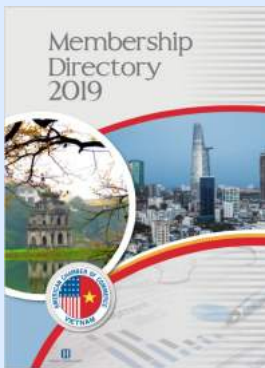




AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 11th Week of 2019

FEATURES



LAST CALL for Advertising in AmCham Membership Directory 2019

We still have a few ad spaces left for our AmCham Membership Directory 2019, but the deadline is this **Friday, March 15.**

If you're needing a great place to put out your information, contact Cindy at 3824 3562 or cindy.tran@amchamvietnam.com



U.S. Trade Policy Agenda in 2019 - USMCA and China

The USTR Annual Report says a successful 2019 will involve getting USMCA approved by Congress and reaching a deal with China that satisfies U.S. complaints. The EU, Japan, and UK are next in line.



Launched AmCham "Women in Leadership" Committee

On March 8, AmCham Vietnam-HCMC announced new formation of "Women in Leadership" Committee.

Its mission is to increase the participation of women in AmCham, the community and their professional organizations through the facilitation of networking, information sharing and learning opportunities targeted at both the individual and organizational levels and to offer opportunities for women to achieve personal growth and development plus leadership advancement.



Logging on to e-commerce

Figures show that online shopping has already reached 60 per cent of the Vietnamese population in 2019 so far, dominated by only a handful of e-commerce websites and social media pages. Richard Burrage, CEO of market research firm Cimigo Vietnam, discusses the trends.

What can Vietnam gain from the DPRK-US summit in Hanoi?



Jonathan L. Moreno, general director of Medovations Vietnam (former AmCham Vietnam Chairman and Vietnam Business Forum's board member), shared his thoughts with VIR about Vietnam and the DPRK-US Summit held in Hanoi.



Our Warm Welcome to New Joined Members - Jan & Feb 2019

Corporate Members: Caleres Inc (Leeway International); Connect Company; Dan On Foods Corporation; Enterline & Partners Company Limited; Evolve Mobility; FedEx Trade Networks Transport & Brokerage (Vietnam) Company Limited; Gaw NP Industrial JSC; Institute of American Education; International School Ho Chi Minh City - American Academy; Kelsey Consulting M&A JSC; Legal House & Partners; Minor Hotels - Vietnam; Pillow Kingdom Inc.; SCE Project Asia; The St.Nicholas International School; Vinpearl JSC; Ms. Tram Bao Ngoc Ho (Young Professional Member)

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



AmCham Premium Membership 2019

Welcome ITL Corporation to become our Bronze Premium Member !

The AmCham Premium Membership 2019 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.

Sponsored News



The Power & Electricity Show Vietnam 2019

The **Power & Electricity Show Vietnam**, co-located with **The Solar Show Vietnam**, **The Wind Show Vietnam** and **The Energy Storage Show Vietnam** is the largest energy event in the country, gathering over 100 exhibitors, 80 speakers, 400 delegates, and 3000 attendees, to discuss the latest investment and development opportunities in Vietnam's energy sector. Get your free visitor pass [here!](#)



Join interactive workshops at RMIT's Master's Programs Experience Day in HCM

If you're thinking about studying a master's degree, you can get a taste of what it is like in the classroom at RMIT University by joining interactive workshops at the RMIT Master's Programs Experience Day on Sunday March 24. The event, being held at RMIT's Saigon South Campus, provides the opportunity to explore the university's modern campus, learn about its programs and scholarships, and get information about the privilege scheme that is available to AusCham staff and members. To attend, register here: http://bit.ly/RMIT_PG_expday

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.



Work permit - The key point in resolving labor disputes with foreign employees

Having a valid work permit is one of requirements for expats to work in Vietnam. However, due to practical, day-to-day demands of business, many companies often sign labor contracts with expats without valid work permits. In case of dispute, the issues become: "Is the labor contract with an expat without a work permit valid?" and "What role does a work permit play in a labor dispute with expats?" This insight gives answers to such questions. Should you have any question, please feel free to contact us at info@letranlaw.com

Upcoming Events & Meetings, Special Offers



FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR COMMITTEE

F&B Committee TWG Lead Appointment

The American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam ("AmCham Vietnam ") in Ho Chi Minh City set up under the permit of No.2/GP-HHDN/HCM dated 19 September 1998, with the extended license No. 3365/QD-UBND, dated 13 August, 2018 valid until 19 September, 2021 issued by the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, wishes to appoint the Chair, Vice Chairs and Technical Working Group Leaders of AmCham F&B Sector Committee ("FBSC").



FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR COMMITTEE

Certificate of Appreciation for Contribution to FBSC Advocacy Activity

On behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (AmCham Vietnam), Ho Chi Minh Chapter, we would like to express our sincerely appreciation to Food and Beverage Sector Committee (FBSC) and you personally for your significant contribution as a Regulatory Lead to the Circular 35 on Veterenary Insepction Requiriement for dairy products.



LEGAL & VBF LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mar 12 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.



LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN COMMITTEE

Mar 13 Logistics and Supply Chain Committee March 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.



Mar 14 Liquefied Natural Gas: Financing Vietnam's Large-scale Multibillion-dollar Greenfield LNG Projects

Is liquefied natural gas (LNG) compelling near-term for Vietnam to mitigate against security of supply risks in light of its declining domestic gas production, increased upstream production costs and downstream market developments? Prospects for the development, construction and financing of Vietnam's large-scale multibillion-dollar greenfield LNG regas terminals/LNG-to-power projects in the dynamics of prevailing global gas supplies? Should such LNG projects be land based full-scale or floating (FSRU)?



Mar 19 Comments and Recommendations to the Labor Code Revision from the Business Community

Draft of the Labor Code (amended) is currently revised and finalized by the Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs to submit to the Government for the first time in April 2019. This is a Code with a vast scope of adjustment and a profound effect on the business environment in Vietnam as well as Vietnam's economic integration process to the world.



ICT COMMITTEE

Mar 19 AmCham ICT Committee Monthly Meeting (For AmCham's Members Only)

The first of the Monthly Meetups (held of 3rd Tuesday each month). Meetups will focus on progress for Advocacy and Events as well as Knowledge Sharing including visiting speakers. This first meeting we present and explain the 2019 strategy and initiate its execution. If you are interested in ICT events, advocacy or knowledge sharing we have something for you and we are looking for volunteers to drive our 2019 strategy so join and step up at this first Meetup.



Mar 20 How Vietnam Can Thrive in a Water-scarce World: Supporting Rapid Economic Development with Sustainable Water Management

Addressing water quality and quantity issues has never been more critical. For Vietnam, this is a unique opportunity as it's one of the richest agricultural regions in the world and its economy is developing rapidly. If businesses, government and investors make the right decisions today, we have a chance to build an industrial base in Vietnam that has smart water management as one of its bedrock principles and is built to be water-resilient down the road. Which tools and best practices can be leveraged to drive sustainable water use and water management?



Mar 22 Critical Thinking and Supply Chain Training Initiatives

Representatives from the University of Nebraska are conducting a round table discussion on training methods for Critical Thinking and Supply Chain Management. The University of Nebraska has one of the only Master's degree programs in Critical Thinking and they provide online certificate programs in areas of specific interest to Vietnam. Who should attend? HR and Training professionals interested in new ways to ensure their workforce is prepared for the future. The discussion will allow participants to share their needs as the University of Nebraska seeks partnerships to develop programs in Vietnam.



Mar 27 AmCham Palooza Party at Q Bar Saigon

AmCham will continue its series of monthly informal networking events at Q Bar Saigon in Thao Dien, one of the best cocktail, whisky & wine bars 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.



Apr 03 Implementing Smart Cities in Vietnam

In 2016 Vietnam Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc approved a sustainable smart city development plan until 2025 with a view towards 2030 - Under the plan, four chains of smart cities will be formed centering on Hanoi, Da Nang, Ho Chi Minh City and Can Tho.

Highlight the key themes which will be explored during the panel discussion
- What makes a smart city?

- Smart design, Smart Technology and Smart Market
- How will a vision for smart cities in Vietnam impact visitors, residents etc.?



May 4 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 2019 at District Federal

Come out and celebrate the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta with us and enjoy a free flow of frozen Patron margarita with Mexican themed food buffet at the District Federal, an authentic Mexican woodfired grill & bar in Thao Dien, District 2, on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Advance tickets required.

Registration closes on May 2 or when we hit max registrations.



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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.

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