



AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 7th Week of 2020

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Only a few days left - Renew now! Our discounted renewal is available at last year's rates for dues paid by Friday, 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 (COVID-19, aka 2019-nCoV) Update

AmCham held a February 6 Business Intelligence Briefing on the Health and Business Impact of Novel Coronavirus in Vietnam with a series of expert panelists, including:

- Dr. John Blandford, U.S. Centers for Disease Control Vietnam Director, U.S. Embassy Hanoi
- Dr. Maciej Boni, Associate Professor of Biology at Pennsylvania State University, Honorary Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK (via Skype)
- Dr. Mason Cobb, President, Victoria Healthcare Systems, Ltd
- KH Ooi, General Manager, Intel Vietnam
- Amanda Rasmussen, AmCham Vietnam-HCMC Chairwoman and ITL Logistics Chief Operating Officer
- Chris Blank, Founder and CEO of Pharmacy (via Skype)
- Trent Davies, Manager, International Business Advisory, Dezan Shira
- Moderated by AmCham Vietnam-HCMC Executive Director Mary Tarnowka

The top health takeaway advice was to wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer when you don't have access to soap and water, keep your hands away from your face, and stay home if you are sick. Stay informed about the most accurate up-to-date health developments at:

WHO: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

MOH: <https://ncov.moh.gov.vn/>

If you are a U.S. citizen, register for the STEP program at travel.state.gov to receive updates on health and security information from the U.S. Consulate.

Survey participants at our event reported that 79 percent were very concerned about the health impact of the outbreak, while 71 percent were very concerned about the business impact. Chief concerns were the impact on manufacturing supply chains, as well as family health and safety, and social disruption. Survey results at link <http://bit.ly/200206surveyresult>

We know the outbreak continues to evolve and is impacting your businesses and organizations in different ways. These issues are a topic of focus in many of our

committees and we will have opportunities to share your concerns with Vietnamese government authorities. Please keep us updated about the impact of your business at <http://bit.ly/200206survey>



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**



Tue, Feb 18 AmCham 101 - New Member Orientation

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, AmCham Vietnam HCMC Office, Suite 323, New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai Street, Dist. 1.

At this 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. While this event is designed for new members, we welcome other members on a space available basis.

Contact **Ms. Sam Hoang** for more information.



Thur, Feb 20 [Co-hosted] CanCham - The 15th Crystal Ball

11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Park Hyatt Saigon, 2 Lam Son Square, District 1

In the 15 years since the inaugural luncheon, CanCham has grown and changed, but Crystal Ball has remained largely the same. Keeping to the longstanding formula of bringing together leading experts from the industries driving the Vietnamese economy, this year will feature speakers sharing insights into key takeaways from 2019 and, more importantly, what we can expect to see in the year ahead. With industry-specific predictions setting the stage, the Year Ahead Panel brings our expert speakers together to debate the challenges, opportunities, and general outlook for Vietnam in 2020.

Reserve your seat now with Ms. Nhung at nhung@canchamvietnam.org



Tue, Feb 25 Business Intelligence Briefing: Vietnam Business Forum - January Dialogue and Beyond

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, InterContinental Saigon, Corner of Le Duan Blvd & Hai Ba Trung St, D.1

Join this event with an all-star cast of senior business leaders to get the inside story on how the Vietnam Business Forum (VBF) works, what happened at the 2019 VBF held in Hanoi on January 10, and how we can strengthen VBF's effectiveness in advocating for a better business climate in Vietnam.

The VBF is an ongoing public-private policy dialogue channel between the Government of Vietnam and the business community, foreign and domestic, aimed at improving the business climate in Vietnam. As a founding member of VBF, AmCham participates throughout the year to represent the concerns of our member companies, both through our AmCham VBF representative and active participation by AmCham business leaders in many of its working groups. Join us for an interactive panel discussion to gain insights on the business policy outlook for Vietnam in 2020.



