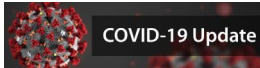




AmCham HCMC Weekly Update - 8th Week of 2020

NEWS



COVID-19 Update

Impact of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak

Many thanks to all who participated in our survey on the Business Impact of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak. We plan to release survey results tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the top health takeaway guidance is 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 and contact your medical professional 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.



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 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, Mar 12 Members Night & Meet the U.S. Consul General and AmCham Board

5:45 pm - 8:30 pm, New World Saigon Hotel, 76 Le Lai Street, Dist. 1.

Join for AmCham Members Night with the U.S. Consulate General Team on Thursday, March 12 from 5:45-8:30PM at the newly-renovated New World Hotel Saigon.

This will be a special opportunity to meet your AmCham Vietnam-HCMC Board of Governors, welcome our new members, hear updates on AmCham Vietnam's 2020 strategic goals and objectives from AmCham Chairwoman Amanda Rasmussen, and hear from U.S. Consul General Marie Damour and her Consulate General team about their 2020 priorities and events.



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, the Vietnam Energy Summit 2020 with the theme "Orientation of Vietnam's national energy development strategy to 2030, vision to 2045", will be held on March 30, 2020 in Hanoi. The co-organizing agencies include 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: A High-level Forum, 4 Conference Sessions and an Exhibition on modern energy models and technologies.



Tue, Apr 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.



Renew your membership and update your company profile for 2020 AmCham Directory which will be printed soon !

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 **Ms. Cindy Tran**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



POWER & ENERGY COMMITTEE

Tue, Feb 25 Power & Energy Committee Meeting

9:00 am - 10:00 am, Lexcomm Vietnam LLC, Ho Chi Minh City, Units 2105-07, Level 21, Saigon Trade Center, 37 Ton Duc Thang Street, District 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.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Thu, Feb 27 Education & Training Committee Meeting

8:00 am - 9:30 am, ASU conference room, 2/F, Building C, Cao Thang Technical College, 65 Huynh Thuc Khang Street, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1

To accommodate the difficulties for some committee members dealing with the school closures and other disruptions from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and prevention measures, the meeting on 27 February will be set up to allow video conferencing. Please register for the event as usual and we will send a link to join the meeting online if you prefer.

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



AIS Open Day on 7 March 2020

Australian International School (AIS Vietnam) will organize an Open Day in 07 March, 2020 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 up to 50% annual tuition for your children.



Evidence in Commercial Dispute Resolution

Despite the parties' expectation of smooth implementation and lucrative benefits, there can be practical factors leading to potential dispute to which the relevant evidence standing for each party's position is the key to win.

This insight will help you to understand how the evidence works under the Vietnamese law for prevention of contractual risks or prompt settlement of arose dispute amicably without any litigation or ultimate preparation of a good litigation strategy in case litigation is unavoidable.

Should you have any question, please contact us at www.lettranlaw.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 members

American Education and Development Group Inc; American Fashion JSC; ANT Law; ASART Deal Advisoty 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.; Manpower Vietnam; Onesky Foundation; Online Mobile Services JSC (Momo); Poseidon Supply Company; PSL Company; Pure Vietnam Company Limited; Tam Minh Technology JSC; United Overseas Bank; Vietcetera; Vietcombank; Vitabella JSC

Young Professional Member: Mr. Hoan Vo

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.



- Vietnam plays its role as President of ASEAN
- U.S. businesses in Vietnam expect less revenue courtesy of coronavirus epidemic
- COVID-19 highlights need for economic restructuring
- City to expand collective economic model

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