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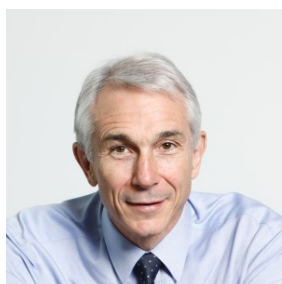
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Visa Waivers proposed by IATA, Internet service disrupted, Self-certification of origin

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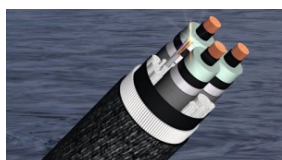


International Air Transport Assn CEO proposes visa waivers, e-freight for Vietnam

Tony Tyler identified the implementation of IATA's Fast Travel program and the easing of visa requirements as key factors to improve passenger experience in Vietnam. "Every tourist that decides to take a holiday in a neighboring country because of Vietnam's visa process is a lost economic opportunity. Easing visa requirements can boost tourism," he said. Air freight accounts for 25% of Vietnam's trade by value, or \$29 billion. E-freight will help to improve the efficiency of Vietnam's air cargo industry

Vietnam considers self-certification of origin

Required by many free trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (see sample form). Current ASEAN plans are for the mechanism to be applied in 10 ASEAN member countries by 2015. This practice has been applied by many countries under the framework of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, especially ones in which the US is a signatory. ...



Damaged underseas cable disrupts internet service again

Internet users in Vietnam will have to suffer slow connection speeds again, as repairs to the undersea cable system, part of which broke down on Monday, can only begin on September 29 and will take a week to finish. A break in the Asia-America Gateway (AAG) cable system connecting the Vietnamese coastal city of Vung Tau and Hong Kong occurred somewhere near the latter's coast at on Monday, Sep 15.

Events, Meetings, Special Offers



OSAC Conference on Managing Security Risks in Vietnam, Oct 1 in HCMC

The Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) executive committee would like to invite constituents, the American business community, and members of the American, Canadian and European Chambers of Commerce to a one day conference on "Managing Security Risks in Vietnam". Space will be limited, so please RSVP to HCMC.OSAC@state.gov to ensure attendance. Please include your Name, Position/Title, Company details, email address, and telephone number. Registration begins at 7:30am and the conference will start at 8:15am. The conference will end at 5:00pm and will be followed by a reception (opportunity to Network with speakers and attendees).

Beer Festival Sept 26th, 27th & 28th and Oct 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Funcity! Saigon is pleased to announce the annual BeerFest: Sept 26, 27 & 28 also Oct 3, 4, & 5 at



FunCity Saigon, 634 Bis Pham Van Chi, P8 Dist 6. The family-friendly event features live entertainment, international food & beer, a large indoor playground with minigolf & carnival rides. Live Entertainment, plus Miss Vietnam will preside over various activities. 6-12 pm, 500,000VND adults (open tap beer) and 200,000VND children (unlimited playground & mini golf), please join and share the fun.
www.saiгонbeerfest.com www.functysaigon.com

From September 1, 2014 a second checked bag is FREE!



ANA and United are changing their policy to allow for customers to check a second bag free. Previously customers paid \$100USD for checking a second bag. For select Pacific points of origin including Vietnam to North, Central and South America and effective for tickets issued on/after 31JUL 2014, a second bag can be checked free of charge for travel from 01SEP14-30APR15.
 For more information on each carrier's baggage policies, visit www.united.com/baggage, and/or http://www.ana.co.jp/www/vn/e/www_common/campaign/baggage_1407/

Korean Air Launches Daily Service to Houston



Korean Air, America's largest Asian airline, launched nonstop service between Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and Incheon International Airport in Seoul. Nonstop flights connecting the two destinations will depart from the Terminal D facility at Bush Intercontinental Airport (at 10:40 am) daily.

The additional daily nonstop service of Korean Air to the Americas will provide great connectivity between Southeast Asia and Houston under a convenient schedule.

More on Korean Air's programs, routes, frequencies and partners is available at www.koreanair.com.



