

Consulate General of India Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam

## Advisory on Luring of Indian Nationals on False Promise of Employment in Vietnam by Unscrupulous Agents in India

It has come to the notice of this Consulate that some unscrupulous agents are cheating poor people in India by luring them on false promise of providing employment in Vietnam. These unauthorised agents take money from the poor people in the guise of getting them jobs and send them to Vietnam on Tourist Visa. It has become a regular phenomenon. These miscreants have connived with a few local agents in Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong and other provinces of Vietnam. Local agents arrange work for these job seekers for a few days illegally in some factories. After that they are left jobless and destitute. They often overstay their visas and continue to wander from here to there on false promises of jobs. They become illegal migrants after expiry of their visa and stuck here without any shelter and food. The Consulate takes the issue with local authorities when the matter is reported to it and facilitates them to return safely to India. However, it takes a lot of time to complete the formalities. Such illegal migrants have to undergo tremendous agony and sorrow till the formalities of their exit are completed.

It is to be informed that working in Vietnam on tourist visa is illegal and a hefty penalty is imposed on such persons who are caught working here without any proper work permit. Indian nationals intending to visit Vietnam for employment are cautioned to do so only through authorised agents and do not fall prey to these miscreants. It is also advised that the background of the prospective employer in Vietnam is checked thoroughly and proper work visa is obtained.

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