



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 46th Week of 2018

FEATURES



Nov 23 AmCham Thanksgiving Dinner at Flying Pig Saigon

Bring your family and friends to AmCham Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 23 at Flying Pig Restaurant, Thao Dien, D2, from 7:00pm - 10:00pm. Ticket price is vnd 1,000,000 / adult; vnd 650,000 / children under 2. Price includes a Turkey buffet dinner with free flow of wine, beer, and soft drinks. Children, friends and etc are welcome! Please join us The tickets are limited.



Nov 22 AmCham Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament and Lunch

This Thanksgiving Day golf event will kick off at Vietnam Golf & Country Club with an 8:00am Shotgun. There lots of prizes for all to win, a commemorative golf cap just for each participant. Products of Coca-Cola, Pepsi, and Budweiser beer will be served throughout the day and our awards ceremony will feature a bountiful Roast Turkey spread for everyone to enjoy have a fun day out on the course!! Don't miss out on this Annual golfing event and sign up today!!!



Candidates for Board of Governors - Annual General Meeting 2018

The 2019 Board of Governors of AmCham Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City) will have 18 Governors. Nine governors will be elected from the listed candidates in on-line secure voting between on or about Nov. 2 and Nov. 29 for a two-year term January 2019 - December 2020. The results of election will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Dec 4, 2018.

There are nine other governors, elected at the Annual General Meeting in December 2017, whose two-year terms are from January 2018 to December 2019.



Our Warm Welcome to New Joined Members - October & November 2018

Bronze Members: ACSV Legal; Ortholite Vietnam

Corporate Members: Canadian National Rail (CN); Nam Anh JSC; Farmi Services Trading Co., Ltd.; Michael Page International; Golden Lotus Construction Jsc; OptoElectronics International JSC - OEIC

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



Renew Your Membership TODAY

It's time to renew your membership for 2019 and continue your involvement in AmCham, with opportunities for networking, information-sharing, advocacy to improve the business environment, and marketing opportunities, including updates in our Weekly email, website <http://www.amchamvietnam.com>, more than 80 events a year.

The Board of Governors decided on a small increase for 2019, and offered your company up to five representatives at no additional cost. We are also pleased to apply the same dues as in 2018 for couple years later if you settle your bill on or before December 31, 2018.

Do not forget to update your company profile online and for printing in the **2019 Membership Directory** when you renew.

Contact our **Membership Team** for any questions you have.



Update on Vietnam's Cybersecurity Law from the Office of the United States Trade Representative

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the US-ASEAN Business Council are pleased to invite you to a briefing on the latest developments relating to Vietnam's cybersecurity law and other major issues in Vietnam with Danial Bahar, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Services and Investment, and Marta Prado, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific.



Public's key role in policy communication

The public should be central in the process of policy communication to ensure the effectiveness of communication and the implementation of policies, heard an international scientific conference in Hanoi yesterday.

The workshop on public policy communication and public reception literacy, organised by the Academy of Journalism and Communications (AJC), the National Assembly Newspaper and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), seeks to involve the public in policy making and implementation through effective communication.



GDP growth set at 6.6-6.8 per cent for 2019

The National Assembly (NA) has set the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2019 at 6.6-6.8 per cent, as stated in the Government's draft resolution on the nation's socio-economic development plan.

The GDP growth rate in 2018 is estimated at 6.5-6.7 per cent.



VITAS works with WWF to green Vietnam's apparel sector

The two sides will cooperate with multiple players in the sector to promote better river basin governance and contribute to water quality improvement and sustainable energy use. The project will be implemented from 2018 to 2020 with a vision to transform the textile-apparel sector in Vietnam through engaging the industry and influencing environmental governance in order to bring social, economic, and conservation benefits to the country.



CPTPP to shape future direction for businesses

The Comprehensive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), or TPP-11, is an economic integration treaty signed by 11 countries in March following 10 years of negotiations. After the withdrawal of the US from the original TPP in 2017, the remaining members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. Together, they account for nearly 15 per cent of global trade, and just over 13 per cent of global GDP. The agreement is expected to come into force by the end of this year, 60 days after at least half of the original signatories confirm the completion of national treaty-making procedures.



VP Pence will flesh out the Indo-Pacific Economic Vision

WASHINGTON - Vice-President Mike Pence will flesh out the U.S. Indo-Pacific Economic Vision during his visit to the region Nov 11-18.



Dec 9 Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus is coming to Saigon!

Get ready and excited once again to see Santa and welcome our friends from Thao Dan Children Center at the 6th Annual AmCham Breakfast with Santa.

* A portion of every adult ticket sold will help fund the cost of a child from Thao Dan Children Center to attend the breakfast.

* Advance ticket purchase only - no sales at door; tables of 10 or 12 should be reserved in advance.

