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## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 18th Week of 2018

### FEATURES



#### May 5 AmCham's Cinco de Mayo Party at District Federal, D2

Cross the border (no walls) for AmCham's first Cinco de Mayo party at District Federal, an authentic Mexican woodfired grill & bar in Thao Dien, District 2, to celebrate this Mexican/American cultural event in HCMC on Saturday, May 5 starting at 7:00pm. You will enjoy great Mexican food, drinks and music!

**A special prize will be presented to the person who wears the best Latin outfit at this night.**



#### Jun 30 24th Annual AmCham US Independence Day Celebration & Family Picnic

Join AmCham members, friends and family to enjoy a celebration of our traditional American holiday and cultural event that is celebrated all across the USA, in big cities and small towns. This year's event will celebrate 242 years of American Independence. Don't miss this fun-filled day of an American Holiday tradition with live music, amazing food, drinks, and entertainment for ALL. AMCHAM's Independence Day Celebration and Family Picnic is guaranteed to be a great day for the whole family.

***We are seeking sponsorship in the form of cash, products, and raffle prizes. Please contact us if you interest in becoming a sponsor of this special celebration.***



#### VN's CPI sees slight rise in April

Vietnam's consumer price index (CPI) in April went up by 0.08 per cent monthly and 2.75 per cent annually, pushing up the four-month figure by 2.8 per cent year-on-year. This was reported by the General Statistics Office (GSO) on April 29.



#### FDI disbursement up, inflow of capital down

Vietnam's foreign direct investment (FDI) disbursement continued a positive trend in the first four months of 2018 while there was a reduction in the registered FDI capital. According to the Ministry of Planning and Investment's Foreign Investment Agency (FIA), FDI projects in Vietnam disbursed US\$5.1 billion during the first four months, a year-on-year increase of 6.3 per cent.



## Googly-Eyed Trash Eaters May Clean a Harbor Near You

Baltimore's harbor is cleaner than it has been in decades thanks to two anthropomorphic trash wheels pulling debris from its waters.

Mr. Trash Wheel and Professor Trash Wheel, the latter of which was installed in December, are solar- and hydro-powered trash interceptors based in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, clearing debris before it enters the Chesapeake Bay. Over a million pounds of trash has been pulled out of the water by Mr. Trash Wheel since it was installed in May 2014.



## Behind China's sudden olive branch to Japan

TOKYO - On April 16, a day before Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met U.S. President Donald Trump at the Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi was in Tokyo to meet his counterpart, Taro Kono.



## Duterte tells Vietnam: Manila not throwing out maritime arbitration win

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte told Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc that Manila is not abandoning an arbitration victory that rejected China's expansive territorial claim in the South China Sea.



## China looks to be 'winning its war against pollution'

As China marks its four-year anniversary of declaring a "war against pollution," a new analysis shows that air pollution has decreased across the board in the country's most populated areas.



## Private firms may access ODA

Private businesses can borrow capital from official development assistance (ODA) and preferential loans from foreign donors.

This recommendation is part of a draft decree on the management and use of ODA and preferential loans issued by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). It has been published to get the feedback of the public and relevant agencies.

## Sponsored News



## Don't miss out Dale Carnegie's English Program for Leaders in 2018

"Transformational Leadership" aims to help participants evoke their potentials, get out of their comfort zone and achieve transformational goals in their leadership capabilities, which then can help them to excel in their current business as a leader. The programme itself has had more than seven million participants worldwide. Some outstanding graduates are business leaders such as Warren Buffet, Lee Iacocca, Anthony Robbins and 36th US President Lyndon B. Johnson, among others.

Date: May 24, 25, 26 (HCMC) - May 9, 10, 11 (Hanoi)



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Date: May 10th, 2018 - Time: 2pm - 4pm

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### **May 7 Air Quality & Impact on Health and Economy**

Vietnam is ranked in the bottom ten globally for its air quality on the Environmental Performance Index. Since the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and U.S. Consulate General in HCMC began operating rooftop air quality monitors three years ago, public awareness about air quality and corresponding health impacts has grown significantly. The U.S. Mission has invited Dr. George Conway to speak in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi as part of the Mission's Air Quality Awareness Week (May 7 - 11) efforts to educate concerned parents, citizens, and government officials about the causes and health impacts of deteriorating air quality in Vietnam's two largest cities.