Wed, Feb 26 [POSTPONED to April 21] CSR Workshop: Human Trafficking & Forced Labor in Supply Chains

7:30 am - 1:30 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 - 8:30 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!



Thu, May 5 AmCham Members Night & Meet the Consulate General

5:45 pm - 8:30 pm, Venue to be informed

AmCham invites you to the AmCham Members Night event with Special Guests including the U.S. Consulate General staff on Thursday, March 5. Please plan to join the networking cocktail reception at 5:45pm. This will be our special opportunity to introduce you our recently joined members. After introducing of Consulate General team and new members, a cocktail reception will offer networking opportunities for one-on-one conversations with the Consulate General Team, AmCham Governors, and fellow members. More details will come soon.



Mar 11-12 [POSTPONED] AmChams of Asia Pacific Business Summit 2020

Dear AmCham Members and Guests,

As you might be aware, on Friday, February 7, the Singapore Ministry of Health raised the Disease Outbreak Response System Condition (DORSCON) alert from Yellow to Orange. This means that they are advising event organizers to cancel or defer non-essential large-scale events. After assessing available information and discussing the evolving situation with the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Singapore Board of Governors, major sponsors and other stakeholders, we have decided to postpone the AmChams of Asia Pacific (AAP) Business Summit 2020, which was to be held in Singapore on March 11 and 12. We will be hosting the event next year in March/April.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this postponement may have caused and will announce the new Summit dates when the information is available. Please refer to the Summit website: <https://www.amchamsopac2020.com/>. For ticket refunds and any other enquiries about the Summit, please contact amcham_events@amcham.org.sg.



Mon, Mar 30 Vietnam Energy Summit 2020

08:00 am - 5:30 pm, International Convention Center, 11 Le Hong Phong street, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi

Co-hosted by the Government of Vietnam and the Central Economic Commission, Vietnam Energy Summit 2020 with the theme "Orientation of Vietnam's national energy development strategy to 2030, vision to 2045" would be held on March 30th, 2020 at the International Convention Center, Hanoi. The co-organizing agencies included the Central Propaganda and Training Commission, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, European Union (EU), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the

Embassy of Finland and Vietnam Energy Association. IEC Group is responsible for logistics, advertising and exhibition for this event. The Summit consists of: 01 High-level Forum, 04 Conference Sessions and 01 Exhibition on modern energy models and technologies.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



ICT COMMITTEE

Tue, Feb 18 ICT Committee 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 and Networking

4:15 pm - 6:30pm, 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 followed by wine and cheese networking.

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Atoha - Global Provider from PMI

Atoha became a global training partner accredited by PMI on 01.12.2019 after meeting and surpassing the rigorous standards of quality and effectiveness of training prescribed by PMI. There are 02 recognized levels: Provider and Global Provider. Atoha is now recognized as a Global Provider from PMI. Atoha is also the pioneer and only training center in Vietnam currently capable of fully deploying 08 sets of certificates issued by PMI, including: PfMP®, PgMP®, PMP®, PMI-ACP®, PMI-BPA®, PMI-RSP®, PMI-SP®, CAPM®



Enhanced Criminal Liability for Unlawful Dismissals

Since January 01, 2018, the 2015 Penal Code (amended in 2017) has entered into force in Vietnam. One of the most concerned regulations therein is the imposition of criminal liability up to 03 years of imprisonment on unlawful dismissals. This insight will assess how much impact this regulation can cause to the employers in Vietnam and what the employers should do in response.

DO YOU KNOW...?



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 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; Grant Thornton (Vietnam) Limited; HFI LLC; HR1 Vietnam Co., Ltd; IQVIA; Mövenpick Resort Phu Quoc; Lana Learn; Ledup Enterprise Inc.; Lift-All Co.; 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;



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

- Vietnam Battles Its Coronavirus Challenge
- The Coronavirus in Asia and ASEAN - Live Updates by Country
- EU seen opening up trade to Vietnam, closing door to Cambodia
- NA discusses Law on Handling Administrative Violations

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