



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 34th Week of 2018

FEATURES



30th diplomatic conference wraps up

The 30th Diplomatic Conference concluded in Hanoi on Friday after five days of meetings. In his closing remarks, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh said the conference had been a resounding success, helping to improve the role of Viet Nam's diplomatic sector.



Moody's upgrades ratings of 14 Vietnamese banks

Moody's Investors Service on Tuesday upgraded the ratings of 14 Vietnamese banks, driven by its upgrade of Vietnam's sovereign rating to Ba3 from B1 late last week.



In HCM City, households sell solar power to grid

The HCM City Electricity Corporation encourages households to instal rooftop solar panels and now there are 475 of them connected to its grid with a total capacity of nearly 5.3MW.



Our Warm Welcome to New Joined Members - July 2018

AstraZeneca
DBS Bank Ltd. - HCMC Branch
Gamuda Land (HCMC) JSC.
Jump Arena Joint Stock Company
Nice Construction & Interior Co., Ltd.
Tan Minh Textile Sewing Trading Co., Ltd.
Tech CFO Co., Ltd.
TTC Hospitality
Vantage Logistics Corporation

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

Sponsored News



Mid-Autumn Festival at Hôtel des Arts Saigon

Hôtel des Arts Saigon escalates the festival spirit by choosing the concept that depicts the essence of culture preservation from generations to generations. Each detail of the MoonCake box design highlights the timeless elegance of the Vietnamese traditional costume, Ao Dai.

Our mooncakes come in a premium box of four priced at VND 1,588,000 per box

****Exclusive 5% discount for AmCham members. (AmCham members please present AmCham membership card when collecting the mooncake boxes at hotel)*



National Day Celebration

Are you planning a short trip to celebrate Vietnamese National day? Then don't miss out on our special offer, when booking a minimum stay of 2 nights or more, with our special rates starting from as low as VND 9,100,000++/villa/night. To add to your relaxation, you will also enjoy a discount of 40% on our Spa service at the Six Senses Spa. Contact us NOW to book your stay at Six Senses Con Dao: E: reservations-condao@sixsenses.com. Tel: +84 254 3831 222

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.



Aug 22 Palooza Party at Boudoir Lounge, Sofitel Saigon Plaza

Come network with AmCham members and friends in a night of casual networking at Boudoir Lounge located on the ground floor of the luxurious Sofitel Saigon Plaza. Be sure to bring a stack of business cards with you. No admission fee for AmCham Members | vnd 150,000 / non-members. Registration is required.



Aug 24 Logistics and Supply Chain Committee August Meeting (For AmCham 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.

Sep 06 Customs and Trade Facilitation



Are you an importer into Vietnam? If so, you will want to participate in the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation event on September 6th in Ho Chi Minh City. A panel of experts will provide a briefing and dialog on a project to facilitate trade in Vietnam with introduction of a U.S.-style customs bond system for imports. This initiative will simplify procedures and

reduce the time needed for imports. A delegation of Vietnamese government officials has visited the United States to gain insights into the US customs bond system as part of a pioneering trade facilitation initiative. The project, which is being led by the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, aims to speed up the release of goods at Vietnamese ports by introducing a modern customs bond system, similar to that used in the U.S. Vietnam will be the first country outside the United States with such an all-encompassing system.



Sep 06 Members Night with Special Guests and Consulate General at The Reverie Saigon

Please mark your calendar to save the date for our upcoming Members Night and Meet the US Consulate General.

This is our regular networking cocktail reception in which you will have a special opportunity to meet and network with our recently joined members. (Click [HERE](#) for a list of new 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.



Sep 11 HR Committee Morning Briefing: Boosting Employee Engagement - Transforming to Organizational Success

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Employee Engagement - it is the little things that matters the most!

A highly performing organization is driven by a happy and committed workforce. Without a strong engagement between employees and employers (or leaders), the company is likely to be a loser in the business battle. Employee engagement is an emotional commitment and which creates the power for employees to drive organization goals.



Sep 13 Breakfast with US Government, US Chamber of Commerce on the Indo Pacific Strategy - SAVE THE DATE

Last year US and Vietnam trade continued to grow for both countries totalling US 54.7 Billion, the potential for both countries for fair and free trade are still largely untapped. On July 30th the US Government announced the Indo Pacific Strategy design to increase Vietnamese and American trade and the Indo Pacific region in general. For more than seven decades US economic and commercial engagement and development assistance have advanced free trade, freedom, openness and economic prosperity across the region. The US, Japan and Australia already announces a trilateral agreement for infrastructure development. More details will be provided soon.



Sep 20 Manufacturing Committee September 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.



Sep 28-30 AmCham's National Issues Retreat in Ho Tram

Each year, members of the AmCham chapters in Hanoi and HCMC meet for a casual weekend of networking, policy discussions, golf, food and fun. AmCham's National Issues Retreat brings together our members and US government representatives - including the Ambassador and Consul General - to discuss the most pressing issues facing the US business community in Vietnam.



Oct 4 Kickstart the Fall season with AmCham's Supply 2018 Day!

Supplier Day will be held on October 4th, 2018 from 7:00am-7:00pm at White Palace, 194 Hoàng Văn Thụ, Ward 9, Phu Nhuan District.

We will be selling:

- Exhibitor Table: VND 5,000,000 per table.
- Visitor ticket: VND1,500,000 per ticket.



Oct 18 AAFA Product Safety and Compliance Conference

AAFA brings together industry leaders to educate factories and suppliers in Vietnam. Industry leaders will educate factories and suppliers in Vietnam on the critical components of manufacturing and delivering products that meet global regulations, industry compliance, and consumer demand. The conference will be presented in English with full translation.



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.

OUR PREMIUM MEMBERS



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