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HOANG TUNG ADDRESSES TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

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[Text] The Vietnam Confederation of Trade Unions [VCTU] recently held a conference of cadres to discuss political education and ideological work among workers and civil servants.

The conference noted that, in the current situation, the working class has always shown its patriotic and revolutionary character as well as its steadfastness in view of the difficulties in the country and in life, and that it has zealously worked and made the best use of supplies and raw materials in order to step up production. Some people, especially the workers and civil servants in those production units lacking the necessary material conditions for maintaining production, however, have displayed little enthusiasm for labor.

The trade union organizations must satisfactorily carry out their important and primary task of educating, fostering and tempering the workers and civil servants. The resolution issued by the VCTU Secretariat on the political education and ideological work of trade unions clearly pointed out: In the current situation, political education and ideological work must be satisfactorily carried out in order to effect a radical change in the thinking, sentiments and revolutionary action of all workers and civil servants. At the same time, workers and civil servants must be motivated to actively participate in all work--economic, managerial, organizational and social. The activities of all sectors, state organs and mass organizations must be closely coordinated under the unified leadership of the party committee echelons.

As the largest mass organizations of the working class, the trade unions have the direct responsibility to carry out the political education of and ideological work among workers and civil servants and must take the initiative on the ideological front.

The VCTU stressed: The trade unions must hold fast to their economic tasks and policies and stay close to production work and the masses so as to carry out political education and ideological work. All trade union echelons, cadres and members are dutybound to do ideological work while carrying out their activities.

Comrade Hoang Tung, member of the Party Central Committee and head of the party Central Committee Propaganda and Training Department addressed the conference.

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