



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 19th Week of 2018

FEATURES



Opportunity to meet with Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) on May 28 in Hanoi (for AmCham member only)

Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) will be in Hanoi from May 27-29 for an official visit. Accompanied by three staff aids, Senator Gardner will be meeting with the Government of Vietnam and other interlocutors to discuss his leadership in Congress to promote U.S. engagement in Asia, and to better understand the role Vietnam plays in promoting regional U.S. security priorities.

Senator Gardner will hold all official engagements on Monday, May 28, and has identified meeting with AmCham representatives as a priority. If your company is in Colorado and you are interested in meeting with him on May 28, please let us know by [email](#). Once we have word of his Vietnamese government meeting schedule, we should have a better idea of his availability. We will provide you additional details of his visit and delegation closer to time.



Dallas-based Energy Capital Vietnam Will Lead Effort to Build First Privately Funded and Owned LNG Power Project in Vietnam

Energy Capital Vietnam (ECV), a Vietnam-focused project development and asset management company, announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The People's Committee of Bac Lieu Province to develop an integrated Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to power project, representing the first opportunity for a privately-funded and owned LNG terminal in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.



New public salary system to boost transparency

Nguyen Quang Dung, director general of the Department of Salary Affairs under the Ministry of Home Affairs, speaks to Vietnam News Agency about proposed changes in the future wage system. The proposals will be discussed at the Party Central Committee's meeting, which opens today in Hanoi.



Vietnam Recycles kicks off new programme to collect e-waste

Vietnam Recycles (VR) has launched a new cooperation programme with schools and universities to boost e-waste collection activities.



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.

Sponsored News



A Century of Tradition in one Evening

The world's finest cognac will be paired with incomparable Italian food at The Reverie Saigon's R&J Italian Lounge & Restaurant for one night only on May 9th, 2018. The city's premiere Italian fine dining establishment will present an elegant six-course dinner with paired wine for just 2,888,000++ per person. Named after Louis XIII, a monarch of the House of Bourbon who ruled as King of France from 1610 to 1643, it is generally regarded the finest cognac in the world with a manufacturing and aging process that takes over 100 years.



JW MARRIOTT
PHU QUOC EMERALD BAY

A Summer of Enchantment Awaits at JW Marriott Phu Quoc

Escape the ordinary, with family and friends, to our "fantastical" paradise. Now through September 30, 2018 children under 12 eat free when accompanied by an adult, loads of kids activities available throughout the resort and special discounts for all resort guests to the new Phu Quoc Cable Car. Children will love their visit (and we're sure their parents will too!). Book now as rooms are limited. *Terms and conditions apply.



Chinese Retro Night

"Windsor Plaza Hotel's 'Chinese Retro Night' is returning after the stunning success of last year's event with a culinary and musical extravaganza on 12 and 13 May in the hotel's Club Ngan Dinh to celebrate Mother's Day. Guests will be able to sample a sumptuous banquet of Chinese delicacies while being entertained by the Malaysia-based band Grasswey's live performance putting a modern twist on classic Chinese hits."

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



Viking Fest 2018: Discover America

The event will be celebrated at Binh Quoi 2 Riverside Restaurant, Thanh Da Island on May 19th, 2018. This day will be packed with many fun games, live music with dancers and entertainments. Traditional Viking Buffet, including whole roasted lamb/ veal and pig to be EATEN in the Viking Way. And free flow of soft drink, beer and NORWEGIAN LINIE AQUAVIT.

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Science and Technology for Agricultural Development in South Central Coast and Central Highlands 2018

We are Vietbrand Center for Research and Development - the Organization Board of the exposition and conference on "Science and Technology for Agricultural Development in South Central Coast and Central Highlands 2018" organized under the direction of the Ministry of Science and Technology and coordinated with nearly 30 central and local agencies nationwide. We would like to invite you to join us at the above-said Program by inviting the businesses that are members in your association to take part in this program. They will have opportunities for intensifying trade promotion, developing the market, and accessing effectively the potential market of the provinces of the South Central Coast and Central Highlands of Vietnam.

Upcoming Events & Meetings, Special Offers



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.



& PARTNERS

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.



May 17 Future Series Education: Prepare Your Children For Careers That Don't Exist Yet

We are pleased to announce the launch of AmCham Future Series kicked off by the contribution of two great educational leaders: Ted Osius, Vice President of Fulbright Teaching Vietnam, and Adrian Watts, Head of International School HCMC.



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.

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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.



May 23 AmCham Palooza Party at QUI Lounge

Come and join us for a night of casual networking, meet other professionals, bring your business cards!

The monthly Palooza Party is a platform to develop new friendships, networking opportunities and information exchange. People from all age groups are welcome to attend - there's no age limit, you just have to be young at heart!



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.



AmCham HCMC would like to express a warm welcome to 36 new company members that joined us from April 2018

Crystal Steel Fabricators Philippines Inc. | Goodman Asia Consulting Vietnam Co. Ltd. | NTT Communications Viet Nam | Sonadezi Chau Duc Shareholding Company | VinaCapital Fund Management | The Veranda Resort Joint Venture | Thoresen Vinama Agencies | Vietnam Lee & Man Paper Manufacturing Limited | VinaCapital Fund Management |

Click [HERE](#) for full list of our new joined members with their company profiles



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.

OUR PREMIUM MEMBERS



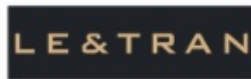
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