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Ho Chi Minh City Chapter



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## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 21st Week of 2018

### FEATURES



#### Party announces personnel reforms, aims for capable and virtuous officials

The Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) will focus its efforts on reforms, striving towards a "contingency of officials with competence, virtue, and reputation befitting their duties." This commitment manifested clearly in the Resolution of the 7th plenary meeting of the 12th Central Committee that concluded on May 12, and was signed into effect by the Party's leader Nguyen Phu Trọng on Saturday.



#### Delta authorities improve management of tra fish breeding areas

Authorities in the Cuu Long (Mekong) Delta have tightened management of breeding areas for tra fish as prices continue to rise.

More farmers are breeding the fish because of the high price, but authorities have told them to not breed the fish in unzoned areas as there are threats of disease outbreaks and reduced productivity.



#### US hospital ship docks in Nha Trang, begins humanitarian programme

The US Navy's hospital ship USNS Mercy docked in Nha Trang port, the central province of Khanh Hoa on May 17, beginning its Pacific Partnership Programme 2018 (PP18) from May 17 - June 2.



#### 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.*



## 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.

### Sponsored News



#### A Creative Summer

Introducing our programme "A Creative Summer" - offered to you for the first time in Vietnam, by Soul Music & Performing Arts Academy - a member of Embassy Education. The three-week programme will provide students with fun activities and memorable experiences through music and performing arts. The programme is geared to promote and support the development of key skills, including: English, Creativity, Critical thinking, Communication, Connectivity and Confidence. A special discount of 10% is applicable to all members of AmCham. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Ha My by sending an email to [my.pham@soulcorp.com.vn](mailto:my.pham@soulcorp.com.vn)



#### What are your top 3 motivational factors to change jobs?

Share with us your thought in this 9-question Job Motivation Survey and enter to win VND 2,000,000 Takashimaya gift card. The purpose of this research is to identify the motivating factors that would urge you to change jobs and those which would influence your happiness and engagement. We ensure you that all information and answers are treated with the strictest confidentiality. [Click here to start the survey.](#)



#### 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](http://www.koreanair.com)

### Upcoming Events & Meetings, Special Offers



#### AmCham Scholarship 2018

2018 marks the eighteenth year of The AmCham Scholarship Program. During the last 18 years, the program has been devoting to improving the business environment in Vietnam in general, and the HCM City area in particular, by helping develop high quality human resources for member companies, as well as helping students develop essential professional working skills. Since launched in 2001, AmCham Scholarship Program has continually been growing. To 2017, the program has totally awarded 815 scholarships to students from 15 leading universities in Ho Chi Minh City. The number of participating universities increased to 18 this year.

## **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.





## Jun 08 Dual Vocational Training - Networking and Experiences Exchange

In cooperation with EuroCham and AmCham, German Industry and Commerce Vietnam (GIC/AHK Vietnam) will organize a networking and experiences exchange event on Friday 08th June 2018 at Le Meridien Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City to introduce German Dual Vocational Training to the members

Due to limited participation, please kindly fill in the Registration Form and send it to Ms. Thuy at [thuy.bui@vietnam.ahk.de](mailto:thuy.bui@vietnam.ahk.de) by Friday June 01, 2018.



## 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 9 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 2018-2019

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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