## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 40th Week of 2019

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



# **2019 AmCham Board Election - Call for Recommendations** You can recommend yourself or another member!

Deadline is approaching! The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for candidates for the AmCham Vietnam HCMC Board of Governors. AmCham Voting Members may recommend themselves or another person. There are 9 positions open on the Board for the next two-year term, Jan 2020 - Dec 2021. The **recommendation form** explains important information. Recommendations may be made through Friday, October 18, 2019.



## Oct 2 Business Investing in Women

AmCham's Women in Leadership and Human Resources Committees are privileged to host visiting Intel Corporation executive, Suzanne Fallender, Director of Corporate Responsibility, for an exploration of the business case for investing in women. Suzanne will share Intel's case studies covering global strategies, including in Vietnam. She is based in the U.S., with more than 20 years of experience in corporate responsibility strategies and initiatives.



## Oct 16 AmCham Supplier Day 2019: Ho Chi Minh City

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your supply chain! AmCham Supplier Day is a key opportunity for all sized companies, including large multinational corporations, together with potential suppliers and service providers in Vietnam to exhibit their products and explore, establish, and expand supply chain business partnerships. The event will also feature an opportunity to learn from interactive discussions with experts about the effect of the U.S.-China trade war on Vietnamese supply chains; trends, constraints and solutions in Vietnamese supply chains; and success stories in local supply chain partnerships. Register now!



## Oct 23 AmCham Connect & Cocktails at Air 360 Sky Lounge

AmCham Connect & Cocktails (formerly AmCham Palooza) provides an opportunity to meet AmCham members and other professionals in an informal after-work setting over a glass of wine, beer, or a cocktail.

We plan to hold the event in different fun venues and welcome your recommendations - even better if they are, or want to become, AmCham members. 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 networking and bring your business cards!



## Oct 24 Digital Transformation: It's not about technology

With AI, Robots, ePayments, Blockchain, FinTech et al Digitally Transforming life and business it's obvious that's what Digital Transformation is all about - except it isn't. Join us and hear many digital transformation myths dispelled and learn and discuss what's really behind Digital Transformation.



#### Oct 30 People Are At The Heart Of Digitized HR - CORRECTED

The event will provide an in-depth level of understanding about HR digitalization and digital transformation for HR professionals to prepare themselves for the success of human resources systems and implementation in their companies.



#### Oct 31 Commercial Contracts: Pitfalls

Commercial contract negotiations are crucial to determine a contract's practicability and relevant legal consequences. As a result, it is better to enter this process with full knowledge of the rules and potential consequences before finalizing contract terms. This event will present pitfalls in contract negotiation and performance, commercial sanctions, common disputes, and a review of acceptable and unacceptable risks in contract negotiation.



## Nov 8 The 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Join the 244th U.S. Marine Corps Ball at The Reverie Saigon Hotel. Celebrating the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps in 1775, the Ball is an annual event to showcase and celebrate the history and tradition of the U.S. Marines. It is a formal event with military dignity and pageantry. The Marine Security Detachment, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam invites AmCham companies to attend this celebration.



#### Nov 11 Meet the Candidates Night - NEW DATE

Join us at our Meet-the-Candidates Night leading up to the 2019 AmCham Board of Governors Election. Candidates for the Board of Governors will be invited to share their visions for AmCham Vietnam HCMC. The candidates will be selected by the Nominating Committee in late October from those persons recommended, including incumbent board members up for reelection. There are 9 open seats for the next two year term beginning Jan. 2020.

Don't miss out on your chance to personally meet with the candidates! This special event is open to members-only.



#### Nov 21 AmCham 25th Anniversary Dinner

This special dinner event will celebrate 25 years of effort and achievement since AmCham's informal establishment in Ho Chi Minh City in March 1994, and the remarkable development of trade and investment relations between Vietnam and the United States since then. Event details will be coming soon!



## Dec 7 AmCham Governors Ball at the InterContinental Saigon

The annual Governors' Ball brings together 450 members of both our extended AmCham community and Vietnamese business and government leaders to celebrate and network. All proceeds of the Ball support AmCham's Scholarship Program which supports students seeking professional development and experience in AmCham member companies. More event details will be coming soon!



