AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 51st Week of 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Renew Your Membership TODAY for special savings

For many of you, it's time to renew your membership for 2020 and continue your involvement in AmCham, with opportunities for networking, information-sharing, advocacy to improve the business environment, and promotion of your business. Your calendar year renewal can be renewed for 2020 with the 2019 membership price--so act now and pay before December 31, 2019 for this savings opportunity. Do not forget to update your company profile online and for printing in the 2020 Membership Directory when you renew. Contact Ms. Sam Hoang with any questions.



Welcome 2020 AmCham HCMC Board of Governors

Each New Year brings a new dynamic to AmCham HCMC with the addition of new Board members, while saying good-bye to those who have given their time and leadership for a number of years. At the end of 2019, we will say good-bye and thank you to Sandra Cho, John Nguyen, William Watson, and Alexandra Sasha Stinchfield. In 2020, we will welcome newly elected Board members Michael Beckman (EY Law Vietnam), Milton Hagler (Fluid Power & Controls Co., Ltd.), Michael Kelly (Ho Tram Project Company - The Grand), Jahanzeb Khan (Suntory PepsiCo Vietnam Beverage), Colin McCandless (InterContinental Saigon Hotel & Residence), Kevin Moore (Vietnam Waste Solutions), Jonathan Moreno (Diversatek Vietnam), Hang Nguyen (Baker & McKenzie), Chad Ovel (Mekong Capital), Soren Pedersen (SSA Marine), Sai Ramana Ponugoti (P&G Vietnam), Amanda Rasmussen (Indo Trans Corp). We look forward to working with these great individuals who govern our organization, uphold its mission and assist the Chamber in supporting our business communities.



Thank you to sponsors and participants of 24th Annual AmCham Governors' "Silver Ball"

Special thank you to our Ball sponsors for the generous support of December 7th's Governors' Silver Ball! Our top Golden Rings sponsors helped us make this year's Silver (anniversary) Ball very special!

Check out our **photo album** for many of the evening's highlights and our members and guests celebrating together and getting into the holiday spirit.

Click **HERE** for list of Winners of Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction Prizes.



Tue, Jan 14 Foundations of Innovation: A Design Thinking Workshop with Chris Elkin

9:00 am - 11:30 am, Dreamplex Tran Quang Khai, 62 Tran Quang Khai St., Dist. 1 In this rapidly-changing world, leaders of all types of organizations - startups, corporations, not-for-profits, government agencies - need to understand how to innovate. Contrary to

popular belief, innovation & creation is often not the result of random lightning strikes, but rather of methodical practices.

AmCham Vietnam's new Entrepreneurship & Innovation Initiative invites you to join a design thinking interactive event led by Chris Elkin. Chris is founder of Doodle Brands, a Vietnam-based design thinking brand innovation firm in Ho Chi Minh City.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



Tue, Jan 14 Launch of Capital Markets Committee

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Mekong Capital Office, 6 Thai Van Lung St., Dist. 1 AmCham is establishing a Capital Markets Committee for AmCham member companies to network, share business insights, and identify issues for advocacy. This committee will interface with the VBF Capital Markets Group and expects to have synergies with AmCham's new Entrepreneurship and Innovation Initiative and the ICT Committee's FinTech members. We welcome participation from those in Venture Capital, Private Equity, Insurance, Institutional Investing, Mergers & Acquisitions plus. The Committee will be AmCham members-only in the future. Both current members and possible future members are invited to the launch meeting.

SPONSORED NEWS



Losing Points - Arbitration Procedures

Arbitration procedure in Vietnam is unlike the procedure found in international arbitration and requires adaptation of traditional litigation strategies to achieve the best results. This booklet will help you understand (i) arbitration agreements and how to tailor the arbitration procedure to suit your needs, (ii) requests for arbitration, statements of defense and counterclaims, (iii) arbitral tribunals, (iv) arbitration hearings; and (v) arbitral awards and requests for correction, interpretation or annulment. Should you have any questions, please contact us at www.letranlaw.com/contact and follow us on http://bit.ly/Letran-LinkedIn.



Merrily On High, Dine & Shine

The most wonderful time of the year is coming. Let's mark the milestone moments or celebrate the success of the past year by bustling feasts with newest service of GEM Center. The whole party space will be transformed with the unique festive decoration once you choose one of the special seasonal menus particularly made for this festive season. Click **HERE** to have further information about GEM Center for your year- end events.



Enjoy 25th Anniversary Celebratory Promotion with The Ascott Vietnam

From the moment our doors first opened in 1994, The Ascott Vietnam has been delivering delightful experiences for guests around the globe. From now till 31st Dec 2019, join in our birthday party at any Somerset properties in Ho Chi Minh City & Citadines Central Binh Duong with the 25th Anniversary Celebratory Offer that includes 25% off Best Flexible Rate and VND 250,000 incidental credit coupon. Check out our promotion here and book now!



CBRE Vietnam Market Outlook 2020

In accordance with continued economic expansion throughout 2019, Vietnam's real estate market recorded another year of strong growth. As this decade draws to a close and a new decade comes into sight, one of the most frequently asked questions is how much more growth we should expect.

Join us at our signature CBRE Vietnam Market Outlook 2020 events (Jan 7 in Hanoi; Jan 9 in HCMC) as CBRE leaders together with top industry experts reflect on the many ups and downs of Vietnam's real estate sector in 2019 and discuss the boundless opportunities that the '20s might hold.



Fri, Jan 10 Amended Labor Code: Changes & Challenges

Understanding the need of businesses to comprehend and get updated with the most important changes made in the revised Labor Code 2019, Talentnet is organizing a seminar entitled "Amended Labor Code: Changes & Challenges", with an aim of helping businesses quickly grasp the amendment and new provisions, comply with and operate properly to avoid non-compliance and unnecessary risks.

DO YOU KNOW...?



Welcome New Members 2019

Bronze Premium Member: TH Group

Corporate Members: Amorepacific Vietnam, Areco Realty Company (Maihouse Hotels & Resorts), Dong Thai Company, ILA Vietnam, KalaPress Vietnam, ILA Vietnam, Lab Group International Vietnam, Lab Group International Vietnam, Northstar Precision Vietnam Senior Professional Member: Mr. Larry Lane



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

- Lãnh đạo TPHCM tiếp và làm việc với Ban Lãnh đạo Hiệp hội AmCham
- U.S. firms help HCMC resolve urban issues: AmCham
- Message from the Chair November 2019

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