### **LEGAL & VBF LIAISON COMMITTEE**

### **May 8 Legal & VBF Liaison Committee May 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.



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### **May 16 Foreign Investment in Distribution and Retail Industry - Updates on Decree 09/2018**

Recently, the Vietnamese Government has decided to replace Decree 23 with Decree 09/2018/ND-CP which has brought significant changes, especially eliminating a number of restrictions previously contained in Decree 23. In consideration of many benefits for foreign investors who want to invest and do business in Vietnam from 2018, our leading lawyers/partners would like to give a speech on the updates from Decree 09/2018 and offer a complete guide for foreign investors/businesses to invest in Vietnam, especially in Distribution and Retail industry. Our instruction and information will surely bring such huge benefits for AmCham corporate members.



### **LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN COMMITTEE**

### **May 21 Logistics and Supply Chain May Committee Meeting (For AmCham's Members)**

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.



### **May 22 2018 Market Outlook: Public Private Partnerships in Vietnam Infrastructure**

The presentation will examine fundamental project finance/bankability issues under the prevailing Vietnam PPP legal regime, including project structuring, mechanics of private sector bids, risk allocation and management between sponsors and an authorised State body (ASB), payment structures and viability gap funding (VGF), termination payments, land mortgage and onshore security package, lenders' step-in rights and direct agreements, limited sponsor support, loan syndication and funding documentation, scope of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) legal opinion, investment protection and tiered dispute resolution, and legal and practical issues associated with enforcement of Government guarantees (GGU) in Vietnam.





## MANUFACTURING COMMITTEE

### May 24 Manufacturing Committee May Meeting (For AmCham's Members)

Regular monthly meeting of the Manufacturing 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.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### May 28 AmCham Education and Training Committee Meeting (For Members Only)

In the next meeting, the Committee's Chair, Ambassador Ted Osius will lead the discussion and aim to prioritize our goals and activities, keeping in mind that AmCham has prioritized productivity, sustainability and predictability in its advocacy to the government of Vietnam.



## HR COMMITTEE

### May 30 HR Committee Morning Briefing: Millennials - Generational Gaps

Millennials (born 1981 to 1996) are in the workforce around 40% and will be up to 70% in the next 10 years for the most companies. We recognised that it must be NOW for the company to have a strategic plan, a right environment to engage, grow and make the company success through this workforce. Join us at an AmCham HR Committee morning seminar to discuss the above in form of a strategic workshop designed in a new way of activities on 30 May 2018. The seminar is intended for executives and managers who are having millennials in their organizations, and also provides an opportunity for those millennials who are holding managerial positions to reflect on their own personal generational values.



### Jun 06 Morning Briefing with Q&A: Visa Procedures for Business Travel to the U.S.

AmCham continues to cooperate with the Nonimmigrant Visa Section of the US Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City to organize this workshop to provide members an update on U.S. visitor visa application procedures, visa renewal procedures, and procedures for group visits (incentive tours, etc.).

If you are planning a business trip to the US, this workshop will help you to complete your visa application smoothly.



## ICT COMMITTEE

### AmCham ICT Committee Survey

The AmCham ICT Committee 2018 Planning Workshop held in March 2018 decided upon a 2018 overarching event theme of Smart Cities.

We attach a quick 3-question survey to gain your input of which events you'd be interested to attend, arrange or speak at.

We'll use the survey results to help select the topics for the 2018 events.

Thank you very much your feedback by **May 25, 2018**.



### AmCham HCMC would like to express a warm welcome to 36 new company members that have joined us during the first quarter of 2018

500 Startups Vietnam | Alpha King Real Estate Development JSC | American Tax for Expats | Anh Khoa's Brother Corporation | APL Vietnam | BHMA - Bespoke Hospitality Management Asia | Cetana Psb Intellis International College LLC | Crystal Steel Fabricators Philippines Inc | Daewon Cable Co., Ltd | DAI | Emergent Cold Vietnam Ltd | Four Points by Sheraton Danang | Fulbright University Vietnam | GMG Auto JSC (DCAR) | Goodman Asia Consulting | GRAB | Hello 5 Coffee Corporation | Hoffman Iron and Steel LLC | Hoozing Company Ltd | Hung Dong Limited Company | Industrialfloor Products Co.,Ltd | Intes Co., Ltd | IVY Construction Company Limited | JE Austin

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## 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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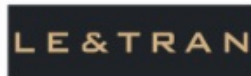
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