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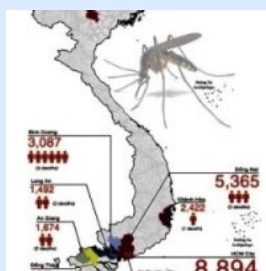


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TPP talks to conclude on Oct 4; Dengue fever in Vietnam

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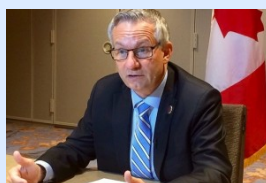
Dengue Fever: 39,000 cases, mostly in southern Vietnam; 8.9k in HCM City

But Hoang Mai District in Ha Noi has been a hot spot, with about 2,000 cases. Dong Nai province reported 5,000 cases, nearly twice last year's level. In an online discussion with leading doctors from the preventive healthcare agency and hospitals, experts said that all fatalities were severe cases and those people came to see doctors too late.



Marathon TPP Talks in Atlanta to conclude on Sun, Oct 4

Autos and dairy seem to have been settled. Now only IP for biopharmaceuticals seems left. The U.S. has made a compromise proposal, moving from 12 years under current U.S. law to eight, more than half-way to the Australian position of five years. U.S. congressional leaders have reminded negotiators that the TPP must be approved by the U.S. Congress, along with 11 other TPP countries' legislators. TPA passed the U.S. House of Representatives with a 218-208 vote. Talks, originally scheduled to end on Oct 1, have been extended to Sun, Oct 4.



"We believe we are on track" to have a TPP deal, Canada's Trade Minister Ed Fast

Canada's Trade Minister Ed Fast said, "Canada is prepared to negotiate, to stay here until we have a deal. We believe we are on track to do so." NZ Dairy Assn: "We won't get everything we want, but in the end we've got to be reasonable." U.S. Congressional trade leaders send letter to USTR asking for close consultations so that the deal will be approved by Congress. Companies, business associations, and four Canadian provincial agricultural ministers converge on Atlanta as the TPP conclusion appears near."



TPP talks in Atlanta Sat, Sep 26 - Thu Oct 1

Three areas remain " ... automobiles, dairy, and patent extensions for biologic pharmaceuticals." The deal is portrayed as "98% done." "... autos is the big issue, and once that is settled, dairy is not expected to delay a final agreement." Chief negotiators meet Sep 26-29, Trade Ministers Sep 30-Oct 1.

Vietnam to give U.S. citizens one-year validity, multiple-entry visas



Vietnam's government is working on a plan to extend the validity of visas for U.S. citizens from three months to one year in a bid to attract more, according to a recent report. However, the report did not indicate any timeframe. It quoted Tourism Minister Hoang Tuan Anh as saying at a meeting with the US State Department that Vietnam aims to bring the annual number of U.S. arrivals to one million by 2017.



Cybersecurity in Vietnam

AmCham is supporting a research project to understand the state of internet-based attacks and defense in Vietnam. The results will be analyzed and presented in a report for senior management. **Participating in the survey will provide your company with 3 key benefits.** The survey should be completed by a senior IT manager, or IT architect.

Events, Meetings, Special Offers



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Korean Air - 3 Daily Flights from Ho Chi Minh to Seoul - Starting 01 December 2015

Korean Air, with a fleet of 159 aircraft, is one of the world's top 20 airlines, and operates more than 430 flights per day to 129 cities in 46 countries. It is a founding member of the Sky Team alliance, which together with its 19 members, offers its 612 million annual passengers a worldwide system of more than 16,320 daily flights covering 1,052 destinations in 177 countries.
www.koreanair.com



Wed, Oct 7 Asia And Vietnam Rewards Trends 2015-2016

Ms Godelieve's session will provide both business leaders as well as HR professionals with the latest trends and opportunities in Total Rewards across the region. Main items would include highlights on attraction and retention, hot jobs, pay trends and changes in employee benefits, ... in Asia Pacific region.



Wed, Oct 14 Vietnam 2015 Consumer Trends

Join Ashish Kanchan, TNS Managing Director for his annual overview of Vietnam's economy and discover the latest trends and consumer habits which have been impacted during Vietnam cooling off period.



