



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 16th Week of 2019

FEATURES



First Women in Leadership event receives strong interest

AmCham Vietnam's first Women in Leadership event was held on 10 April to a sold-out audience of 100 professionals who heard from local experts and leaders in an interactive forum. The speakers and audience explored leadership traits and ways to identify personal strengths and supportive networks to grow tomorrow's female leaders. Thank you speakers, participants and the event's sponsor Gamuda Land for an inspiring morning! For more information about this new AmCham Vietnam committee, please see our website: <https://www.amchamvietnam.com/women-in-leadership-committee/>



U.S. closes loophole on Chinese solar cells/panels exported to U.S.

A recent U.S. court ruling approved the U.S. Commerce Department's new "country of assembly" test to impose import duties levied by the Trump administration on solar panels assembled in China. The court ruled that it is reasonable to use the country of assembly test, rather than the usual "substantial transformation" test, "especially where, ..., the very imports found to cause injury due to unfair pricing and/or subsidies were panels assembled in China containing cells produced in other countries."



Dozens of businesses join hands to reduce plastic waste to protect the environment

The Earth Day Compostable Campaign to minimize the use of plastic bags and replace them with compostable bags made from corn starch has been officially launched on the occasion of Earth Hour by An Phat Holdings. It is estimated that dozens of tons of plastic bags will be replaced thanks to the campaign.



Joining in global value chains helps improve firms' brand names

Global value chains were an indispensable way for local firms to build and develop brands, said Le Hoang Tai, deputy director of the Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency (VIETTRADE). Tai told the conference that international trade had seen the establishment of global value chains with active participation of not only developed countries but also developing ones and emerging economies.

Trump told Moon he is open to dialogue with N. Korea: White House



U.S. President Donald Trump told South Korean President Moon Jae-in during their meeting Thursday that he remains open to continuing dialogue with North Korea over its nuclear weapons program, the White House said.

Climate-smart food production key for agricultural sector



As Vietnam's agricultural sector is facing serious impacts of climate change, it is necessary to adapt and improve food production. Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Le Quoc Doanh, made the statement at a regional policy forum entitled "Opportunities for Climate-Smart Food System in Viet Nam" held in Hanoi on Wednesday.

Our Warm Welcome to New Joined Members



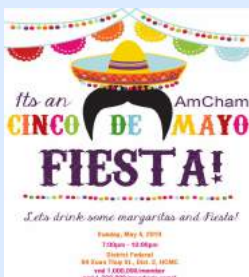
Corporate Members:

Beautiful Mind Consulting Co., Ltd; Becamex Hospitality Co., LTD; Cuchi Shipping Co., LTD.; Hill Risk Consulting (Thailand) Ltd; Holiday Inn & Suites Saigon Airport; Hotel Majestic Saigon; JTI (Vietnam) Pte Ltd; LMG (World Luxury Mattress Gallery Company Limited); Tiki Corporation; TRACENT (Ho Chi Minh City Commercial Arbitration Center);

Young Professional Member: Ms. My Nguyen

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

May 4 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 2019 at District Federal



Come out and celebrate Cinco de Mayo 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.

Sponsored News



May 30 LIN's Annual Cross-Sector Conference: Partnerships - Impact - Sustainability

AmCham is delighted to be a Supporter of LIN's Annual Cross-Sector Conference. The event will bring you a unique platform, for the third year running, to participate in an event with all sectors to be inspired; to engage; to develop; to connect; and to influence on corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainability, partnerships, community, and impact to continue to build a resilient Vietnam.

