug 1)

Vietnam Licenses 89,600 New Firms in Jan-Jul, up 0.2% y/y: GSO

Vietnam is estimated to have licensed 89,600 new firms in the first seven months of this year, up 0.2% y/y, with their total registered capital of VND834.3 trillion ($34.76 billion), down 17.1% y/y, the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) said in its latest monthly report. The average registered capital of a new firm in the period fell by 17.3% y/y to VND9.3 billion, the office said, noting that the new firms used 588,900 labourers during the period, down 5.2% y/y. (GSO Jul 29)

Electronics Plants in Northern Vietnam Look for Thousands of Workers

Electronics companies in nine northern Vietnamese localities are looking for over 21,600 workers as orders for Apple products have returned. Hanoi, Haiphong City, and Bac Giang, Bac Ninh, Thai Nguyen, Phu Tho, Ninh Binh, Thai Binh, and Bac Kan provinces were looking to recruit over 40,100 at an online job fair on July 25. Half of the vacancies are for electronics workers while the rest for garment workers, guards, cleaners, sales and marketing agents, engineers, drivers, welders, storage keepers. Bac Giang has the highest demand with 17,500 workers, mostly for electronics. By the end of the session, its factories interviewed 308 applicants. Director of the Bac Giang Employment Centre Nguyen Van Hue said. In the first half of this year, businesses in the textile, electric components, and other sectors in Bac Giang laid off around 26,500 workers. However, the labour demand has since shot up, and they are expecting to employ 70,000 workers this year. The sudden demand arises as many firms are seeking to expand production, and many new businesses have been set up as orders have returned since July, mainly for production of Apple headphones and chargers. Major Apple supplier Foxconn plans to hire 24,500 workers, while Luxshare-ICT (24,000) and New Wing Interconnect Technology (13,000) are among the other major prospective employers. Some of the job applicants are from the south which has seen waves of layoffs. Some are seeking to move from other industries like textiles. (Vietnam Plus, VnExpress Jul 25)
Hanoi Helps 19K Labourers Find Jobs in Jul

The capital city of Hanoi helped over 19,000 labourers seek jobs in July, up 4.8% y/y, according to the municipal DoLISA. The figure was 132,000 in the first seven months of this year, down 3.3% y/y and fulfilling 81.9% of the year’s target. (Doanh Nghiep Tiep Thi Jul 28)

Haiphong City Aims for 50% -55% of Students Joining TVET by 2030

Northern Haiphong City has set a target to attract 50%-55% of its secondary school and high school graduates to TVET and re-train 50% of its workforce by 2030, thus contributing to raising the rate of labourers with certifications to 45% by that end. The city also aims for five high-quality TVET institutes, including two colleges. Besides, it aims to have two-three occupations with outstanding competitiveness in ASEAN-4 and three-five occupations approaching G20. (Thanh Pho Hai Phong Jul 30)

Hung Yen Targets to Recruit 62,500 Student for Vocational Study in 2023

Hung Yen province sets a goal of recruiting 62,500 students for vocational study in 2023 compared to 52,550 in 2022. It also aims to have 90% of workers getting jobs post-training, 69% of trained workers, and 31% of workers with diplomas and certificates. At present, the province has 26 vocational institutions with an annual training output of 70,000 learners. (Bao Hung Yen Jul 26)

Yen Bai Aims to Provide Vocational Training to 7,000 Rural Workers in 2023

Northern Yen Bai province has set a target to provide vocational training to 7,000 workers in rural labourers this year, including 4,100 taking agricultural occupations and 2,900 joining non-agricultural jobs. (Bao Yen Bai Aug 1)

Vietnam Binh Dinh Seeks Investors for VND1.45T Hi-Tech Agricultural Project

The Department of Planning and Investment in Vietnam’s central Binh Dinh province is seeking investor(s) for a high-tech agricultural project with a total estimated cost of VND1.45 trillion ($60.42 million). It is expected come on stream in the third quarter of 2026, employing 4,000-5,000 workers. (Bao Dau Thau Jul 27)

Kon Tum Helps 3,152 Workers Find Jobs in Jan-Jul

The Central Highlands province of Kon Tum helped 3,152 labourers get jobs in the first seven months of this year. Of whom, 1,085 are of ethnic minorities. (Bao Dan Toc Aug 1)

Lam Dong Helps 15,000 Labourers Get Jobs in H1
The Central Highlands province of Lam Dong helped 15,000 labourers find jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, up 400 y/y and fulfilling 60% of the year’s target. Besides, the province enrolled 20,500 TVET learners, up 11.14% y/y and meeting 56.94% of the year’s target. (Bao Lam Dong Jul 31)

**HCMC Helps 163K Labourers Get Jobs in H1**

Southern Ho Chi Minh City helped over 163,000 workers get jobs in the first half (H1) of this year, fulfilling 54.3% of the year’s target, according to the municipal DoLISA. (Dan Sinh Jul 29)

**10 Colleges in Dong Nai Aim to Recruit 4.1K Students in 2023-2024 School Year**

Ten out of 11 colleges in Dong Nai province target to recruit over 4,100 students in the 2023-2024 school years. Lilama 2 International Technology College aims to recruit 600 students this year, and it has got 400 applications to date. (Bao Dong Nai Jul 31)

**Dong Nai Needs Nearly 14K Workers for Long Thanh Airport**

Southern Dong Nai province is estimated to need nearly 14,000 labourers for Long Thanh airport, which is scheduled to start operation on September 2, 2025. The figure includes 5,800 at the university and post-university levels, 2,250 at the college and intermediate levels, and 5,700 at the elementary and manual levels. (VietnamNet Jul 29)