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Sep - Dec AmCham Scholarship 2014

AmCham will award scholarships to 45 top students from leading universities in Ho Chi Minh City after an extensive, three-month long assessment and selection process. This flagship program offers AmCham companies an excellent framework for identifying talent, and offers students an experiential learning opportunity about how to apply to join international companies. In addition, we offer "AmCham Women in Engineering Scholarships," and "AmCham - II-VI Foundation Engineering Scholarships." All scholarship programs are managed by the HR Committee, the AmCham Scholars Alumni/ae Club, and the AmCham Executive Office. For more information about AmCham Scholarship 2014, please click [HERE](#).

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- Print advertising in AmCham Membership Directory
- Print advertising in AmCham Membership Discount Handbook
- Advertising on AmCham Discount Online

News and Issues Updates

Apple's Hottest Market? Vietnam



In the first half of fiscal 2014, sales of Apple iPhones in Vietnam have increased nearly threefold, more than any other market in the world. To compare, iPhone sales increased 55 percent and 28 percent, respectively, in India and China in the same six-month period. In Brazil and Russia, they were up 61 percent and 97 percent, respectively. The classic retail channel is key to the company's success in the emerging Asian market. Vietnam shows the importance of brand prestige in the minds of some Asian consumers. What are the lessons to be learned from Apple's astonishing success in Vietnam?

Vietnam suffers support industry shortcomings



"If Vietnamese companies want to join global supply chains, they must improve their production ability and become more innovative and competitive." Samsung Electronics built a \$670 million manufacturing plant in Bac Ninh province in 2007, and expected to develop nearly 100 local vendors by 2015.

After seven years, Samsung Electronics increased its total investment from \$670 million to \$8 billion with two large-scale manufacturing complexes in Bac Ninh and Thai Nguyen, but only seven Vietnamese companies became vendors of the South Korean corporation.

Global Aquaculture Alliance meets in HCM City, Oct 7-10



Help make aquaculture's journey toward greater production and sustainability possible by joining the more than 300 seafood professionals and thought leaders from around the world who attend the Global Aquaculture Alliance's annual GOAL (Global Outlook on Aquaculture Leadership) conference. Through GOAL, GAA strives to carry out its mission of responsible aquaculture by providing a venue at which leadership development, cooperation and education are encouraged. This year's theme is "Celebrating Leadership."

U.S. opens door to Vietnam's tropical fruits



Vietnamese litchi and longan will be allowed to be sold in the U.S. starting in October, following an amended regulation from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The APHIS, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) responsible for protecting animal and plant health, has amended the "fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of litchi and longan fruit from Vietnam into the continental United States," according to a document published in the Federal Register. ...

Ministry of Science and Technology delays restrictions on used machinery imports



on Fri, Aug 29, by issuing Decision 2279/QĐ-BKHCN which stopped implementation of Circular No 20/ 2014/TT-BKHCN. According to media reports, businesses, organizations and individuals as well as government agencies are not competent to prepare implementation of Circular No. 20. The decision to postpone implementation was made by the Prime Minister at the regular monthly Government (Cabinet) meeting in August. Yoshiko Kobayashi, an official at Kansai Economic Federation's International Committee said "Many Japanese enterprises want to relocate production from China to Vietnam. If Vietnam tightens criteria for importing second-hand machinery this will hamper their investment plans."

Uber has arrived in HCM City

You can now enjoy the luxury and convenience of Uber, an American service that offers vehicles that



give passengers the feeling of riding in their own comfortable cars. It only takes a few swipes on a smartphone for clients to start up their Uber app, pick a car, and select the location where they wish to be picked up. The app instantly tells them that a car with a specified license plate will arrive in 10-15 minutes. A photo of the driver is also provided.



World Customs Organization makes changes to HS Classifications

International customs officials at the World Customs Organization (WCO) have agreed on 234 changes to the global system that categorizes products that are imported and exported around the world, and countries are beginning their individual processes to incorporate those changes into their own domestic product category systems. Countries have until January 1, 2017, to incorporate the changes, but much work lies ahead..

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