

# AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 47th Week of 2019

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### Voting Now Open! Board of Governors Election 2020

The AmCham Vietnam HCMC Board of Governors election for the Jan. 2020-Dec. 2021 term is now open. Nine governors will be elected from the nominated candidates in on-line secure voting. Eligible AmCham Voting members received an email the week of November 11th with instructions on completing the on-line ballot. (Contact AmCham office if you did not receive your email ballot instructions.) Voting closes Dec 5 at 11:59 p.m. 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.



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

7:45am - 5:45pm, Liberty Central Saigon Citypoint Hotel, 59 Pasteur, Dist. 1 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)



### Thu, Nov 21 AmCham 25th Anniversary Dinner - SOLD OUT

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.



### Mon, Nov 25 AmCham Scholarship 2019 - Interview Day

8:00am - 12:00pm, Equatorial Hotel, 242 Tran Binh Trong, Dist. 5 AmCham Scholarship Interview Day is the final round of the selection process to identify the most qualified students to receive an AmCham scholarship. Interview Day is expected to have 132 interviewees and 100 interviewers from AmCham HR Committee and AmCham Scholar Alumni. This year's program is seeking 60 scholarship winners.



# Mon, Nov 25 Vietnam Food & Beverage Forum 2019: Actions for Sustainability and Better Food Safety Management

8:00am - 12:30pm, Pullman Hanoi, 40 Cat Linh Street, Dong Da District, Hanoi Join this forum with industry experts and senior government officials to discuss important regularly issues affective the Food and Beverage industry.



### 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.

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

# *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 along 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.



### 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, Nov 30 AmCham Scholarship 2019 - Award Ceremony

8:30am - 11:00pm, Pullman Saigon Hotel, 148 Tran Hung Dao, Dist. 1 AmCham Vietnam award ceremony for scholarships winners to 60 AmCham Scholars from top universities in HCMC and Binh Duong Province will be held on 30 Nov, 2019. In the 19 years since launching the AmCham Scholarship Program in 2001, AmCham has awarded 935 scholarships.



## 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, the 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



# Announcement of evidence indicating that Asanzo committed four violations of Vietnamese Law

On October 28, the General Director of Vietnam Customs, Mr. Nguyen Van Can chaired a press conference to present evidence of the violations by electronics company Asanzo. In this press conference, Asanzo is alleged to have committed violations related to the deception of consumers, origin of exported goods, counterfeiting of trademarks and evading taxes. This case highlights many legal issues that are critical for business, including use of "made in Vietnam" labels, transfer pricing and false advertising. Should you have any question, please contact us at www.letranlaw.com/contact.



## AIS Open Day In November And December

Australian International School (AIS Vietnam) will organize two Open Days in 30 November at Xi & Thao Dien Campus and 07 December, 2019 at Thu Thiem Campus in District 2. All Prospective families are invited to join and experience our world-class education. Save up to 10.000.000 VND and attractive scholarship program for your children.



## The best of Italian cuisine at The Reverie Saigon

Top Italian chefs will descend on The Reverie Saigon to delight diners with the best of traditional Italian fare. On 20 November, R&J Italian Lounge & Restaurant presents a seven-course dinner prepared by six award-winning Italian chefs and one special dish overseen by the Italian Consul General in HCMC, complemented by a live musical performance from a well-known Italian Mezzotono band. On 21 and 22 November at The Long @ Times Square, savour award-winning pizza with authentic Italian flavours from master pizzaiolo Gianni Di Lella.



## A Bountiful Thanksgiving Feast at The Reverie Saigon

Gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving for a sumptuous dinner buffet of traditional American fare at The Reverie Saigon's Café Cardinal on November 28. The highlight of the buffet will be succulent whole turkey with cranberry sauce, creamy mashed potatoes and gravy. There is also a hot carving station featuring roast USDA beef and Spanish pork leg. Additional hot dishes available to order include foie gras poêlée and oyster gratin. Priced at 1,688,000++ per person, it also includes free-flow red and white wine, Prosecco sparkling wine, draught beer and soft drinks.



