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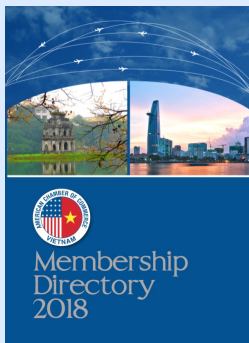


AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - Dec 25

The Board of Governors and staff of AmCham Vietnam - HCMC would like to say
"Thank You" to our Chamber members, partners and friends for
your continued and ongoing support.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year of
health, happiness and prosperity.

FEATURES



Renew Your Membership and Update your profile for 2018 Membership Directory

AmCham would like to invite you to renew your membership for 2018, and update your company profile for printing in **2018 AmCham Membership Directory**.

- Circulation: 1,700 copies, approx 440 pages, dimensions: 19cm x 26cm.
- Perfect bind, soft lam inated cover
- Publishing date: April 2018

We offer **FREE ADVERTISEMENT** on www.amchamvietnam.com for any booking and payment made before **December 31, 2017**. Contact **Cindy Tran** for more details and booking.



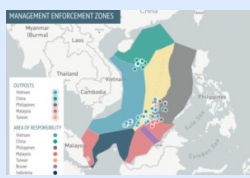
MoIT announces next batch of hot M&A opportunities

On the heels of the billion-dollar auction of Sabeco, the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) has just released a list of 10 large enterprises in the industry and trade sectors to conduct state divestment in 2018, attracting the attention of foreign and domestic investors.



New FDI strategy should focus on domestic sector: experts

New strategies to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) must strengthen linkages with domestic enterprises as a lacuna that cannot be ignored anymore, experts say.



Experts to China: cooperate or South China Sea fisheries may collapse

More than half the fishing vessels in the world operate in the South China Sea, where sovereign rights have been an object of fierce contention among bordering countries. Scientists have been warning that the sea is fast becoming the site of an environmental disaster, the impending collapse of one of the world's most productive fisheries.



Direct PPAs spark renewable energy

To attract investment in the renewable energy sector, the Ministry of Industry and Trade has confirmed that a mechanism to allow businesses to buy power at competitive prices from renewable energy generators will be piloted in 2018.



Important Notice: Create Your Account to Access AmCham Membership Information Center

AmCham Vietnam - HCMC Chapter is very glad to announce a new partnership with MicroNet, Inc. This is one of our actions to enhance your membership experience. Your membership gives you an exclusive access to specialized tools to promote your organization and network online with fellow members via the new online Member Information Center. Follow the email we sent to you on Oct 20th and LOG IN today to update your information and start using new features! Contact Ms. Sam Hoang for questions/assistance.

Events, Meetings, Special Offers



InterContinental Saigon - New Year Offers

Throwing back what you have done throughout the year while enjoying a great dinner with your loved ones? What's better way to close your year of 2017? At InterContinental Saigon, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere wishes for the new year to come to all of our guests. Join us in celebrating the end of 2017 chapter while opening a new one for 2018.



Memorable Festive @ Saigon Prince Hotel

As the festive season is just around the corner, Saigon Prince Hotel has prepared a special offering for you and your family. Experience a wonderful Countdown party from 1.699.000+/- adult and 849.000+/- child for a sumptuous seafood BBQ with live music until midnight. Prices include free-flow beer & wine. We are waiting for you!

Call 028 3822 2999 or email: grill@saigonprincehotel.com for more information and booking.



TURKEY ON THE RUN @ Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon

Let's make your festive dinner even more special with our turkey takeaway with a 6-8kgs bird, infused with wide selections of side condiments and sauces like mashed potato, grilled vegetables, ginger cranberry sauce, red wine sauce and other traditional stuffing.

Only VND 2,588,000 Net per set (including a Bottle of Red Wine)

A complimentary selection of 2 choices of sauces & 2 choices of condiments.



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.



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:
- Announcement in Weekly Email
- E-Blast Advertising

AmCham Companies are offered 3 complimentary announcements a year.

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



AmCham Premium Membership Packages

The AmCham Premium Membership comes with a range of membership dues, which include events, advertising, and other exclusive benefits. One all-inclusive Premium Membership annual, semi-annual, or quarterly billing simplifies your company's administration efforts. Premium Membership Benefits include:

- Logo on "Premium Membership" banner on AmCham website homepage
- Logo on "Premium Membership" banner in Weekly Update Email
- Company profile on the "Premium Membership" 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](#).

News and Issues



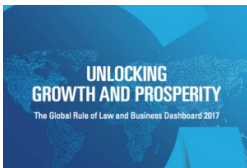
Making local healthcare 'future-ready'

US' GE Healthcare has joined forces with Vinmec Healthcare system under Vingroup to advance Vietnam's healthcare standards. Van Mai reports.



Strengthening linkages between FDI and domestic enterprises to support industry development

The processing and manufacturing industry is always the most attractive foreign direct investment (FDI) segment, accounting for 45 per cent of total registered investment capital. However, Vietnamese enterprises are stuck on the lower rungs in the global supply chain.



Unlocking Growth & Prosperity: 2017 Global Business Rule of Law Dashboard Report

On December 12, 2017, the U.S. Chamber released the Global Business Rule of Law Dashboard. Since 2013 the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, through the development of the Global Business Rule of Law Dashboard (the "Dashboard"), has attempted to bring more attention to the rule of law environment as it relates to business.



Fruit exports to US get Trump boost

US President Donald Trump's state visit to Vietnam last month helped to open the door wider for Vietnam's fruit exports, further strengthening the two nations' agricultural co-operation. The US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced that it will soon allow the importation of fresh mango from Vietnam into the continental US, effective December 29, 2017.

Trade balance in the year's first 11 months (Billion US\$)			
Year	Export	Import	Balance
2008	62.69	80.71	-18.3
2009	57.1	69.95	-12.85
2010	72.19	84.8	-12.61
2011	96.91	106.75	-9.84
2012	114.57	113.79	0.78
2013	132.135	132.135	0
2014	150.19	148.05	2.14
2015	162.11	165.65	-3.54
2016	176.83	174.11	2.52
2017 (forecast)	193.7	191	2.75

Strong second half of year results in big trade surplus

Vietnam has enjoyed a record 11-month trade surplus, reflecting a strong second half of the year in firms' export-import performance. The General Statistics Office reported that, overall, the economy witnessed a record trade surplus of \$2.75 billion in the year's first 11 months.



Deputy PM pushes SOE equitisation

Deputy Prime Minister Vuong Dinh Hue called for speeding up the equitisation of State-owned enterprises (SOEs) at a meeting of the Steering Committee for Business Renovation and Development on Thursday.



Nafta Round Closes With Talks Bogged Down by Conflict

WASHINGTON - United States officials have tried in recent weeks to cool tensions over the North American Free Trade Agreement by extending the timetable for renegotiating the pact and asking top officials to sit out the current round of talks in Mexico City.



Big potential in logistics industry

Increasing competition among private and foreign enterprises shows the market's attractiveness towards suppliers and the potential for development in the growing Vietnamese consumer market.



Weekly Updates Archive 2006 - 2017

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, opinions expressed by business and political leaders on race and investment issues, and 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.

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