Thu, Oct 15 New Member Welcome and Orientation (Members only)

Join us at this Welcome and Orientation Meeting to learn how to best utilize your membership investment. This Orientation Meeting is the perfect opportunity for new members, members, and invited guests to get familiar or reacquainted with all the benefits, events and programs offered to you to help grow your business. You will hear from Executive Director, Herb Cochran on ways to get involved and participate through AmCham's three pillars of: networking, information sharing and working together to improve the business environment.



Thu, Oct 15 Members' Night & Meet the U.S. Consulate General

Join us for a night of casual networking, meet other professionals, bring your business cards. AmCham invites you to attend a Members Night, with networking cocktails and buffet reception. Members' spouses and guests are not only invited but also encouraged to attend with you.



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Cybersecurity Survey: Research project to understand the state of internet-based attacks and defense in Vietnam

The survey should be filled out by someone familiar with the technical architecture of the website, such as a senior IT manager or IT architect.



Manpower®

Wed, Oct 21 Talent Acquisition, Retention & The New Role of Employer Brand

ManpowerGroup surveyed more than 200 job seekers about their current employment, job search preferences and motivators and found that there is a relation between the EMPLOYER'S BRANDING and COMPETITION FOR TODAY'S CANDIDATES.



**AMCHAM
PALOOZA**

Wed, Oct 28 AmCham Palooza Party at Hard Rock Cafe

Join us for a night of casual networking, meet other professionals, bring your business cards. The Palooza ... AmCham's series of monthly informal networking events at the coolest and latest nightspots in Ho Chi Minh City. The monthly Palooza Party is a platform to develop new friendships, networking opportunities and information exchange. People from all age groups are welcome to attend.



Thu, Nov 26 15th Annual AmCham Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament and Lunch

With Thanksgiving just around the corner that means it's time for our 15th Annual AmCham Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament!! This fun day of golf is open to all AmCham Members and their guests! You can sign-up individually or with others members or friends and even make your own foursome. Non-Members are welcome to join as long as they are playing with at least one AmCham Member.



JOIN US: Become a Member of AmCham Vietnam - HCMC

Expand your business by joining us! We currently have almost 500 organizations represented by 1,000 representatives. They are multinational firms, small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs. **Benefits include:** Networking, Information-Sharing, Advocacy and Problem Solving, visibility and Corporate Exposure.

Contact [Ms. Sam Hoang](#) for joining or additional information on membership.



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBER**

AmCham welcomes New Member Companies

AmCham Vietnam - HCMC is pleased to welcome our NEW members who joined us in the last six months. We encourage you to welcome them by visiting their websites and patronizing their businesses. **New members in Sep:** Mainetti Vietnam Co., Ltd; DEK Technologies Vietnam Co., Ltd; Sele Profiles Ltd.; Therm - X System Vietnam Technologies; International Business Investment Consultancy; Salinda Resort

AmCham Corporate Partnership Packages



The Corporate Partnership comes with a range of membership dues, event sponsorship, advertising, and exclusive benefits. One all-inclusive Corporate Partnership annual, semi-annual, or quarterly billing simplifies your businesses' sponsorship efforts. Benefits in each Partnership Package include:

- Logo on "Corporate Partners" banner on AmCham website homepage
- Logo on "Corporate Partners" banner in Weekly Update Email
- Company profile on the "Corporate Partnership" page on AmCham website
- Corporate profile on screen during cocktail reception at Members' Nights
- Special recognition/Thank You Page in Membership Directory
- Special recognition at all business events' backdrop/banner
- Special recognition in all email signatures

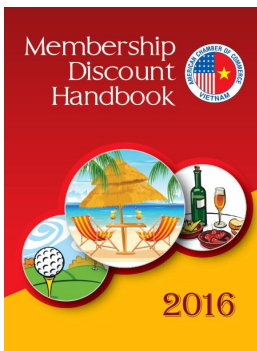
For full information on benefits of each package, please click [HERE](#) or contact [Cindy Tran](#).



Marketing Opportunities with AmCham HCMC

AmCham HCMC offers many opportunities to market your company's products and services to AmCham members, the business community and the general public. Our services include:

- Event Sponsorship
- Event Management Support
- Network (Advertise) on www.amchamvietnam.com: 500k+ views/year (67k in Aug 2015), 200k+ visitors/year plus 9.2k twitter followers, 6.8k facebook fans, 4.9k LinkedIn followers.
- Announcement in Weekly Email: 4.8k AmCham company representatives and subscribers.
- AmCham Companies are offered 3 complimentary announcements in 2015.**
- Print advertising in AmCham Membership Directory
- Print advertising in AmCham Membership Discount Handbook
- Advertising on AmCham Discount Online



2016 AmCham Discount Program

We are now working on **2016 AmCham Discount Program**, if you would like to promote your BRAND & PICTURES widely to all members, join the program by contacting [Ms. Sam Hoang](#)

The AmCham Member Discounts Program is a mutually beneficial opportunity for both AmCham Members and AmCham Discount Partners. Prestigious vendors are invited to offer AmCham members special discounts on their services or products.

