



## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 49th Week of 2018

### FEATURES



#### **Our Santa is looking for Elf Assistants for AmCham's Breakfast with Santa**

AmCham is going to organize the 6th Breakfast with Santa on December 9 at the InterContinental Saigon. A portion of every adult ticket sold will help fund the cost of a child from Thao Dan Children Center to attend the breakfast.

**We're looking for 11-12 Elves to assist Santa at the event.** Please review the Elves' task, age requirement [HERE](#) and let us know if your kids or kids you know are willing to support the Santa.

**Deadline** to confirm and provide T-shirt size is **November 29, 2018.**

Registration: Please contact [amy.nguyen@amchamvietnam.com](mailto:amy.nguyen@amchamvietnam.com)



#### **Back in time with Bush White House photographer David Valdez**

The official White House photographer captures in images what words often cannot - the stillness of history, the tensions of lawmaking, the humanity of the president.

It was a job treasured by David Valdez, a Texan hired in 1983 to follow George H.W. Bush first as as vice president and then president. With mostly unfettered access, Valdez photographed Bush's wins and his losses. But most of all, Valdez remembers the intimacy of moments shared between the former president and his family - a sentiment surfacing in the wake of Bush's death on Nov. 30. Through his archives and reflections, Valdez took us back in time to the Bush White House.



#### **Tetra Pak and Veolia partner up for major recycling campaign**

Within the scope of the new partnership, the extracted PolyAl will be processed at dedicated facilities and converted into raw materials for application within the plastics industry. This way, the overall value of used beverage cartons is expected to double, making the value chain for collection and recycling more efficient and viable.

The Tetra Pak and Veolia partnership will start in the EU and expand to more markets around the world.



#### **Vietnam commits to support start-up business**

That was the message from Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the opening ceremony of the national start-up day 'Techfest 2018' in the central city on Thursday.

He stressed that start-up programmes will help the country reach its target of each person earning US\$18,000 per year by 2045 when Vietnam celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Independence.



## Our Warm Welcome to New Joined Members - November 2018

**Corporate Members:** Amtec Electronics Corporation (AMTECOR); B.Braun Vietnam Co. Ltd.; DigiNet Corporation; An Phat Holdings JSC; Vietnam USA Society English Centers (VUS)

**Young Professional Member:** Mr. Nghia Doan

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



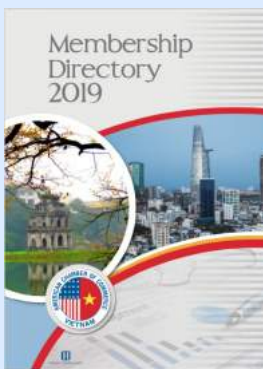
## Renew Your Membership TODAY

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.



## 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](http://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

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

## Sponsored News



## 'Vietnam HR Awards' Honours 14 Winning Companies

On the 27th of November, the Vietnam HR Awards welcomed 14 businesses on stage, to celebrate exceptional people strategy. The announcement of our two best winners from Groups A and B - Unilever and Mobile World respectively, were well-received by the audience. On top of this, our keynote speakers brought about insightful takeaways for the audience, encouraging businesses to reflect upon themselves. The night ended on a high note, with the support from our partners and sponsors, namingly SHRI, Kantar TNS, An Cuong, PNJ, Workplace by Facebook, Apollo, BVIS, FWD, SAP, Malloca, and The Cliff.



## Tropical Greetings! Festive Program

On behalf of the entire Salinda Resort Family, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you during this festive season. We are delighted that you chose our island paradise as your home away from home during this special time of the year. The team has put together an exciting program of events, activities and culinary experiences that are sure to make your vacation even more memorable. We are here to make your Phu Quoc holidays extra special, so please feel free to contact us at any time for assistance.



## Short Course to Grow Your Business Overseas

Export Manager Advanced Training Program consists of lectures taught by international

instructors, online modules from SME Trade Academy, one-on-one business coaching and Business Acceleration pitching contest with prize of a trip to Germany to attend a trade fair. Classes are on weekends (Dec. 1-2 & Dec. 8-9) with limited seats. Register [HERE](#) before November 28 to get tuition scholarship from **Hinrich Foundation!** Any question, please contact Ms. **Tara Phan** - Tel: 0906 409 332

## Dec 15 Christmas Nordic "Lunch"



AmCham, Mad House and NordCham will this year be co-hosting the Christmas event of all Christmas events: The Nordic Christmas Lunch.

