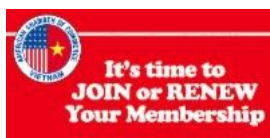




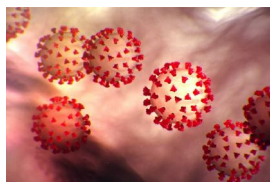
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NEWS



Don't miss out - Renew now! Our discounted renewal is available at last year's rates for dues paid by February 14.

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.



Novel Coronavirus Update

On January 30, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a global health emergency and the U.S. State Department issued a travel advisory recommending Americans not travel to China because of the public health threat posed by the coronavirus. As of Friday, January 31, three cases of coronavirus and 32 individuals under quarantine have been reported in Vietnam. Links to the WHO website, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website, the State Department travel advisory, and a recent Vietnam news report are included below. Both the WHO and CDC websites will be updated regularly.

- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>
- <https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/vietnam-sets-up-45-quick-response-teams-against-coronavirus-4048264.html>

Also, excerpted from the WHO website is advice for the public, essentially practicing good hygiene and washing hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer frequently. There is currently no WHO recommendation to wear masks. While it will not protect you from 2019-nCoV, if you have not already gotten your flu shot this year, you may want to do so now.

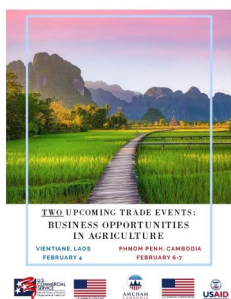
WHO Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) advice for the public

WHO's standard recommendations for the general public to reduce exposure to and transmission of a range of illnesses are as follows, which include hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices:

- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue - throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider;
- When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus,

avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;

- The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.



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



Wed, 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, 2019 VBF Co-Chair and 2020 AmCham Vietnam National Chair Ginny Foote (virtually), and other AmCham leaders active in VBF to gain insights on the business policy outlook for Vietnam in 2020.



Wed, Feb 19 AmCham 101 - New Member's Orientation

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, AmCham Vietnam HCMC Office, Suite 323, New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai Street, 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 benefits, its mission, programs to help new members achieve success, and how to get involved in and maximize your investment in AmCham membership. It is also a great way to meet other new AmCham Vietnam HCMC members.

Contact [Ms. Sam Hoang](#) for more information.



Wed, Feb 26 CSR Workshop: Human trafficking and forced labor in supply chains

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.



Wed, Feb 26 AmCham Connect & Cocktails

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm, Mia Saigon, No. 2-4, Street 10, An Phu Ward, Dist. 2

Join us for the first AmCham Connect & Cocktails of 2020 at the newest luxury boutique hotel in District 2, Mia Saigon. You can enjoy watching the sunset by the pool along the Saigon River, and meet with AmCham members and other professionals in an informal after-work setting over a glass of wine, beer, or a cocktail.

Come and join us for a night of networking and bring your business cards!



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.



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 [Ms. Cindy Tran](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN COMMITTEE

Fri, Feb 7 Logistics & Supply Chain Committee Meeting

9:00 am - 10:30 am, Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon, 8-15 Ton Duc Thang St., Dist. 1

Committee Outlook & Calendar 2020

VLA industry & market update



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, and committee plans and priorities for 2020.



ICT COMMITTEE

Tue, Feb 18 ICT Committee Monthly Meeting

8:30 am - 10:00 am, 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, and committee plans and priorities for 2020.



HEALTHCARE
COMMITTEE

Wed, Feb 19 Healthcare Committee Meeting

4:15 pm - 5:45 pm, KPMG Office, Galaxy Meeting Room, 10th Floor, Sun Wah Tower, 115 Nguyen Hue 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.

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Booklet of "Employment Dispute Resolution"

In the employment relationship, there is always the potential for conflict between the employer and the employee, which may lead to a disruption to the company's business. Therefore, the company should not only be concerned as to whether its actions are in accordance with the law but also to the serious, non-apparent consequences of a labor dispute. In this insight, we would like to share (i) important legal provisions on the settlement of labor disputes and (ii) typical labor disputes and discussion on solutions and exchange of experiences. 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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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.



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In the News

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- [Finance ministry acts to improve business climate](#)
- [Crafting a workable PPP law in 2020](#)

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