To Register as a [Participant](#), and/or as a [Sponsor](#)

For more information about the [Event](#) , and about the [Agenda](#)

Find excellent partners for Labor reduction, energy saving, smart control



NTT Communications Vietnam (www.vn.ntt.com) is finding partners who have excellent technologies to reduce labor, save energy, and smart control for buildings, factories, and offices. Every partner who is interested, please do not hesitate to contact us at Mr. Shiro Sunayama (shiro.sunayama@ntt.com.vn); Mr. Jumpei Yoshikawa (jumpei.yoshikawa@ntt.com.vn); Ms. Ema Huong (huong.bt@ntt.com.vn)



Bureau Veritas CPS Hanoi Lab relocation

Ha Noi, Vietnam, 20th March, 2019 - Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services Vietnam will officially celebrate open ceremony for new office and laboratory in Hanoi on March 20, 2019. This is our Lab relocation from Dai Tu industrial zone to Phuc Dong, Long Bien, Hanoi. The new Lab enhances Bureau Veritas CPS Vietnam's testing capability and capacity in the Northern Vietnam which will provide a wide range of testing and inspection services for Softlines, Hardlines (Décor, Jewelry, Stationery, Candles....) and Toys products.



Effective Non-compete Agreement for Employment Contracts - Develop & Implement in Vietnam

In today's business environment, foreign companies operating in Vietnam often include a non-competition provision or agreement in their labor contracts with their employees. However, there are restrictions by the Vietnam law, that requires a suitable localization to ensure its enforceability. This insight shares with you our knowledge and experience about what constitutes a non-compete agreement in employment and how non-compete agreements are applied and interpreted in the context of Vietnam law. Should you have any question, please feel free to contact us at info@letranlaw.com.

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 2018. The airline operates over 460 flights per day to 124 cities in 44 countries on five continents; it has a modern fleet of 167 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 Incheon (ICN) International Airport Terminal 2 which opened in 2018.

In 2019 Korean Air celebrates its 50th anniversary. With a vision to be a respected leader in the world airline community, Korean Air is dedicated to providing excellence in flight.



May 10 Vietnam as the Gateway to Southeast Asia

Who should attend?

- Electronics
- Circuit boards, chips, semi-conductors, LED
- High precision products
- Machinery, equipment, processing technology
- High technology
- Automotive parts
- Electrics
- Computer products
- Medical devices & pharmaceuticals
- Forming, casting, molding, machining
- Supply chains (packaging, components, parts)

Complimentary Seminar with Networking Breakfast in Austin, Texas

Events & Meetings, Special Offers



AmCham Legal and VBF Liaison April Committee Meeting Report

Earlier this week, AmCham's Legal & Vietnam Business Forum Committee was privileged to host Irving Picard, the U.S. trustee who oversees the recovery of funds for the victims of Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme. On April 9th, Mr. Picard shared with AmCham's committee members during their monthly meeting his remarkable work to recover approximately USD13.371 billion for the victims of the USD20 billion dollar scheme. AmCham's Legal & VBF committee thanks Mr. Picard for an insightful discussion to one of the most historic fraud cases in modern U.S. history.

<https://www.amchamvietnam.com/legal-vbf-liaison-committee/>

To learn more, visit the Madoff Recovery Initiative Website at madofftrustee.com.



AmCham Logistics & Supply Chain Committee Survey Results

On behalf of the Logistics & Supply Chain Committee, we would like to thank you for your feedback. One of the key mission of our committee is to bring relevant and timely content to our members. We use the feedback as a guide for planning. Through this survey we gain insight into the key areas impacting our members and will use it to shape future events. Thank you for your time and participation and we look forward to a continued successful year together.



AmCham Women in Engineering Scholarship 2019 - Sponsorship Invitation

AmCham Women In Engineering Scholarship 2019 will run in both Ho Chi Minh City and Da Nang City and we are seeking sponsors to partner with us in 2019 to inspire all future women engineers. AmCham Women In Engineering Scholarship (ACWES) has been organized since 2011 and the program's purposes are to encourage and support FEMALE students to study in science and engineering fields and to pursue technical careers.

Contact [AmCham Scholarship Management Team](#) if you would like more information or wish to become a sponsor of this important initiative.



**LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN
COMMITTEE**

Apr 17 Logistics and Supply Chain Committee April Meeting (For AmCham's Members)

This month's meeting will cover networking, information-sharing, and planning advocacy efforts to improve the business environment and promote trade and investment between Vietnam and the U.S.