This magnificent event will showcase some of the best traditional foods from the Nordic countries accompanied with high spirits and free-flowing beer. Wear some of your best Christmas decorations and bring along festive songs from your homeland to contribute to an evening like no other.

Ticket for sale at MAD House reception from Dec 1st.

1.290.000 VND per person.



## Ascott Opens First Citadines Apart'hotel in Binh Duong

Citadines Central Binh Duong is just 5-minute drive from Aeon Mall by shuttle bus service and 30 minutes drive to Binh Duong New City / VSIP 2. You can also enjoy latest gym equipment at their Fitness Centre, outdoor swimming pool, sauna, launderette, café & restaurant. Book now to enjoy 20% discount with Citadines Opening Promotion from now until 28 February 2019!



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## The acquisition of Mead Johnson Nutrition is a significant step forward in consumer health for RB in a structurally attractive category

It aligns with RB's well established strategic focus on growing in consumer health and on investing in Powerbrands with attractive growth prospects. RB already reaches millions of mothers through its hygiene education programmes and, through world class brands such as Nurofen and Mucinex, provides parents with relief and reassurance when their children are unwell. This will be enhanced by Mead Johnson's deep understanding of infant nutrition and a new mother's journey.



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## 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.

## Advanced Purchase Promotion to North America from HCM City



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.

## Legal Updates (October - November 2018)

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LeTran's Legal Updates (collected from September 25, 2018 to November 23, 2018) introduces updated status of law enforcement in Vietnam with several new inspection conclusions and sanctioning decisions in labor, product quality, export/import and cosmetic product proclamation. There are also 23 new legal documents, 09 new documents for guidance and management, and 18 new drafts issued in labor, customs, commerce, health, security, finance, taxation, industry and maritime fields. Should you have any question, please feel free to let us know via [info@letranlaw.com](mailto:info@letranlaw.com).





## AmCham has appointed new Chair and Sub-Group Leaders for Education and Training Committee

AmCham Education and Training Committee mission: 1) increase the skill levels of the Vietnamese people so that they are more productive in commercial enterprise, can command higher salaries, and can help boost Vietnam's prosperity; 2) raise the general level of education of the people in Vietnam so that they can become creative problem solvers who think critically about their lives and the future of their families and their country. To learn more about the Committee, please go

to: <http://www.amchamvietnam.com/education-and-training-committee/>  
To join the Committee, please contact [amy.nguyen@amchamvietnam.com](mailto:amy.nguyen@amchamvietnam.com)



## Dec 5 Employment Dispute Resolution

In the employment relationship, there is always the potential for conflicts between the employer and the employee, which may lead to a high possibility of a labor dispute. Therefore, the company should not only be concerned as to whether its actions are in accordance with the law but also to the serious, non-apparent consequences of a labor dispute.



## 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 Asian Economic Forum 2018

AmCham Vietnam is joined by Fulbright University Vietnam, the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) along with the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S. and the U.S. Department of State as notable Supporting Partners and Stakeholders for this economic focused public policy think tank initiative.

From the main theme of the Asian Economic Forum there will also be discussion on regional economic trends, 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.



## 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.



## LEGAL & VBF LIAISON COMMITTEE

### Dec 11 AmCham Legal and VBF Liaison Committee Monthly Meeting

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.



### Dec 14 RVSP: AmCham Networking Night: Rise From Your Failure

The networking night with topic "Rise From Your Failure" is designed to connect university students and fresh graduate with AmCham member/non-member companies. If you are an employee, coming from any industries, interested in connecting with Vietnamese young people for fresh inspiration and would like to share your experiences as well as connect with our speakers and the community of talented AmCham Scholar Alumni, the event will be great experiences. Click here to find your ticket: <https://goo.gl/Z5g2ci>



## LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN COMMITTEE

### Dec 19 Logistics and Supply Chain Committee December Meeting (For AmCham's 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.



### 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 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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