



## AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 45th Week of 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



#### Candidates for Board of Governors 2020

The Nominating Committee has announced the nominees for the AmCham Vietnam HCMC Board of Governors election for the Jan. 2020-Dec. 2021 term. Nine governors will be elected from the nominated candidates in on-line secure voting starting the evening of November 11, 2019. KPMG will perform procedures over the results of the election, and the elected Governors will be announced at our Annual General Meeting on December 10, 2019. Candidates' biographies and "vision statement" for AmCham can be found on our website.



#### Wed, Nov 6 Estate, Tax and Financial Planning for Offshore Americans

11:30am - 1:30pm, Hotel Des Arts Saigon, 76-78 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai St., Dist. 3  
Join this event with three experts licensed and experienced in U.S. law and accounting for an overview of tax and financial planning, specifically focused on implications for expats living overseas. Estate planning topics include preparing an estate plan in more than one jurisdiction, how to address marital planning with non-citizen spouses and an overview of foreign account compliance issues will be addressed; important tax topics include tax changes, planning considerations, and compliance tips. Financial planning topics will include estate, tax, insurance, retirement, education & goal planning.



#### Thu, Nov 7 Dialogue with USTDA's General Counsel, Ms. Sarah Fandell (By Invitation Only)

8:30am - 10:15am, InterContinental Residences, Corner Nguyen Du St. & Hai Ba Trung St., Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City (Please access from Nguyen Du St.)  
An interactive discussion about the Vietnamese legal and regulatory environment and ways that USTDA grant funds can catalyze the development of public and private sector infrastructure projects in Vietnam, including funding for legal analysis and overcoming many other common early-stage challenges to making projects bankable.



#### Fri, Nov 8 The Workforce of the Future: Global Trends & Technology

8:30am - 10:30am, The Reverie Saigon, 22-36 Nguyen Hue Blvd., Dist. 1  
The world of work is changing. As the number of contingent workers is growing, companies are forced to reassess their current approaches to engaging workers, finding and retaining talent, driving performance and managing risk - they are no longer in the 'driver's seat'. This event will explore how companies in Southeast Asia can create value for their employees by utilizing new technologies, understanding global and regional workforce trends, as well as learning how to manage workforce quality, efficiency and risk while reducing cost.



### **Fri, Nov 8 The 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball**

6:00pm - 12:00am, *The Reverie Saigon, 22-36 Nguyen Hue Blvd., Dist. 1*

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.

To purchase ticket(s), please contact [Master Sergeant Michael Leonard](#) or [Sergeant Joseph Hossage](#)



### **Fri, Nov 8 Welcome Reception for Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross**

6:00pm - 8:00pm, *Pan Pacific Hotel, 1 Thanh Nien Road, Hanoi*

AmCham Vietnam invites members to participate in a special event on November 8 featuring United States Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and a delegation of visiting American business leaders. Secretary Ross will listen to member concerns and will speak about the Trump Administration's Indo-Pacific Strategy, his commitment to catalyze U.S. private sector support of market-driven and sustainable infrastructure development around the world, and ongoing efforts to promote U.S. economic and commercial activities in Vietnam. This is only the second official trade mission led by Secretary Ross and highlights the importance the U.S. places on growing its commercial relationship with Vietnam.



### **Mon, Nov 11 AmCham 101 - New Member's Orientation**

5:00pm - 6:00pm, *Sofitel Saigon Plaza, 17 Le Duan Blvd., Dist. 1. By invitation only to new members and space is limited.*

At this new members event, you will learn more from our Executive Director, Mary Tarnowka, about AmCham Vietnam benefits, our mission, and programs to help new members achieve success, and how to get involved in and maximize your investment in AmCham membership. It is also a way to meet other new AmCham Vietnam HCMC members. This orientation immediately precedes AmCham's Meet the Candidates Night. Contact [Ms. Sam Hoang](#) for more information.



### **Mon, Nov 11 Meet The Candidates Night**

6:30pm - 8:30pm, *Sofitel Saigon Plaza, Lobby Lounge, 17 Le Duan Blvd., Dist. 1*

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.

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



### **Thu, Nov 14 Breakfast Seminar: Women In Business - Resilience and the Art of Bouncing Back [AmCham Co-hosted Event]**

8:00am - 11:00am, *Mai House Saigon Hotel, 1 Ngo Thoi Nhiem, Ward 6, Dist. 3*

We all have a capacity to recover quickly and effectively from challenges and crises, but why does it seem that some of us are more resilient than others? What does resilience look like for women in the workplace? Do we need to be more resilient than men, or, resilient to a different kind of challenges?

Join for a discussion with a panel of accomplished professional women from across different sectors, sharing their experiences of bouncing back, and how they cultivate emotional strength.

