

AmCham Manufacturing Committee Meeting

April 25, 2016

Participant List:

Milton Hagler- Briskheat, Garth VanDeslunt- FPC, Trai Nguyen- Pepsico, Quan Pham- Wahl clippers, Robert Sitler- Rochdale Spears, Mike DeHart- Rochdale Spears, Ulrik Soll- Sherwin Williams, Trang Nguyen- Long Hau, Jonathan Moreno- Medovations, David Beri- Pemara, Amy Nguyen- AmCham, Linh Pham- 105 Construction Company, Frank Weiland- SCSi Vietnam

Agenda

- Call meeting to order 8:20 am
 - Review meeting agenda
 - Introductions
- Jonathan and Milton Manufacturing update

- Supplier Day Update
 - Pre supplier day
 - Supplier day
 - October 16, 2016 scheduled for supplier day.
 - Core team is looking for volunteer' s to help with all aspects for supplier day.
 - Discussion to look at additional FDI owned companies to participate in 2016
 - Japan
 - Korea
 - Others
 - Amy will send emails
- Vietnam University Discussion
 - Goal to help Vietnamese students understand US manufacturing and operations
 - Discussed implementing a Q/A session with students to help them understand the requirements and culture of US based companies in Vietnam
 - Team needs to be aware of the audience when scheduling and planning Q/A sessions and informational sessions.
 - Important to recognize the English language skill level and do everything to accommodate the audience.
 - Key skills AmCham members are looking for
 - English – reading, writing – speaking
 - Engineering skills – need students with good knowledge and mechanical skill ability so they can excel once they are hired into engineering positions.
- Tailored Supply Chain Presentation – Frank Weiland
 - Presentation looked at the following topics
 - Labor cost in Asian region
 - Vietnam in the lower portion of wages
 - Thailand Relationship
 - Local factories
 - Structure of Thai Automotive industry and the LSE's and SME's interaction

- Demographics of workforce- how this influenced aspects of the supply chain
- Vietnam manufacturing opportunities
 - Improved quality
 - Vietnam should extend the number of expats and experts in quality development, project management, and sales.
 - Vietnam needs to position themselves for the TPP and other trade agreements
- How to Improve
 - Supplier development that includes
 - Supplier assessments
 - Gap Analysis and setup of Quality Systems
 - Management review and Decision
 - Implement actions and reliable QMS – Reach Certification Level
 - Need the top down approach and long term process and cultural development.
- Open – all
 - Input and Feedback
- May Meeting will focus on ERP / MRP trends
- Looking for topic items for June and July meetings
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30