



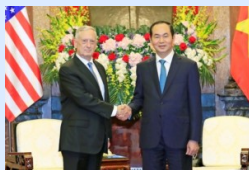
## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 5th Week of 2018

### FEATURES



#### US aircraft carrier to visit Vietnam in March

A United States aircraft carrier is expected to pay a visit to central Vietnam in March, the two countries' defense ministers have said. An official ceremony was organized to welcome U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis to the headquarters of the Ministry of National Defense in Hanoi on Thursday evening, as part of his visit to Vietnam on January 24 and 25.



#### VN Treasures ties with the US: Quang

Vietnam values its comprehensive relations with the US on the basis of respecting each other's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and political institutions, President Tran Dai Quang told visiting US Secretary of Defence James Mattis in Hanoi yesterday.



#### Party chief welcomes US Defence Secretary

The United States treasures and wants to enhance its multi-faceted co-operation with Vietnam, affirmed US Secretary of Defence James Mattis when being received by General Secretary of the Communist Party of Việt Nam Nguyen Phu Trong in Hà Nội yesterday.



#### Trump opens door to TPP return

DAVOS, Switzerland - U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday said he would rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which he decided to exit back in January 2017, if "we made a much better deal than we had."

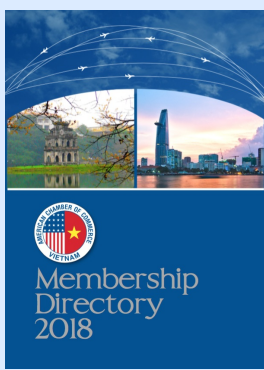
The 11 remaining TPP members just Tuesday set a date for signing a revised version of the deal. Trump had previously refused to rejoin the trade pact despite repeated calls by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, choosing instead to focus on bilateral agreements. But he appears to have changed tack amid pressure from U.S. business leaders.



#### Opportunities to join AMCHAM PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP 2018

The AmCham Premium Membership 2018 offers companies who want to commit demonstrate their leadership and support for AmCham mission and programs. With the strong support of these fine businesses, AmCham is able to achieve its mission at a much higher level.

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## Renew your membership for display your company profile in AmCham Membership Directory 2018 !

AmCham Vietnam - HCMC Board Members would like to thank you for being our members in 2017, and look forward to continuing to work with you to make 2018 another successful year.

We sent you the Membership Renewal package by email in October 2017. Package included Executive Director's invitation letter, Membership fee invoice, form for updating your company profile for the AmCham Membership Directory 2018. We do hope to receive your payment and your submission of company profile by **JANUARY 31, 2018**.

Please contact **Sam Hoang** for any questions about Membership Renewal and Membership Directory.

The **AmCham Membership Directory 2018's** advertising spaces are still available. Please contact **Cindy Tran** for advertising rates and booking.



## Join us by January 31, 2018 and your company profile will be displayed in the AmCham Membership Directory 2018

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.

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## Events, Meetings, Special Offers



## Book Your Tour of the new ISHCMC Secondary Campus!

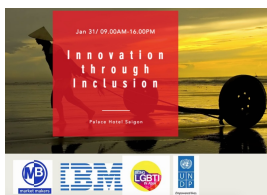
ISHCMC's new purpose-built campus is challenging the way we view education in Vietnam. Featuring writeable and interactive walls as well as moveable furniture, ISHCMC's rooms are flexible working spaces designed to change with the needs of each class. Students are also able to extend their learning beyond the classroom and into wide corridors, collaborative spaces and specialized areas. A 350-seat theater and Black Box, visual arts studios, music suites and recording studios give students the opportunity to follow their passions and excel in the arts. Sporting opportunities have also been transformed with the inclusion of an NBA sized indoor basketball court, 2 outdoor courts, a roof-top football field and 8 lane swimming pool.

## Advanced Purchase Promotion to North America from HCM City



Korean Air, is one of the world's top 20 airlines and carried more than 24 million passengers in 2015. Korean Air operates over 460 flights per day to 132 cities in 46 countries on six continents with a fleet of 175 aircraft including ten A380s.

The airline is a founding member of the Sky Team airline alliance, which together with its 20 members, offers its 665 million annual passengers a worldwide system of more than 17,343 daily flights covering 1,062 destinations in 177 countries.



## Wed, Jan 31 Innovation through Inclusion

How inclusion can boost innovation and competitive advantage. We will show the importance of inclusion to the actual business-case, how it drives an innovative environment with direct improved business results. We are proud to present a wide range of exceptional speakers from different countries and backgrounds.

In addition we are creating a meeting point between local/regional corporations and Multinationals, hoping you will not only be able to increase your network, but also find a way to do direct business.

English to Vietnamese translator available all day.



## **Fri, Mar 02 ICT Committee Meeting: Help Shape 2018 & Be Part of The Change**

The AmCham ICT Committee is going to share 2018 plan. We are seeking for volunteers to build more committee programs and activities for members. Come share your ideas with us and build 2018 plan together.



## **Tue, Mar 20 Vietnam Buyers Training 2018**

On March 20, 2018, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in cooperation AmCham Vietnam - HCMC will conduct a training seminar for Buyers & Sourcing Professionals.

The focus of this one-day, FREE training event will be on products for children and products that have demonstrated high risks of safety violations and hazards such as textiles/apparel, furniture and toys.

## **News and Issues**



### **Using Technology to Be Environmentally Friendly**

How do New York Times journalists use technology in their jobs and in their personal lives? Hiroko Tabuchi, a climate and environment reporter for The Times, discussed the tech she's using.



### **Vietnam approves new ambassador to US**

Vietnam's lawmaking National Assembly has approved a new ambassador to the United States.

The Standing Committee of the National Assembly (NA) issued its approval to the prime minister's nomination of Ha Kim Ngoc as the new Vietnamese Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the U.S. for the 2017-20 tenure.



### **Trump 'puts 100% percent trust in Vietnam': ambassador**

Newly-arrived United States Ambassador to Vietnam Daniel Kritenbrink affirmed Washington's commitment to Vietnam, saying President Donald Trump completely trusts the Southeast Asian country, at an event in Ho Chi Minh City on Wednesday.



### **Vietnam business eyes the world**

Deputy Prime Minister Vuong Dinh Hue said that international economic integration would be the focus of economic restructuring in 2018, requiring breakthroughs in negotiation, signing of free trade deals and improving the legal framework.

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