## Dec 8 Breakfast with Santa at InterContinental Saigon

Get ready and excited once again to visit with Santa at the 7th Annual AmCham Breakfast with Santa.

More details are coming soon.



## Dec 10 AmCham's Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Members Night

Mark your calendars to join AmCham's AGM, one of the most important AmCham meetings of the year. AmCham leaders will update members on 2019 financials, strategic results, key developments, and announce the election results for the 2020 Board of Governors.



## **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



## **EY Law Vietnam appoints new partner**

Ernst & Young Law Vietnam Limited Liability Company (EY Law Vietnam) has appointed Michael Beckman as a partner in its rapidly growing practice.

"The opportunity to be part of such a highly-regarded team of legal professionals with footprint across the globe and multidisciplinary teams was integral in my decision to join EY. The team is well-placed to assist clients with the complex challenges and help deliver compelling local and international services for clients," Michael Beckman said.



#### **Vietnam HR Awards Forum 2019**

Hosted by Talentnet Corporation in association with the Newspaper of Labor & Social Affairs, Vietnam HR Awards Forum 2019 is known as the most forward-thinking event for human-centric businesses nationwide, empowered by leading regional and local C-suite speakers providing strategic human capital insights for tomorrow.



#### Nghe An becomes ideal integrated investment hub

As more local and foreign companies are flocking into the central province of Nghe An, industrial parks such as WHA Industrial Zone are set to become a promising address for their investments. Nghe An province has attracted 690 investment projects with total registered capital of VND143 trillion (\$6.2 billion) in the previous five years.

Cross-border connectivity, strong support from local leaders, and the province's strategic geographical location are the key drivers which are turning Nghe An into a magnet for investment... Read more



#### Rules of evidence in Vietnam and the difference with the US

Evidence is always critical in litigation and it plays a large part in determining whether you will win or lose a case. However, coming from a common law country like the US, you may not be aware of how different the rules of evidence are in Vietnam. In this Insight, we will outline some of the distinct rules of evidence in civil litigation in Vietnam, and how you can adapt your business practices to protect yourself and your organization. Should you

have any question, please contact us at Letranlaw.com/contact.

## 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.



## **Special Offers from New World Saigon Hotel**

New World Saigon Hotel is pleased to announce special discounts for AmCham members by offering 20% discount on food and beverage, excluding alcohol drink, to all AMCHAM members. Please present your valid AmCham Membership Card before asking for a bill. Applicable for all F&B Outlets (Parkview, Whisper Bar & Lounge, Splash Bar, Whisper Patisserie).

New World Saigon Hotel welcomes our AmCham members!

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



## Oct 7 Women in Leadership Committee Meeting (For Members Only)

Join the next committee meeting to discuss programming for the rest of the year and planning efforts for 2020. We plan to create subcommittees for several initiatives so please attend to get actively involved in the direction of this committee.

Our new Executive Director Mary Tarnowka will welcome our group and spend a few minutes discussing her new role and her outlook for the Women in Leadership initiatives.



## Oct 8 Legal & VBF Liaison 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.



#### Oct 14 Agriculture Committee Meeting (For Members Only)

The Agriculture Committee of AmCham seeks to promote the agricultural interests of both Vietnam and the United States by providing a professional discussion platform on common issues, challenges and cooperation opportunities related to these industries as well as networking opportunities.

#### DO YOU KNOW...?



#### **Welcome New Members 2019**

Corporate Members: Anh Duong Company, Apectrans JSC, Becamex Tokyu Company, Ceva Logistics Company Limited, Covestro (Vietnam) Company, Hong Ky Company, Hung Hau Agriculture Corporation, Long Thanh Plastic Company, Luong Nguyen Services Company - Genki Japan House, Mapletree Vietnam Management, Nu-Star Inc., Saigon Asset Management (SAM), Saigon Psychology, TCPVN Company Limited, Teibto LLC, Toptour Travel Company.

Senior Professional Member: Mr. Barry Clark



#### 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.



## **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.

#### In the News

- Message from the Chair September 2019
- Vietnam's insurance sector catches foreign attention
- New drive in smart city development

# **AMCHAM PREMIUM MEMBERS**



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