**MANUFACTURING
COMMITTEE**

Apr 18 Manufacturing Committee April Meeting (For Members Only)

This month's meeting will cover networking, information-sharing, and planning advocacy efforts to improve the business environment and promote trade and investment between Vietnam and the U.S.

The committee will be hosting a speaker from Arizona State University (ASU) on the USAID BUILD-IT, a USAID-sponsored engineering higher education capacity building project run by ASU in Vietnam to support local universities to educate work-ready graduates.



Apr 23 "What HR issues have kept you up at night?" - Managing an HR Crisis in Vietnam

If you are a CEO, senior executive, manager, business leader or operating within the HR space, and have struggled with the above questions, please join us for an in-depth discussion about how a company can deal with these scenarios and other significant HR matters. Hang Nguyen, Head of the Employment and Labor Practice of Baker McKenzie Vietnam, will share her extensive experience of operating in this jurisdiction and provide some best practical tips that can help ensure your company is well prepared to deal with such critical circumstances. Hang will also take this opportunity to update us on the latest developments of Vietnam employment and labor law, including the proposed revised Labor Code, the new Decree on labor sub-leasing and further guidance on the implementation of social insurance contribution for foreign employees.



**AMCHAM
PALOOZA**

Apr 24 AmCham Palooza Party at Hard Rock Cafe

AmCham will continue its series of monthly informal networking events at the coolest and latest nightspots 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.



May 10 2019 US-Vietnam Business Summit

AmCham, in cooperation with VCCI and the US Chamber of Commerce, will host the 2019 US-Vietnam Business Summit: Celebrating 25 Years of Trade and Investment on May 10 in Hanoi. This important advocacy event will build on the current positive momentum in our bilateral economic relationship and will feature the release of a joint white paper recommending a concrete framework to deepen trade and investment between the US and Vietnam.

May 28 Criminal Proceedings: Rights And Obligations Of Foreigners



Join this AmCham workshop offering specific guidance for criminal matters in Vietnam relating to real-life situations foreigners may face. Criminal proceedings can involve a progression of steps beginning with an arrest and escalating to imprisonment. This workshop explores the criminal procedures in Vietnam and potential solutions. Foreigners living and working in Vietnam, as well as Legal Departments and others who may interact with the the Criminal Procedures Code are encouraged to attend!



Jun 29 AmCham Independence Day Celebration & Family Picnic

Join AmCham members, friends and family to enjoy our traditional American holiday and cultural event that is celebrated all across the USA. This year's event will celebrate 243 years of American Independence and 25 years of AmCham Vietnam!

This is a fun-filled day of American holiday tradition with live music, amazing food, drinks, and entertainment. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES are available now. We welcome all kinds of sponsorship, such as cash, food & beverage, products and services, to support the event. Click [HERE](#) for our Sponsorship Packages.



Sep 27-29 AmCham's National Networking Weekend in Da Nang - SAVE THE DATE

Join members of the AmCham chapters in Hanoi and HCMC in a National Conference with an Ambassador's Roundtable discussion of key issues in Vietnam-U.S. trade and investment and outlook for 2019. The weekend will also include family activities. Three days/two nights package including accommodation, daily buffet breakfasts, Friday welcome cocktail reception, Saturday afternoon roundtable with the U.S. Ambassador, Consul General, and U.S. Mission key officers, followed by an evening cocktails reception and gala dinner.

More details will coming soon.



DO YOU KNOW.....?

Benefits to AmCham Membership

We love our AmCham members! Do you know all the benefits you get with your membership? Maybe you only remember the ones you've used recently, but there are many ways even our basic level members benefit at AmCham. Click [HERE](#) for details.

AmCham Premium Membership 2019



The AmCham Premium Membership 2019 is a leadership level membership for companies committing support for AmCham's mission and programs. With the strong support of these fine businesses, AmCham is able to better achieve its mission and create new business initiatives.

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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