### **Fri, Nov 15 AmCham Scholarship 2019 - Interview Briefing**

2:00pm - 5:00pm, *Hotel Equatorial, 242 Tran Binh Trong St., Dist. 5*

Since 2001, AmCham has cooperated with 19 Universities in Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Duong City to carry out the annual scholarship to recognize students with excellent performance in both academic and social activities. During this 19-year period, AmCham Vietnam has granted 875 scholarships to Vietnamese students.



Once again, we're calling for volunteer interviewers to help review this year's candidates. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about promising students whose stories may inspire you, while also gaining additional professional experience. This is also a chance to meet up with other volunteers with HR experience, AmCham's HR Committee, and AmCham Scholars.



### **Mon, Nov 18 IBEAR MBA Program Information Session**

6:00pm - 7:00pm, *New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai Street, Dist. 1*

The USC Marshall School of Business invites you to an Information Session on the IBEAR MBA Program.

Information conducted by Dr. Richard Drobnick, Director, IBEAR MBA Program.

The IBEAR MBA is a full-time, 1-year MBA, June to June, for mid-career professionals seeking leadership roles in international business.



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT

### **Thu, Nov 21 AmCham 25th Anniversary Dinner**

6:15pm - 9:30pm, *The Caravelle Hotel, 19 Lam Son Square, Dist. 1*

This special black-tie dinner event will celebrate 25 years of effort and achievement since AmCham Vietnam's informal establishment in Ho Chi Minh City in March 1994, and the remarkable transformation of trade and investment relations between Vietnam and the United States since then. We also will look ahead to the next 25 years.

We look forward to your support in participation and sponsorship. Click here for our [Sponsorship Packages](#) and [Ticket and Sponsorship Booking form](#)



### **Thu, Nov 21 Workshop: Risk Management & International Mediation In The Trade War Period**

7:45am - 5:45pm,

A workshop jointly organized by the Vietnam Mediation Center (VMC), a division of Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC), and the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI)



### **Tue, Nov 26 Child Protection and Safeguarding**

8:00am - 12:00pm, *New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai St., Dist. 1*

Investment in child-protective hiring practices is crucial in Vietnam for educational institutions, corporations, and NGO's. Without it, we run the risk of not only endangering the most vulnerable but also undermining the success of the organization's mission and objectives. This conference seeks to inform and provide the best global techniques and practices for preventing institutional child abuse. This includes state-of-the-art human resource recruiting and hiring practices as well as an important strategic discussion for all executives faced with the serious challenge of preventing the potential of child abuse within their institutions.

### **Thu, Nov 28 19th Annual AmCham Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament and Lunch**

6:00am-1:30pm, *Vietnam Golf & Country Club, Long Thanh My Ward, Thu Duc District.*

This fun day of golf is open to all AmCham Members and their guests. You can sign-up individually or with others members or friends and even make your own foursome. Non-Members are welcome to join as long as they are playing with at least one AmCham Member. There are many prizes for all to win, and a commemorative golf cap for each participant. Our awards ceremony will feature a bountiful roast turkey spread for everyone to enjoy after a fun day out on the course.

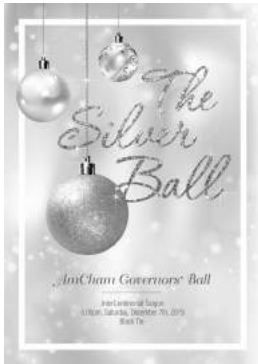


— 19<sup>th</sup> Annual —  
AmCham Ho Chi Minh City  
**THANKSGIVING  
TURKEY SHOOT**



### Fri, Nov 29 25th Anniversary Gala - AmCham Hanoi

An annual event since 1998, the AmCham Gala is the 'must attend' business event of the year in Hanoi. This year's Gala offers a great opportunity to enjoy America's favorite holiday - Thanksgiving - and express your thanks to friends, family, colleagues, and customers. Over 300 guests will share the fun at this unique American celebration of gratitude. Enjoy a champagne jazz reception followed by our gourmet Thanksgiving dinner with paired wines, themed-drinks and great live entertainment.



### Sat, Dec 7 AmCham Governors' "Silver Ball"

6:00pm, InterContinental Saigon, Corner of Hai Ba Trung St. and Le Duan Blvd., Dist. 1  
This year's themed SILVER BALL will transport guests to the sophistication and sparkle of the holiday season, while subtly honoring AmCham's 25th "silver" anniversary in Vietnam. The Governors' Ball brings together 450 members of the AmCham Vietnam business community, Vietnamese business representatives, as well as U.S. and Vietnamese government leaders. The Ball provides a unique opportunity for you to access and promote your company to a large and influential audience, in a festive and fun setting, while contributing to a worthy charitable cause, AmCham Scholarship Program. Click here for our [Sponsorship Packages](#), and [Sponsorship and Ticket booking form](#).