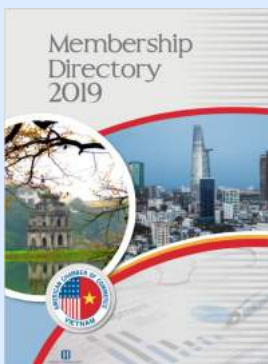


Seeking prizes for lucky draws of AmCham Annual Events 2018

AmCham HCMC is seeking prizes for lucky draws at its three annual event of 2018: Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament on Nov. 22, Annual General Meeting & Members Night on Dec. 5 and Governors Ball on Dec. 8, 2018

Prizes can be vouchers for dining, weekend stay hotel, spa treatments, products & services, gift coupons,.... Your logo and details of prizes are announced and displayed before and during events on website and other printed event materials.

If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Ms. Lily by [email](#) or tel (28) 3824 3562.



Advertisement Opportunities in AmCham Membership Directory 2019

Daily used by AmCham members and their employees

Quick way to find contact details of AmCham members

Valuable source of information for firms considering investment in Vietnam* Promotes your products and services and enhances your company's image within the Southeast Asian business community

Year-long exposure

Free advertisement on AmCham website (www.amchamvietnam.com) for booking and payment made before December 31, 2018

Circulation: 1,700 copies, approx 440 pages, dimensions: 19cm x 26cm. Perfect bind, soft laminated cover

Published date: April 2019

For more information, please contact [Membership Team](#)

Sponsored News



Fly Business class to the US and save

Treat a loved one to a stylish getaway - save on Business fares when you travel with a companion to Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York or Washington DC. Fares from USD2,770 per person (excluded taxes and surcharges). Offer ends 31 December 2018.



Nov 20 Executive Roundtable: Next-generation Talent Development for Global Competitiveness

Hinrich Foundation and RMIT University cordially invite you to the Executive Roundtable discussion at the Sheraton Hotel, District 1 on Tuesday, 20th November 2018 at 2:30 pm. The discussion will focus on determining how we can best help you to develop the next generation leadership talent for your international operations. We seek your expertise to make sure we prepare people with the skills and aptitude that you require to address your critical leadership staffing needs. Please register your participation [here](#).



Korean Air, established in 1969, is one of the world's top 20 airlines carrying more than 26 million passengers in 2017. The airline operates over 460 flights per day to 124 cities in 44 countries on six continents; it has a modern fleet of 174 aircraft and employs over 20,000 professional employees. Korean Air's core business includes passenger, cargo, aerospace, catering and in-flight sales. The airline's main hub is at the newly-opened Incheon (ICN) International Airport Terminal 2.

Construction Litigation



The rapid growth of construction industry also leads to the increase in disputes during the business operation. Those disputes have not only negatively influenced many projects but in some cases, also led to the project failure. In this insight, you will understand (i) the characteristics of construction disputes, (ii) claims relating to delay in construction, (ii) variation claims, (iii) claims arising from the termination, and (iv) issues surrounding performance bonds. Please contact us at info@letranlaw.com if you have any questions.



Vietnam HR Awards Grand Gala | 27th November | GEM Center

The most acknowledged event amongst business leaders and HR community in Vietnam is officially back, upholding the prominent transformation of people strategy in Vietnam. Following this year's theme BOLD REFLECTION, Vietnam HR Awards GRAND GALA are welcoming more than 500 business leaders & HR professionals together to unveil the untold stories of business giants behind their success. Find out more at: www.vietnamhrawards.com

Strategic partners and sponsors: An Cuong, PNJ, Workplace by Facebook, Apollo, BVIS, FWD, SAP, Malloca, The Cliff.



Exquisite Thanksgiving Getaway

Bring together your beloved ones for an unforgettable Thanksgiving getaway and indulge in the divine beauty with rates starting from 12,700,000++ VND/villa/night for 02 persons, including:

- Thanksgiving set dinner with a glass of wine per stay
- 30-minute foot massage per stay
- Roundtrip shared van transfers from Con Son Airport for

To book, please contact reservation via T + 84 254 3831 222 or

E reservations-condao@sixsenses.com

(* Offer is valid from 20.11.18 to 25.11.18, subject to terms & conditions



Business in Vietnam on the Right Track-Corporate Structures and Compliance

Auscham Vietnam, Domicile Corporate Services and DFDL are pleased to invite you to their joint seminar: "Business in Vietnam on the Right Track-Corporate Structures and Compliance". The seminar covers the practical processes involved in how foreign invested businesses are established in Vietnam, the structural issues for operating existing foreign invested entities, and looking at compliance matters, with real examples, that enterprises in Vietnam face.

Upcoming Events & Meetings, Special Offers



**LEGAL & VBF LIAISON
COMMITTEE**

Nov 13 AmCham Legal and VBF Liaison Committee Monthly Committee

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.



**LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN
COMMITTEE**

Nov 14 AmCham-EuroCham Logistics & Supply Chain Committee Morning Briefing: Commercial management of eCommerce platforms creating new challenges for vendors

Since Alibaba acquired the Lazada Group, Alibaba has implemented countless changes in their commercial management. These changes have had a tremendous impact on the vendors selling on the Lazada platform. While these changes have been made to support a more self-sustained platform, the overall impact has been vendors systematically losing sales revenues month-over-month on the Lazada platform. Khang will be discussing these changes, the consequences they have had on e-retailers, and the potential impacts on other marketplace platforms.



Nov 20 AmCham Future Series: Deeptech: The Industries of the 2030's and Vietnam's Role

Book NOW to hear our leading expert: Sonny Vu, Founder of Alabaster. Alabaster is a company that advises and invests in founders commercializing technology based on scientific breakthroughs. Current themes include materials science, semiconductors, and synthetic biology for clean energy and food production. Recently, Sonny was President/CTO of Fossil Group, Connected Devices. Before that, he founded: Elemental Machines (IoT for complex processes), Misfit (wearables for fashion; acquired by Fossil Group for \$260m), AgaMatrix (biosensors for diabetes; ongoing Sanofi partnership), FireSpout (NLP; acquired by Ask Jeeves). Before startups, he worked at Microsoft Research in NLP under Kai-Fu Lee, worked on a Linguistics PhD at MIT under Noam Chomsky, and studied math at UIUC.



**MANUFACTURING
COMMITTEE**

Nov 23 Manufacturing Committee November 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.

Willis Towers Watson 

Nov 26 Vietnam Manufacturing Survey Results Sharing

As you are aware, the Vietnamese economy is among the world's fastest growing economies. In 2017, the Vietnam's manufacturing and processing sector is accountable for 15.3% of the nation's GDP. As Vietnam entered into 2018 on a strong economic footing, we all agree that corporate risk management and employee benefits remain the two critical areas of improvement for manufacturing and processing enterprises. Don't miss this opportunity to join Gras Savoye Willis Vietnam, a Willis Towers Watson company, to address these challenges in a real time and evidence-based manner.

Fulbright

Nov 27 Event with Fulbright University: Bridging the Employment Demand - Supply Gap in the 21st Century

Joining the event, the audiences could have opportunity to receive the sharing from President, Dam Bich Thuy and others:

- Employment outlook and Fulbright's educational model
- How Fulbright to implement undergraduate program - a look from inside
- How AmCham members to involve and support Fulbright in this mission

**2018
Annual
General
Meeting**



Dec 5 AmCham Annual General Meeting & Members Night

Come to enjoy a report on our activities and successes of the past year, and meet with the new 2019 AmCham Board of Governors. Following the Annual General Meeting will be the Members' Night networking cocktail reception. Free of charge for Members and their spouses. Free flow of wine, beer, and soft drinks, and hearty hors d'oeuvres hosted by AmCham Vietnam in HCMC, and our sponsors.



Dec 7 Indo-Pacific Dialogue - Vietnam 2018

Under this Dialogue we expect to have a range of discussions with a number of global, regional and Vietnamese stakeholders on what exactly is the Indo-Pacific Strategy and its engagement benefits.

Amongst the questions we will look to explore will be, How will the public and private sector in Vietnam along with stakeholders in the larger Southeast Asian region, engage and benefit under this vision?

The Indo-Pacific Dialogue will also look to engage in discussions around regional economic trends and take a dive deeper into the important subjects of Digital Trade and Financing Infrastructure.



Dec 8 AmCham Governors Ball - LET IT SNOW!

This year's Governors' Ball, themed Let It Snow, will transport guests to a winter wonderland in tropical Saigon for the holidays complete with atmosphere and decorations exuding Christmas charm.

The Governors' Ball brings together over 400+ members of both our extended AmCham community and Vietnamese business and government leaders and network. As such, it provides a unique opportunity for companies to promote themselves to a large and influential audience, in a festive and charitable setting. We hope that you will consider becoming an official part of this special evening as a sponsor.

We are seeking sponsorship in cash and in-kind for prizes of silent auction and lucky draw.



AmCham Scholarship 2018: Volunteer Interviewer Seeking

Since 2001 to 2017, AmCham has cooperated with 18 Universities in Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Duong City to carry out the annual scholarship to honor 815 students with excellent performance in both academic aspect and social activities. This year program is seeking 60 winners with the award of VND 12,000,000 cash and a number of opportunities for networking. AmCham Scholarship Management Team is looking for Volunteer Interviewer for AmCham Scholarship 2018. Please click to see the criteria and register to be a Volunteer Interviewer!



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.



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.

AMCHAM PREMIUM MEMBERS



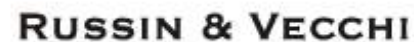
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