

Joint Declaration
between
the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam
and
the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Women and Families of the
German State Thuringia

on the occasion of the reception of a delegation from the German State Thuringia in the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs.

Both Partners

- wishing to contribute to a successful development of the economic relations between Thuringia and Viet Nam

- considering that

1. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam experienced growing prosperity over the last three decades. One of its policy focuses is on vocational education and training for its relatively young population. Future economic success of Vietnamese companies depends amongst other topics on good vocational training.

2. The vocational training system in Germany in general and Thuringia in particular sets out high standards.

3. One decisive prerequisite for economic cooperation is that there are people that are fluent in both languages and know both cultures.

4. The demographic development of the Thuringian population makes it necessary, that Thuringia aims to keep young people in Thuringia to complete vocational training.

5. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam offers young people the chance to complete vocational training overseas and therefore gain an unique intercultural experience.

6. Thuringian enterprises and associations of enterprises/chambers of commerce have indicated a strong interest to employ young people from Viet Nam as apprentices.

agree as follows:

1. We appreciate initiatives of Thuringian enterprises and associations of enterprises/chambers of commerce to encourage young people from Viet Nam to complete vocational training in Thuringia.

2. The contract conditions of Thuringian enterprises for Viet Nam apprentices have to comply with German laws and be equal to the apprentices from Germany in that very enterprise.

3. The Thuringian Ministry of Labour Social Affairs, Health, Women and Families will offer programmes to assist young apprentices from Viet Nam to work in Thuringian enterprises in the process of integrating in the new environment.

4. A good education in the German language and an orientation in the German culture is a prerequisite for the success of Vietnamese apprentices in Thuringia. Therefore, both partners are open to assist Thuringian enterprises and associations of enterprises/chambers of commerce to find the right partners in Viet Nam to organize the necessary language and culture education in Viet Nam as a preparation for vocational education and training for future apprentices in Thuringia, in compliance with relevant Vietnamese and German legislation.

5. We perceive the fact that young people from Viet Nam successfully complete vocational training in Thuringia as a contribution to intensify the economic and cultural relations between Viet Nam and Thuringia in the future.

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