### Sun, Dec 8 Breakfast with Santa at InterContinental Saigon

10:00am - 12:30pm, InterContinental Saigon, Corner of Hai Ba Trung St. and Le Duan Blvd, Dist. 1

Get ready to visit with Santa at the Annual AmCham Breakfast with Santa. AmCham will offer a full morning of activities and fun for children--big and small! Special sponsorships are available.



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

6:00pm - 8:30pm, New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai St., Dist. 1

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.

## SPONSORED NEWS



### French Flair at New Brodard Brasserie

The new flagship Brodard Restaurant - Tea House - Pastry has just opened on Dong Khoi Street. The much beloved Brodard Bakery has been producing high-quality baked goods in Vietnam since 1948. The ground floor patisserie features home-made pastries and chocolates, and coffee by Perfetto Caffe, while the traditional brasserie on the first floor presents classic French dishes and an extensive list of French wines. As a special opening promotion, guests will receive 20% off their bill until November 10.



### Horasis Asia Meeting 2019



The Horasis Asia Meeting 2019 is Asia's foremost gathering of the region's most senior leaders from business and government. This annual event is poised to be the ideal platform to explore and advance regional cooperation, impact investing and sustainable growth. The 2019 event brings in 400 foremost CEOs across Asia and 300 CEOs from top companies in Vietnam, including several Ministers and some of Asia's best known entrepreneurs. This Forum is co-hosted by Binh Duong People's Committee, VSIP, Becamex and Horasis. Could you please download [App Horasis](#) in Google Play or App Store to register to receive the full program or please confirm your attendance to us as below.



### Bee Logistics - ASEAN Business Award 2019

Bangkok, Thailand, 02/11/2019: Bee Logistics Corporation (Bee Logistics) represented by President/CEO Henry Dinh Huu Thanh, was honorably granted by Thailand Deputy Prime Minister with ASEAN Business Award 2019, Priority Integration Sectors - Logistics.



### Alaskan Cod: The pride of the ocean arrives in the Vietnamese Market

Well-known as one of the 10 most delicious fish in the world, Alaskan Cod is becoming a regular dish in luxury restaurants.

According to Mr. Kelvin Dao, GD of Luong Nguyen (Genki Japan House brand) which specializes in importing and distributing Alaskan cod, this type of product is hard to buy in the retail market because there aren't many suppliers in Vietnam. Click the link to order Alaskan Cod and other specialties.



### Booklet of "Commercial Contracts - Pitfalls"

The effects of improper contract negotiation and formation may include contract invalidity, loss of time and cost for dispute resolution, the compromise of business prestige, and even substantial lost compensation. This booklet will present pitfalls in contract negotiation and performance, commercial sanctions, and common disputes as well as evaluate acceptable or unacceptable risks in contract negotiation. Should you have any question, please contact us at [Letranlaw.com/contact](http://Letranlaw.com/contact). Thank you!

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES - For AmCham Members only



### LEGAL & VBF LIAISON COMMITTEE

#### Tue, Nov 12 Legal and VBF Liaison Committee Meeting

5:00pm - 6:00pm, Baker McKenzie, 12th Floor, Saigon Tower, 29 Le Duan Blvd, Dist. 1  
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.



### MANUFACTURING COMMITTEE

#### Thu, Nov 21 Manufacturing Committee Meeting

8:00am - 9:30am, Renaissance Riverside Hotel, 8-15 Ton Duc Thang Str., Dist. 1  
Regular monthly meeting of the Manufacturing 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.



### HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#### Wed, Nov 27 [Save The Date] HR Committee Meeting

9:00am - 11:00am, Baker & McKenzie (Vietnam) Ltd, 12th Floor, Saigon Tower, 29 Le Duan Street, Dist. 1.  
As part of AmCham HR Committee 2019 plan, the committee members will meet on the last Wednesday every month to discuss HR related topics. We would like to invite you to November meeting, which will be on November 27.

## DO YOU KNOW ...?

## Welcome New Members 2019



American Eye Center Vietnam, Anh Duong Company, Hertz Vietnam, Gia Thuy Company (GT-Industrial), Georgetown University, Mekong Capital, Shire Oak International Limited, Tenzing Pacific Services Vietnam, Therm-x SVT, Varian Medical Systems Pacific Inc., Vietnamese-German University

## AmCham Premium Membership 2019



The AmCham Premium Membership 2019 is a leadership-level membership for companies contributing strategic support for AmCham's mission and programs. 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 - October 2019](#)
- [US partners with Vietnam to build urban energy security](#)
- [Vietnamese SMEs need more backing to enter supply chains: workshop](#)
- [Vietnam's FDI inflow up in 10 months](#)

## AMCHAM PREMIUM MEMBERS



### Diamond



### Gold



### Silver



### Bronze



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