**ACPDA VIETNAM Newsletter**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Industry-University collaboration in career orientation and training**

Summarized from VIR

PwC Vietnam and University of Economics and Law (UEL) have formed their strategic partnership in career orientation and training with the aim of improving the skills and abilities of UEL students. The parties will collaborate on developing curricula focused on information technology, information security, and data analytics. The aim is to support graduates in their transition from university to a professional working environment and to help them adapt to the challenges of the fast-changing digital age.

Both parties asserts that the partnership is anticipated to bring positive changes to workforce development in new industries, and will help the future workforce to prepare for the upcoming waves of digital transformation. At the same time, it will enrich students’ practical know-how and help them secure the best job offers by expanding corporate relations with top firms. **Click to read the full article.**

**Vietnam’s labor force in the face of Industry 4.0**

Summarized from Vietnamnet

March 2018, Deputy Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs Le Quan claimed that there is a shortage of skilled workers in key sectors such as mechanics, electronics and electrical engineering, as well as high-level human resources working in some sectors. The government has instructed related ministries and enterprises to study the impacts of the industry 4.0 on employment and identify the needs for changes and equip workers with the necessary skills. This will meet the requirements of technology transfer, as well as provide information and directions for planning, renovating education and training in the short, medium and long term. The Government will focus on investing in its training system. The first focus is the training of new workers with technical expertise. The second focus is to provide retraining and advanced training for workers who are already working. Retraining and advanced training will be conducted in three forms: in professional education institutions; at schools and classes of business enterprises; and on-the-job training. **Click to read the full interview.**
GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Smart school model to be launched in HCMC

Summarized from TheSaigonTimes

The smart school model is to be piloted at schools in selected districts in 2019, and to be expanded to more schools all over Ho Chi Minh City. The smart schools model will be equipped with modern equipments and facilities together with innovative curriculum and teaching methods that focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) model. In addition, the smart schools model will provide an online environment that allow student to access anytime and anywhere.

This project will help HCMC education sector grow stronger for international integration is based on a scheme for turning HCMC into a smart city until 2020 with a vision to 2025. This initiative is expected to help prepare HCMC education sector to keep abreast of HCMC’s smart city plan (2017-2020) which aims to achieve a sustainable development as well as provide more services to its citizens. Click to read the full article.

New curriculum to focus on practical application

Summarized from Vietnamnet

The new curriculum will encompass mandatory practical activities for students to experience. Whereas primary schools will focus on developing their life skills, soft skills, relationships with friends, teachers and family, secondary schools will focus on activities for social and community services and job-oriented activities.

Regarding literature, instead of having to learn sample essays by heart, students are highly encouraged to express their own ideas, viewpoints and creativity. Meanwhile, with respect to Math, students will have more time to carry out experiments and participate in creative activities, such as educational projects with the application of math in reality or math-related games. Click to read the full article.