# AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 30th Week of 2018

#### **FEATURES**



### G20 urges dialogue to resolve trade tensions that threaten growth

Group of 20 members pleaded on Sunday for increased dialogue to defuse escalating trade tensions that could hit global economic growth hard.

Finance ministers and central bankers from 20 leading economies closed a two-day meeting in Buenos Aires warning that "heightened trade and geopolitical tensions" threaten the economic expansion.



### Vietnam's e-government plan needs a big push

Vietnam's growing internet coverage and smartphone usage make the idea of developing egovernment services in favour of people and enterprises quite promising. However, the best way to use these strengths remains unclear. Nguyen Dat analyses.



#### 206 foreign brands franchised in Vietnam

The Ministry of Industry and Trade has granted 206 franchise licences for foreign brands in Viet Nam since 2007, reports from the ministry showed.

Of the total, ten brands were licensed in the first half of this year, according to the report. The majority of franchisers were from the US, the UK, France, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Canada and the Philippines.



# AmCham HCMC would like to express a warm welcome to new company members that joined us in June 2018

Adora Service Management JSC. | Crossroads Management Consulting Co., Ltd. | Energy Capital Vietnam | PR Newswire | Kerry Express (Vietnam) Co., Ltd. | Vietnam - USA Biomedical Institute | World Learning Inc. / SIT Study Abroad Vietnam | Mr. Landis Hicks.

Click **HERE** for full list of our new joined members with their company profiles



# Congratulations to Raffle Prize Winners at AmCham Independence Day Celebration

Please pick up your prizes at the AmCham Office before July 31, 2018. Your winning raffle ticket stub is requested upon receiving prize.

Click **HERE** for List of Winners of Raffle Prizes

#### **GROWING THE EXECUTIVE CENTRE NETWORK IN VIETNAM**

As our member network continues to grow, we're strategically expanding our presence in Southeast Asia and opening the very first Executive Centre in Vietnam. Located in Saigon Centre Tower One in Ho Chi Minh City, expect a mix of private and collaborative workspaces, as well as meeting and conference rooms equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enable seamless connectivity and easy remote communication.





# Vietnam House to host bespoke set dinner menu to celebrate its first anniversary

Vietnam House, the contemporary Vietnamese fine dining restaurant headed up internationally-renowned chef Luke Nguyen, is celebrating the success of its first year in operation. From 23 to 27 July, the restaurant will be hosting a special anniversary 4-course set dinner menu priced at 1,288,000 per person, which includes a welcome glass of Watermelon Bellini. The menu features Octopus Terrine, Iberico Pork Rib, Alaskan King Crab, and Crispy Banana. For the entire period of the celebration, a specially autographed menu with a photo of the award-winning Australian-Vietnamese chef will be presented to all diners, and Chef Luke will be there in person to welcome guests on the 24th and 27th.



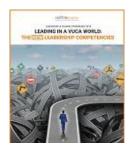
#### Immerse Yourself In The All-New R&J

R&J at The Reverie Saigon has emerged from its redesign as a complete multi-level, multi-experience dining destination. Arranged over three levels, the now distinct R&J Restaurant and the R&J Lounge guides guests on a journey from pre-dinner aperitif through casual or formal dining and finally comfortable post-meal relaxation. R&J Restaurant on the B1 level remains the city's premier Italian fine dining experience. Though the menu may evoke home-style dining, the ambiance is full of flair and romance, from walls of vibrant Italian mosaics to extravagant candelabras and a whimsical collection of deliberately different dining chairs that celebrate 40 distinctive corners of Italy.



#### 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.



### Leading In A Vuca World: The New Leadership Competencies

25th Anniversary Special Offer for 25 first come first served Registration & payment before 27th July. THE FIRST 25 TICKETS WILL PAY ONLY AT VND 1,000,000 PER TICKET (INCLUDING VAT) FROM OUR STANDARD 2.5 MILLION VND.

The world has become VUCA. The leaders need to become Agile, Mindful, Collaborative, and Journalistic to be able to navigate the organization. The Leadership & Change Conference 2018, to be organized on August 9, will address the new leadership competencies in the VUCA environment.



# Willis Towers Watson Vietnam's 2018 Risk Management and Employees Healthcare & Benefits Survey for Manufacturing Sector

It's been six months into 2018 and we do hope your organization is progressing well with your business plan and initiatives for the year! By completing this Survey, organizations will receive a detailed summary of insights, trends and best practices on how manufacturing and processing organizations in Vietnam are managing risks and investing in employee healthcare and benefits to attract and retain talents. We will also consult you in your findings and share concrete recommendations on the surveyed topics.



# Introducing InterContinental® Phu Quoc Long Beach Resort, in Vietnam's most idyllic island destination

InterContinental® Phu Quoc Long Beach Resort, Vietnam, combines luxury with unique natural beauty within a protected UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Having opened in June, 2018, InterContinental® Phu Quoc Long Beach Resort is the latest addition to the InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts brand in Vietnam, and the 1000th IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group) property to open within the Europe, Middle East, Asia and Africa (EMEAA) region. It is located on the pristine Phu Quoc Island, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve off the southwest coast of Vietnam.

### **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

# 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.



# July 25 AmCham Palooza Party

AmCham will continue its series of monthly informal networking events at the coolest and latest nightspots in Ho Chi Minh City.

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!

Come and join us for a night of casual networking, meet other professionals, bring your business cards! The AmCham Palooza is a popular group that holds networking events and happy hours regularly to increase communication amongst membership and expats.



# July 26 Workshop: Logistics 4.0 Solutions for SMEs - New Challenges, New Opportunities

This workshop provides insights into how Vietnamese companies, especially SMEs can embark upon a digital transformation journey of their supply chain management system by using smart, tailored logistics solutions. Your interaction with peers from different industries as well as experts in logistics, retail and hi-tech will help you understand the changes in these dynamic times.



### July 30 Lunch with L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and L.A. Business Council

The Los Angeles Business Council will organize an exclusive, high-level business and city government mission, led by L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, to HCMC with expertise in urban design, architecture, smart city technology, energy, health care, finance, entertainment, education, and real estate.

The purpose of the Mission is to promote foreign investment, trade, and tourism, as well as to increase elducational and cultural exchanges between the two Pacific Rim cities. The Mission will also visit Tokyo and Seoul to meet with key government and business leaders and discuss policies concerning trade, resiliency, transportation, climate, innovation and sustainable urban design.



### Oct 4 AmCham Supplier Day 2018

The 5th Annual AmCham Supplier Day continues and expands the successes of previous Supplier Day events from 2014 - 2017. The AmCham Manufacturer Committee this year will offer additional exhibitor spaces over last year and have expanded expert presentations on insightful topics along with a panel discussion for the all day event. It will be an opportunity for your company to display your products and meet other manufacturers and suppliers to establish a business relationship with them and expand your network. This year advances the partnership with other Chamber of Commerce's and local organizations endeavor to build the Vietnam supply chain. The event this year will double the number of participating manufacturers and suppliers from 2017.



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### 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.

# **OUR PREMIUM MEMBERS**



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