(Members present their AmCham Membership Card to receive special, privileged discounts offered by AmCham Discount Partners. A listing of discount offers is available in the annual Membership Discount Handbook (hardcopy) and on the AmCham website at [HERE](#))

News and Issues



Textiles and Apparel: What's in the "import sensitive X-basket" in TPP?

"Import sensitive" T&A in the United States mostly refers to cotton and man-made fibre apparel and fabrics. They are also the type of T&A products to be most likely included in the TPP X-basket. A look at history, past import monitoring programs for China and Vietnam, may give a hint as to what is in the "import sensitive X-basket."



Auto sector rules-of-origin the key factor in concluding TPP

Mexico and Canada, which sell vehicles in the North American market under the NAFTA, with a 62.5% rule of origin ratio, want a similar ratio under the TPP. Japan wants a 45% ratio for autos, and a 30% ratio for auto parts. Among other TPP member states, a source close to the farm sector of Australia said that whether the next ministerial will succeed depends on the outcome of auto trade talks between the four countries.



We can get TPP done this year. The key is to get it through Congress.

"We should not assume that because Trade Promotion Authority was approved, that we automatically are going to be able to get TPP approved ... the reason is that the politics around trade are tough."

Uber Vietnam: Ride-sharing apps vie to replace private car ownership



Uber launched its service in Vietnam last year and says Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi already have the highest average numbers of trips per user out of the 300 cities in which it operates, double the rate in New York. "Our goal is to replace private car ownership," San Francisco-based Uber Technologies' general manager for Vietnam, Dang Viet Dzong, told Reuters in an interview.



Great Gamble on the Mekong - Xayaburi, Don Sahong, and more dams

Fishers and farmers have for some time tried to block a proposed dam on the Mekong River in southern Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR). Most recently, they made their views known at a public consultation on the Don Sahong dam. In all likelihood, however, they will lose and the dam will be built. Great Gamble on the Mekong, a new documentary from filmmaker and journalist Tom Fawthrop, insightfully details the probable dire consequences of this dam, and the failure this represents for a once-promising extra-legal cooperative structure, the Mekong River Commission.



AmCham Scholarship 2015 . 15th Anniversary

AmCham Scholarship 2015 TIMELINE - Quick Summary We, 20 May Tech Info Session. Mo, 17 Aug Application form opening. Sa, 05 Sep AmCham Scholarship Info Session. Sa, 26 Sep Application Deadline of Group 1. Sa, 03 Oct Application Deadline of Group 2. Sa, 17 Oct Screening Results * English Test Schedule. Sa, 24 Oct English Test. Sa, 31 Oct English Test Results * Ability Test Schedule. Sa, 07 Nov Ability Test (SHL Test). Sa, 14 Nov Results of Ability Test (SHL Test). Mo, 16 Nov Schedule for Interviews. Sa, 28 Nov Interview Day. Sa, 05 Dec Award Ceremony.



Weekly Updates Archive 2006 - 2014

Launched in August 2006 to answer many questions about Vietnam's accession to the WTO, the Weekly Update Emails provide news updates, upcoming events, explanations of details of trade and investment agreements, developments in laws and regulations affecting the business environment in Vietnam. Click the link for to visit the archives and look back over the years. Links to more than 10,000 documents providing background on a wide variety of topics, from Vietnam's WTO Accession in 2006-2007, revision of the Labour Code in 2008-2012, to the TransPacific Partnership and WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement from 2013 and ongoing.



Prime Minister's Certificates of Merit awarded to AmCham Vietnam - HCMC

At AmCham's 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on September 18, 2014, Vice Chairman of HCMC People's Committee Le Thanh Liem handed the Prime Minister's Certificates of Merit to AmCham Vietnam - HCM City and to Mr. Herb Cochran, Executive Director for their excellent performance in supporting and promoting trade and investment in Ho Chi Minh City and Vietnam.

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