



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 13th Week of 2018

FEATURES



VN exports hit \$200b last year: report

A report on last year's imports and exports was released on March 22 by the Ministry of Industry and Trade to provide accurate information on the country's trade to management agencies, policymakers and businesses.



Lighthizer confirms steel tariff exemptions for EU, four other countries

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer today confirmed that the European Union, Australia, Argentina, Brazil and South Korea will be exempted from the Trump administration's steel and aluminum tariffs.



PCI 2017: 40 per cent of FDI firms to expand in Vietnam

Around 52 per cent of Vietnamese companies and 40 per cent of internationally invested companies will expand their business in the next two years, according to the Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) 2017.



2019 regional minimum wages

In preparation for 2019 regional minimum wages negotiations at the National Wages Council (NWC), the Bureau of Employer Activities of VCCI will have a meeting with the NWC's Technical Team in the mid-April 2018 to discuss relevant issues. The adjustment of regional minimum wages is particularly important this year due to the increase of social security rates.

VCCI has asked for VBF's support to prepare a small report on evaluating the impacts of last year's minimum wages policy as well as some current labor regulations/other policies that lead to increasing expenses of the businesses. They asked AmCham members to help contribute comments/inputs on this topic. Your contribution will be consolidated and finalised with the report at the VBF Human Resources WG's meeting on 2nd April 2018. Due to the time constraint, please kindly send them (info@vbf.org.vn) before COB Tuesday, 27th March, 2018 for their further action.

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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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.

Upcoming 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.



Mar 29 Raffles Night: Business Networking

Singapore Business Group HCMC (SBG) will be organizing the Raffles Night Business Networking on March 29th 2018.

This event keeps the tradition of SBG to gather all members, partners of not only SBG but also our fellow business chambers. It is an occasion for our members as well as non-members from different countries, business sectors to get to know each other and be introduced to SBG.



LEGAL & VBF LIAISON COMMITTEE

Apr 10 Legal & VBF Liaison Committee April Meeting (For AmCham's Members)

Regular monthly meeting of the committee to review upcoming events, discuss and prepare positions on key issues, laws and regulations relating to trade and investment between Vietnam and the United States.



Apr 12 AmCham Members Night with Special Guests and Consulate General

Join us the networking cocktail reception at 5:45pm at the Purple Jade of InterContinental Saigon. This will be our special opportunity to introduce you our recently joined members. After introducing of Consulate General team and new members, a cocktail reception will offer networking opportunities for one-on-one conversations with the Consulate General Team, AmCham Governors/Network Leaders, and fellow members.

Sponsored News



Groundbreaking Ceremony: WHA Hemaraj Industrial Zone 1 - Nghe An

WHA Hemaraj Nghe An Joint Stock Company, a subsidiary of WHA Corporation PCL, recently held the groundbreaking ceremony of its state-of-the-art industrial zone in Nghe An Province, Vietnam. With an initial investment of USD 100 million, WHA Hemaraj Industrial Zone 1-Nghe An, representing 498 hectares out of a potential total of 3,200 hectares, will be available to customers by Q4/2018, providing full access to electricity, modern telecommunications and utilities with environment friendly.

Vietnam Buyers Training 2018



On March 20, AmCham HCMC cooperated with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to hold the Vietnam Buyers Training 2018 at the New World Hotel. This full-day training was to help buyers and producers in Vietnam understand better the safety concerns and regulations of the U.S. and Australian markets, and thus them join the supply chains that serve those markets. 120 people participated in this event.

If you missed it, you can download all presentations, in both English and Vietnamese, from www.amchamvietnam.com



DO YOU KNOW YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS ?

We love our AmCham members! What we want to know is do you know all the benefits you get with your membership? It's possible that you only remember the ones you've used recently, but there are many ways even our basic level memberships benefit at AmCham. Click [HERE](#) for details.

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