



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 4th Week of 2020

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TẾT SURVIVAL GUIDE 2020 by Santa Fe Relocation

As we prepare in Vietnam for Tết (Lunar New Year), gain insights about the holiday so that you, your family and friends can fully enjoy this special time of the year. This guide will help with the understanding of the history and traditions of Tết, what to be mindful of, how to say a few Tết phrases in Vietnamese, where Tết festivities are taking place and what establishments will be open during the holiday. Please Enjoy! And Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!



February 4-7 Business Opportunities in Agriculture

The U.S. Embassies in Cambodia and Lao PDR, in partnership with AmCham Cambodia, USAID, and the U.S. Commercial Service, are organizing a series of trade events on "Business Opportunities in Agriculture" from February 4-7, 2020.

Please see more details in event link. If you are interested in attending, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AgDel2020>
If you have further questions, please contact event organizers at AGDEL2019@state.gov or AmCham Cambodia at ed@amchamcambodia.net



Feb 12 Vietnam Business Forum - Briefing from January Dialogue

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Venue to be informed

Join this event to get the inside perspective on how the Vietnam Business Forum (VBF) works and what was discussed at the 2019 VBF held in Hanoi on January 10. The VBF is an ongoing public-private policy dialogue channel between the Government of Vietnam and the business community with the aim of improving the business climate in Vietnam. As a founding member of VBF, AmCham participates throughout the year to represent concerns of our member companies, both through our AmCham VBF representative and through leadership and active participation by AmCham business leaders in many of its working groups. Join us for an interactive panel discussion with AmCham Vietnam-HCMC Chairwoman and 2019 AmCham Vietnam National Chair Amanda Rasmussen, Co-Chair of the Trade and Investment Working Group and 2020 Vietnam VBF Representative Fred Burke, and other AmCham leaders active in VBF to gain insights on the business policy outlook for Vietnam in 2020.



Feb 26 CSR Workshop: Human trafficking and forced labor in supply chain

7:30 am - 12:30 pm, New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai Street, Dist. 1
Join this workshop to:

- Learn about new legal requirements to combat human trafficking and forced labor, enacted by California, the UK, and Australia, among others;



- Understand trafficking and forced labor patterns in Vietnam that lead to tragedies;
- Hear the perspectives of companies who have taken action to combat trafficking and forced labor - and improved their companies' bottom lines;
- Meet service providers who can help your companies ensure compliance; and
- Create an informal alliance of factories, companies, and other stakeholders who can share best practices in preventing human trafficking and forced labor.



Mar 11-12 AmChams of Asia Pacific Business Summit 2020

8:30 am - 5:30 pm, JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach, Singapore

This high-profile annual summit attracts business, diplomatic, and academic figures from more than 12 countries across the U.S. and Asia Pacific region. Delegates will hear from a range of business, government, and academic leaders discussing a range of issues including an in-depth look at what the Asian Century means and the challenges in Asia Pacific for U.S. companies; smart cities; the impact of emerging technologies on global supply chain management; energy challenges; cybersecurity; infrastructure; and ASEAN regional trading frameworks.



Renew Your Membership TODAY

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. [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.



Advertising Opportunity in the AmCham Membership Directory 2020

There are many reasons to advertise in the AmCham Vietnam membership directory! Promote your products and/or services and enhance your company's image within Vietnam and the Southeast Asian business community.

The directory is used daily by AmCham members and their employees, as it is a quick way to find contact details of AmCham members.

It is also a valuable source of information for firms considering investment in Vietnam. And you get a year of exposure!

Circulation: 1,700 copies, approximately 440 pages, dimensions: 19cm x 26cm. Perfect bind, soft laminated cover.

Publish date: Estimated April-May 2020

For more information and advertising, please contact [Membership Team](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Tue, Feb 11 Education & Training Committee Meeting

11:00 am - 12:00 pm, ASU conference room - 2/F, Building C, Cao Thang Technical College, 65 Huynh Thuc Khang Street, Ben Thanh Ward, Dist. 1

To all Education & Training Committee members (and those AmCham members with an interest in Education), we welcome your attendance and ideas.

- 1) Review feedback on the Child Protection Workshop
- 2) Review feedback on the Skills Gap Survey
- 3) Discuss the committee's plans for 2020



LEGAL & VBF LIAISON COMMITTEE

Tue, Feb 11 Legal & VBF Liaison Committee Monthly Meeting

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm, Baker & McKenzie, 12th Floor, 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.



Duty of care: 4 factors that help determine an international assignment's success

Expanding business interests overseas can be a challenge for SMEs with limited resources. Foreign assignees (expats) are often at the forefront of bringing a company's values and corporate culture into regional or global offices. Globally mobile employees help ensure that geographically dispersed teams are all working towards the same goals, transfer operational knowledge and management skills, and build trust between locations. Therefore, the success of these employees and achievement of their objectives is of critical importance.



Vietnam Labor law review (No1/2020): Evidence in Labor Cases

This Labor Law Review has a discussion of various notable decisions in labor litigation concerning the collection and submission of evidence, which have an effect on the admissibility of evidence in a court of law; particularly, how the Vietnamese court views an evidence lawfully valid and the evidence laws the parties should be aware of. Additionally, the legal updates collected from November 01, 2019 to December 25, 2019 can be useful to your labor compliance. Should you have any question, please contact us at www.letranlaw.com/contact and follow us on <http://bit.ly/Letran-LinkedIn>.

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AmCham Premium Membership 2020

The AmCham Premium Membership 2020 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.



Welcome new joined members

ABS Institute Co., LTD; American Education and Development Group Inc; American Fashion JSC; ANT Law; ASART Deal Advisory Company Limited; ATT Logistics JSC; Children of Vietnam; Focus Consulting Co., Ltd; Fuji Xerox Vietnam Co., Ltd; HFI LLC ; HR1 Vietnam Co., Ltd; IQVIA; Mövenpick Resort Phu Quoc; Nguyen Binh Khiem High School; Onesky Foundation; Online Mobile Services JSC (Momo); Pure Vietnam Company Limited; Tam Minh Technology JSC; United Overseas Bank; Vietcetera; Vietcombank; Vitabella JSC

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

- Vietjet launches Da Lat-Seoul route
- Ford expands Hai Duong facility

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