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AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 35th Week of 2018

FEATURES



John McCain, War Hero, Senator, Presidential Contender, Dies at 81

John S. McCain, the proud naval aviator who climbed from depths of despair as a prisoner of war in Vietnam to pinnacles of power as a Republican congressman and senator from Arizona and a two-time contender for the presidency, died on Saturday at his home in Arizona. He was 81.



Supply chain optimisation boosts garment firms' competitiveness

The concept of global supply chains is not unfamiliar to import and export enterprises in the context of the Vietnamese economy becoming a market economy and international integration during the past 30 years. However, most Vietnamese enterprises, especially garment and textile firms, only participate in secondary supply chains with low added-value.



Can Tho finalises smart-city plan

Nguyen Van Hong, director of the municipal's Department of Planning and Investment, said the department had been examining the city's infrastructure and related issues since 2017 with the Viet Nam Post and Telecommunications Group (VNPT).



Foreign investors interested in wind power development

The People's Committee of the Mekong Delta province of Tra Vinh has allowed three investors to finance the construction of the Hiep Thanh Wind Power Plant, with total investment of VND3.37 trillion (US\$146.5 million).



Huntsman opens new Vietnam facility

Chemicals manufacturer Huntsman Corporation has opened a multi-purpose facility in Vietnam where it will manufacture formulated systems for footwear and automotive markets.

The move is the firm's first manufacturing expansion investment outside of China for its business in Asia Pacific, and will see the new facility house Huntsman's Polyurethanes and Advanced Materials businesses. It comprises manufacturing, R&D capabilities, a technical service center, warehouse and distribution space, and a commercial office.



Our Warm Welcome to New Joined Members - August 2018

Saigon Innovation Hub
Velcro Vietnam Company Limited

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

Sponsored News



Da Nang Investment Seminar @ San Francisco, CA on Sep 07th 2018

- Meet top destination makers in Da Nang
- Learn about tax incentives to invest in Da Nang
- Get new business opportunities in the heart of Asia

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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.



Sep 06 Customs and Trade Facilitation

Key aspects of customs and trade facilitation will be discussed, including an update on logistics infrastructure in Vietnam by Saigon NewPort, a foreign direct investor's perspective by Intel Products Vietnam, and Ms. Ana Guevara, USAID's Senior Advisor - Trade, will give an overview of the U.S. Contribution to Vietnam's prosperity through a five-year technical assistance program to support Vietnam's trade facilitation.



Sep 06 New Member Welcome and Orientation (for Members only)

Join us at this Welcome and Orientation Meeting to learn how to best utilize your membership investment. This Orientation Meeting is the perfect opportunity for new members, members, and invited guests to get familiar or reacquainted with all the benefits, events and programs offered to you to help grow your business. You will hear from Executive Director, John Rockhold on ways to get involved and participate through AmCham's three pillars of: networking, information sharing and working together to improve the business environment.



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 Indo-Pacific Strategy Defining Future Bilateral Relations

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.



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 26 AmCham Palooza Party at Air 360 Sky Bar

Our next Palooza Party will be at the Air 360 Sky Bar, one of the best spots in Ho Chi Minh City for open-air drinking and lounging. The sky bar is the combination of top-notch, from vibrant music, cooling atmosphere, fancy designs to the cutting-edge service lies in every corner.

Bring many business cards with you for mingle and networking with AmCham members and friends. No admission fee for AmCham Members. Complimentary finger foods. Drinks at Happy Hours prices. Nice lucky draw prizes.



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 Interested in pursuing potential business ventures with foreign groups?

Walmart, Coca-Cola, Penflex and East West Manufacturing are among our sponsors of this year Suppliers Day. Join us on October 4, 2018 and give yourself and your company the best chance to connect with some of the world's largest manufacturers and suppliers in Vietnam.



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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