#### Festive Celebrations at Windsor Plaza Hotel

This Christmas and New Year is the time to celebrate with family and friends with an array of sumptuous offerings at Windsor Plaza Hotel.

Festivities kick off with a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the main lobby on 28 November in time for Thanksgiving. Then the party really begins with holiday feasts and special offers at the hotels fine dining outlets. Café Central An Dong will also be hosting a special Thanksgiving buffet featuring roast turkey and cranberry sauce, carvery station and desserts for only 798,000++ per person.



#### Thanksgiving at Skewers or The Elbow Room

Thanksgiving is almost here. Arguably one of our favorite time of the year where we get the opportunity to celebrate with family, friends and love ones near & far... with lots of good foods, wine and conversation.

Please join us and celebrate with our Skewers or The Elbow Room family so book early... minimum 48hours for whole turkey and ham. Thursday November 28th Happy Thanksgiving



### Dine with Michelin Starred Chef Guillaume Sanchez

From 22nd to 24th November, Social Club Restaurant, 23 floors above Saigon, expect the once-in-a-lifetime experience headed by Celebrity one Michelin starred Chef Guillaume Sanchez. For all 3 events Sanchez will create complex, comprehensive, and holistic dining experiences from start to finish, to encourage a truly emotive response from all of his privileged guests. Join the exciting artful culinary journey with our celebrity starred chef Sanchez, Executive Chef Jorick Dorignac and Pastry Chef Laurie Prost of NE/SO Paris; Caviar and Cheese brands: Kaviari and Les Frères Marchand; guest mixologist as well as our lineup live performances from tattoo artist, hair-tattoo artist, guest saxophonist, live Jazz band and DJ.

#### Festive Season Offer at Banyan Tree & Angsana Lang Co



Banyan Tree & Angsana Lăng Cô are inviting guests to experience a destination beautifully themed for this holidays. Nestled between the azure waters of the East Vietnam Sea and the Truong Son mountain range, this is the perfect destination for travellers who seek a luxury hideaway, or a base from which to explore beautiful area, includes three UNESCO-listed World Heritage Sites.



#### LOTTE Christmas Tree Lighting Celebrations

Experience festive spirit to the fullest with our Christmas Tree Lighting Celebrations at LOTTE Legend Hotel Saigon. Come and join us as we celebrate the start of holiday season with exciting live Christmas carol and many lucky prizes. **Date:** Friday, 29th November 2019 **Time:** 7:00PM - 8:30PM **Venue:** LOTTE Legend Hotel Saigon, 2A - 4A Ton Duc Thang Street, District 1, HCMC

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES - For AmCham Members only



# *Thu, Nov 21* Manufacturing Committee Meeting (For AmCham Members Only)

8:00am - 9:30am, Renaissance Riverside Hotel, 8-15 Ton Duc Thang Str., Dist. 1 Regular monthly meeting of the Manufacturing Committee for networking, informationsharing, and planning advocacy efforts to improve the business environment and promote trade and investment between Vietnam and the U.S.



# Wed, Nov 27 [Save The Date] HR Committee Meeting (For AmCham Members Only)

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

Corporate Members: Barton Pike Executive Recruitment Company, Copper Mountain Energy JSC (CME), Data Energy Company, Hertz Vietnam, Marou Chocolate Company, Sunrise Events Vietnam Company, Vexos Vietnam Company, Vietnamese-German University, VMED Group JSC



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

### In the News

- Vietnam's threat of legal warfare could signal it is ready to take an even bolder stance on China
- Lawmakers scrutinise bill on PPP investment
- Draft Law on Investment adds incentive sectors
- Message from the Chair October 2019

# **AMCHAM PREMIUM MEMBERS**



