

# AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 34th Week of 2019

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



#### AmCham Supplier Day 2019 - Early Bird Privilege for Exhibitors

Exclusive offer for Early Bird Exhibitors: Besides exhibition area and 2 representatives, 01 extra all-in package for 01 participant valued 1,200,000 VND for any registration with payment made by August 31, 2019 Register via http://bit.ly/SDHCMC19\_Exhibitor For information about visitor tickets, becoming an exhibitor, or joining us as a sponsor, please visit:

https://www.amchamvietnam.com/events/supplierday2019hcm



# Aug 22 Welcome Mary! Member Networking Mixer with AmCham's New Executive Director (Members Only Event)

Please join us as we celebrate and welcome Mary Tarnowka as AmCham Vietnam's new Executive Director in Ho Chi Minh City. This exclusive networking mixer is a chance for our loyal and new members to meet and talk to Mary in an informal setting.

Many of our Board of Governors and committee leaders will also attend and look forward to meeting up with our AmCham members as part of this social event.

Don't miss out on your chance to personally welcome Mary to the AmCham Vietnam family! This special event is open to members only to provide for an intimate networking opportunity.



# Aug 28 Update on China Trade War and Impact on Vietnam - Report from Washington - August 2019

How will the China trade war affect Vietnam and your business? Gain insights on the current situation straight from Washington as board members report on the current state of play affecting short and medium-term strategic decision making.

Join in this unique, front-line update from members of our own Board of Governors who spent several days last month in Washington D.C. with top U.S. policy makers, economic experts and other business leaders from around the Asia Pacific region as part of the annual AmCham "DoorKnock".



#### Aug 30 AmCham Palooza Party at Le Meridien Saigon

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.



#### Sep 04 Real Estate Technology and Trends Going Forward

Join this morning seminar exploring issues surrounding the rapid growth of the real estate and hospitality markets in Vietnam. As Vietnamese and Foreign developers continue to enter the real estate market, it will be important for the Vietnamese government to help develop the legal framework to encourage new investment, create incentives for implementing new technology, and create legal certainty in the market for the development of real estate products such as condominiums, condotels, officetels, and hotels.



Baker McKenzie.

#### Sep 06-07 AmCham's National Conference & Networking Weekend 2019

Join other AmCham members and guests in a National Conference with Ambassador's Roundtable discussion of key issues in Vietnam-U.S. trade and investment and outlook for 2019-2020, and with weekend activities. Two days package includes Fri Welcome Cocktail Reception, Sat Networking Lunch, Afternoon Roundtable with Ambassador, Consul General, and U.S. Mission Key Officers, followed by Evening Cocktails and "Taste of America" Dinner with scrumptious cuisine cooked by four U.S. Chefs and fine wines.

#### Sep 10 Compliance and Risk Management for U.S. Companies in Vietnam

Despite expectations to the contrary, FCPA enforcement has remained strong under the Trump Administration. As enforcement continues, regulator expectations and best compliance practices also continue to evolve. As the bar gets higher, companies need to continue to improve their compliance practices. The UK Bribery Act, other relevant foreign laws and Vietnamese anti-corruption legislation also need to be considered as they can also give regulators a basis to prosecute companies for violations.

In this seminar, Tom Firestone, a partner in Baker's Washington, D.C. office and former federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, and Hang Nguyen, a partner in Baker's Ho Chi Minh City office will discuss best practices for managing compliance risks in Vietnam.



#### Sep 19 Welcome Dinner for new U.S. Consul General Marie C. Damour

Join AmCham HCMC Board Members for this special dinner to welcome new U.S. Consul General Marie C. Damour at The Reverie Saigon on Sep. 19, 2019.

Marie C. Damour is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, having joined the State Department in 1993, and is assigned to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam as Consul General beginning in August 2019.



#### Community Outreach - Help Support AmCham Scholarships

We need you to help make a difference! In its 19th year, the AmCham Scholarship program seeks to help local university students develop essential professional working skills with the aim to improve the business environment in Vietnam. We are seeking member sponsors to continue growing this program, which develops high quality human resources for member companies and supports talented Vietnamese students. To date, 875 scholarships have been awarded.

Contact amcham.programs@amchamvietnam.com for more information.

#### SPONSORED NEWS





#### Booklet of bankruptcy law

On August 15, 2019, LeTran did organize a legal seminar of "Bankruptcy Lawsuit - Why Not?" for AmCham's business community. Please download our Stephen's presentation at the seminar. The material is useful as a booklet for your quick reference on the bankruptcy law of Vietnam. Should you have any question, please contact us at Letranlaw.com/contact. Thank you!

#### 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. 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. With a vision to be a respected leader in the world airline community, Korean Air is dedicated to providing excellence in flight. Click on the LINK for promotion.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



### Aug 20 ICT Committee Meeting (For Members Only)

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.



## Aug 21 Power & Energy Committee Meeting (For Members Only)

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### DO YOU KNOW ...?



#### Welcome New Members 2019

#### Bronze Premium Member: Family Lawyers

*Corporate Members*: Al Naboodah International, Archer Daniels Midland Vietnam (ADM), Bayer Vietnam, Beervana Vietnam, Elek Company, Hong Ky Company, Mapletree Vietnam Management, Phong Vu Trading - Service Company, TCPVN Company Limited, Universal Alloy Corporation Vietnam Company, Viettel HCMC - Viettel Group, Woman Talk Business Company, Zettler Vietnam *Individual Member:* Ms. Julianne Cowley

Young Professional Member: Mr. Dan Fernandes, Ms. Julia Kuo



#### AmCham Premium Membership 2019

#### Welcome Family Laywers to join AmCham as a Bronze Premium Member!

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.

#### **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 <u>HERE</u> for details.

#### In the News

- AmCham Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City Announces New Executive Director
- Gov't plans to equitize 93 State-owned enterprises through 2020
- Vietnam's healthcare sector acts to reduce plastic waste
- Vietnam's e-commerce market may rank third in Southeast Asia
- Vietnam among 12 most valuable markets for global franchise expansion



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