



## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 6th Week of 2018

### FEATURES



#### Nearly \$850m raised from Gov't bonds in January

The Government mobilised VND19.36 trillion (US\$849 million) through 12 Government bond (G-bond) auctions in January, up 63.3 per cent against the previous month.



#### City aims for all students to learn English from first grade

HCM City plans to have all students learn English since the first grade starting in the 2018-2019 academic year, according to Nguyen Quang Vinh, head of the primary education division at the city's Department of Education and Training.



#### 'Tet of Love' with new EKOCENTERS in Central Vietnam

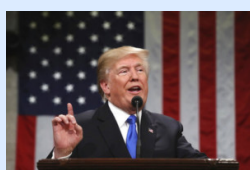
On the journey to support community development with sustainable values, improve the capacity of local women, and bring Tet of Love to everyone, Coca-Cola Vietnam in co-operation with Hue Xanh and Phu Tai Duc Group recently inaugurated the new EKOCENTERS in Hue city and Ha Tinh province.



#### Voting in 2018 U.S. Elections

Your vote counts! Did you know that many U.S. elections for house and senate seats have been decided by a margin smaller than the number of ballots cast by absentee voters? All states are required to count every absentee ballot as long as it is valid and reaches local election officials by the absentee ballot receipt deadline.

Learn more at the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website, [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov). If you have any questions about registering to vote overseas, please contact U.S. Embassy Singapore's Voting Assistance Officer at [VoteSingapore@state.gov](mailto:VoteSingapore@state.gov)



#### Text of President Donald Trump's State of the Union address

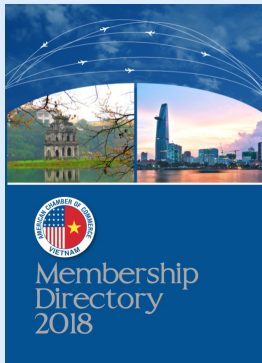
Text of President Donald Trump's State of the Union address, as provided by Federal News Service: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, first lady of the United States, and my fellow Americans, less than one year has passed since I first stood at this podium in this majestic chamber to speak on behalf of the American people and to address their concerns, their hopes and their dreams. That night, our new Administration had already taken very swift action. A new tide of optimism was already sweeping across our land.



## 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.

Our Premium Membership comes with a range of exclusive benefits. One all-inclusive Premium Membership's annual billing simplifies your businesses' sponsorship efforts. Click [HERE](#) for Premium Members' benefits.



## 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. 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 NOW 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.

Contact **Sam Hoang** for joining or additional information on membership.

## Events, Meetings, Special Offers

### 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.



### Tan Cang - Cat Lai terminal has won Green Port Award awarded by the APEC

Saigon Newport Corporation (SNP) is currently operating 18 terminals in synchronous manner with specialized warehousing and storage facilities, ensuring that all sizes of container ships of up to 16,000 tons can be received. SNP currently has a contractual relationship with more than 100 shipping lines and shipping agents worldwide. Tan Cang - Cat Lai terminal in Ho Chi Minh City, 160 ha of yards, 2,040m of berth length, loading and unloading equipment and advanced management technology, and also is the largest and most modern terminal in Vietnam, in TOP 21 largest and most modern container terminal in the world.



## ICT COMMITTEE

### **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.



**GIPC**

GLOBAL INNOVATION POLICY CENTER

### **Wed, Mar 14 IP and Innovation Roundtable**

The American Chamber of Commerce of Vietnam and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Southeast Asia Program and Global Innovation Policy Center invite you to join a conversation on intellectual property (IP) and innovation in Vietnam. The program will highlight the 2018 U.S. Chamber International IP Index "Create," which benchmarks the IP environment in 50 economies around the world, including Vietnam. The Index illustrates how embracing an effective IP regime can stimulate job creation, increase foreign direct investment, and create a more dynamic economy. Please join us for a discussion on the ways a robust IP regime, backed by effective enforcement efforts, will help drive Vietnam's economic growth and global competitiveness.



### **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.



**LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN COMMITTEE**

### **Wed, Mar 21 Logistics and Supply Chain Committee Meeting (For Members Only)**

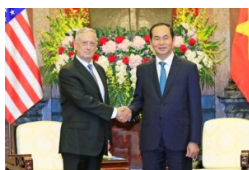
Regular monthly meeting of the Logistics and Supply Chain Committee for networking, information-sharing, and planning advocacy efforts to improve the business environment and promote trade and investment between Vietnam and the U.S.

## News and Issues



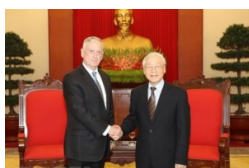
### **US aircraft carrier to visit Vietnam in March**

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.



## 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.

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