



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 14th Week of 2018

FEATURES



First quarter GDP growth hits ten-year high

Vietnam posted year-on-year GDP growth of 7.38 per cent in the first quarter of 2018, the best first-quarter performance in the last ten years, backed by growth in manufacturing and agriculture.

Director of the General Statistics Office (GSO) Nguyen Bich Lam announced the information at a press conference in Hanoi on Thursday.



US firms interested in expansion in Vietnam

Although US President Donald Trump wants US firms to focus on domestic business, they still pay attention to investment in Vietnam and want to further expand and develop their projects, especially in the energy sector.



Vietnam leader calls for US to rejoin expanded TPP

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc wants to expand a renewed version of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact to include the U.S. and other countries to drive global economic growth and fight the rising tide of protectionism.

Upcoming Events & Meetings, Special Offers



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 11 Creating Fulbright University in Ho Chi Minh City (For AmCham's Members Only)

In 2016, President Obama announced the U.S. Government's commitment to opening a new, world-class, American-style university in Vietnam. Fulbright opened its doors to the first graduate students in October 2017, and will begin its undergraduate program this summer. Come and join Fulbright President Dam Bich Thuy, Vice President Ted Osius, Chief Academic Officer Ryan Derby-Talbot and award-winning architects from SHoP to learn more about this exciting project, its first batch of students, academic program, enhanced leadership and plans for a stunning new campus.



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.



**EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

Apr 16 AmCham Education Committee Meeting (For Members Only)

The AmCham Education Committee will reconvene on Monday, April 16, from 4 to 5:30pm in the Con Dao Room, Intercontinental Saigon. Members have multiple overlapping interests, and we will use this inaugural meeting to set the agenda for the year ahead. Please come with your best ideas for how AmCham members interested in education can coordinate on advocacy, share best practices (with regard to pedagogy, dealing with officials, resources, and more) and network effectively. If you are unable to attend but want your ideas to be considered, please email ted.osius@fuv.edu.vn



**AMCHAM
PALOOZA**

Apr 18 AmCham Palooza Party at The Reverie's Poolside

Please join us the next AmCham Palooza Party on Wed, April 18 at the Poolside of The Reverie on the 6th Floor. This monthly Palooza Party is a platform to develop new friendships, networking opportunities and information exchange. People from all age groups are welcome to attend. Do not forget to bring many of your business cards for mingle and networking with other AmCham members and guests.



Apr 22 Earth Day 2018 - Live responsibly: Reduce plastic pollution

Celebrated in 1970 for the first time, Earth Day is now a global annual movement to demonstrate our love and care to the environment. As the official member of the Earth Day Network, Keep Vietnam Clean and Green (Việt Nam Sạch Và Xanh) successfully hosted last year in 5 big cities from Hanoi to Phu Quoc, which massively attracted 1,500 participants (a growth of 250% compared to ourselves in 2016) and spread the message to more than 150,000 people. Leveraging that success, this year -2018, AmCham Vietnam proudly co-operates with Viet Nam Sach Va Xanh in this meaningful activity series to create positive impact on the community, spreading green lifestyle to everyone. For further enquiries about Sponsorship Opportunities, please click [HERE](#) or contact [Mr. Tue Phan](#) | Viet Nam Sach & Xanh



ManpowerGroup®

Apr 24 How To Leverage Digitization For Business Success

ManpowerGroup Vietnam in cooperation with AmCham HCMC will organize the workshop "How to leverage digitization for business success" on the morning of April 24th at The Reverie in HCMC. The workshop will highlight the impact of digitization to businesses in Vietnam and in the world, the importance of digital transformation and how to prepare for successful leadership in the digital era. The workshop will also feature valuable insights from well-known business leaders who successfully lead their organizations through the digital transformation.

You are warmly welcome to our workshop to be updated with top-notch sharing and insightsto be successful in 4.0 industrial revolution.

Sponsored News

Advanced Purchase Promotion to North America from HCM City



Korean Air is one of the world's top 20 airlines and carried more than 26 million passengers in 2016. Korean Air operates over 460 flights per day to 123 cities in 43 countries on six continents with a fleet of 169 aircraft. With its modern aircraft and over 20,000 professional employees, Korean Air offers customers convenience and comfort. Korean Air's award-winning offerings of Korean and international meals and state-of-the-art

inflight entertainment system provide passengers with a memorable inflight experience. The airline is a founding member of the Sky Team airline alliance, which together with its 20 members, offers its 612 million annual passengers a worldwide system of more than 16,320 daily flights covering 1,052 destinations in 177 countries. More on Korean Air's programs, routes, frequencies and partners is available at www.koreanair.com



Apr 12: Hanoi Property Market Outlook 2018 at Sofitel Metropole Hanoi

What's the next big trend in the property market? The real estate market has been a hot topic during the first three months of 2018. JLL and Baker McKenzie will provide market updates, key trends and predictions, and more, followed by an in-depth discussion. Our local and international experts will provide their perspectives on some of the key drivers in the real estate market in 2018.



Vietnam Big Build 2018

We are looking for partners for impact to build houses and relationships by joining the Vietnam Big Build 2018. This event will be held in Dong Thap province from November 5-9, 2018 and will bring together over 200 international volunteers, national government representatives, embassies and media to build over 20 houses for low income families. Join us! For more information, please visit our website - www.habitatvietnam.org or email us at lucy.kullman@habitatvietnam.org.



DO YOU KNOW.....?

Benefits when you are AmCham Members

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.

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.



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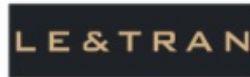
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