

## Highlighted updates

- **22<sup>nd</sup> Job Situation Report [New 14 July]**
  - **Number of local hires supported by the Jobs Growth Incentive (JGI) more than doubled to 270,000 by February 2021**
    - Nearly all (99%) of these businesses were small-medium enterprises (SMEs).
    - Unemployment rates eased, but remained elevated.
    - JGI has been extended to September 2021.
  - **JGI supported hiring across sectors**
    - Four in ten of the hires were in growth sectors, such as Wholesale Trade, Professional Services, and Information & Communications.
    - JGI also continued to support the recovery in the Food Services and Retail sectors.
  - **JGI-eligible employers were successful in tapping on a wider pool of jobseekers**
    - Employers who focus on the suitability of the candidates will be more successful in finding matches.
    - Strong financial support for reskilling and job redesign enables employers to access a wider pool of candidates.
  - **JGI Supported Hiring of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)**
    - JGI has supported the hiring of more than 1,600 PwDs as at February 2021.
    - Since 1 March 2021, JGI-eligible employers who hire PwDs will receive enhanced salary support of up to 50% of the first \$6,000 of their monthly salary over 18 months.

[For more details: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2021/0714-jobs-situation-report-22nd-edition>]

- **Minister for Manpower, Dr Tan See Leng on Learning Journey to Souperfoods [New 15 July]**
  - **Manufacturing sector is a key driver of our economic growth and provides good jobs for Singaporeans**
    - At the core of the Government's strategies to ensure that the sector remains globally competitive is the successful adoption of industry 4.0 (i4.0) technologies and the development of a higher-skilled and more productive local workforce.
  - **Encourage adoption of Industry 4.0 Human Capital Initiative (IHCI)**
    - IHCI was launched by Workforce Singapore (WSG) and Singapore Business Federation (SBF) last year.
    - Close to 90 companies have come onboard the IHCI since its inauguration and more than 1,500 job roles were identified to be redesigned.
    - WSG and SBF will be expanding the IHCI to help another 210 manufacturing companies, in particular SMEs, adopt i4.0 solutions, transform jobs, and reskill their workers by 2022.

[For more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/104762677821194/posts/331639998466793/>]

- **Government Accepts Recommendations To Uplift Lift & Escalator Technicians With Sustained Wage Increases And Annual Bonus [New 16 July]**
  - About 1,300 lift and escalator technicians will benefit from the Lift & Escalator Progressive Wage Model (PWM).

- The Government has accepted the Tripartite Cluster for Lift and Escalator Industry's (TCLE) recommendations on the following:
  - Extend existing Lift PWM to include escalator technicians from 2022;
  - Make PWM adoption a mandatory registration requirement for all lift and escalator (L&E) maintenance firms from 2022;
  - Provide a six-year schedule of sustained wage increases from 2023 to 2029; and
  - Implement a mandatory annual PWM bonus for eligible L&E technicians from January 2023.
- **Whole-of-Society Effort to Uplift Lower-Wage Workers**
  - The Government reiterates its call for service providers to continue to invest in their workers' training for a more productive workforce, for service buyers to adopt progressive contracting practices, and for workers to embrace upskilling.

[For more details: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2021/0716-govt-accepts-tcle-recommendations>]

- **Stories of Us by Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) [New]**
  - MCCY is working with the public, private, and people sector partners to collect stories that represent different segments of society and diverse experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, and develop common narrative strands from these stories.
  - Through the stories, it offers a glimpse into an individual or organisation's lived experiences and reflections of the pandemic.
  - TAC partners are encouraged to get their members to share their experiences on MCCY's website.

[Submit your stories here: <https://www.storiesofus.gov.sg>]

- **Queries on Covid-related matters**
  - Refer to MOM's FAQs: [www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/frequently-asked-questions](http://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/frequently-asked-questions)
  - For further advice contact MOM here: [www.mom.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.mom.gov.sg/feedback)
  - For the latest COVID-19 updates, subscribe to MOM's telegram channel:

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