



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN VIETNAM

NEWSLETTER

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CEEC NEWS & UPDATES

GREAT NEWS! CEEC FULLY OPERATIONAL

One of the greatest news for CEEC in May, 2015 is the successful completion of the administrative procedures after the first AGM. The Executive Committee members of the Chamber are now happy to announce its full operation and looking forward to providing CEEC's members with the best services.

The Central and Eastern European Chamber of Commerce has opened its bank accounts. Details are as following:

Bank name: JSC Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam/Private Banking Branch

Bank Address: 3rd Floor, Vietcombank Building, 19B Tran Quang Khai Street, Hanoi

Account name: Central and Eastern European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam

Account number in VND: 085.1.00.0006166

Account number in USD: 085.1.37.0006168

Account number in EUR: 085.1.14.0006169

SWIFT Code: BFTVVNVX085

Membership fee can be paid via bank transfer only.

CEEC INFO EVENT, MAY 20th, 2015

Since the first Annual General Meeting, organized on March, 7th, 2015, the Central and Eastern European Chamber of Commerce has made a certain progress in terms of operation. Aiming to keep CEEC's members & stakeholders informed and connected, an information event was organized on Wednesday, May 20th, 2015 at May Restaurant & Bar, 19-21 Dong Khoi Street, HCM city.

The agenda of the meeting included: welcome and introduction, presentation of recent months' activities as well as difficulties, and upcoming plan and members' input.

The event provided a great chance for both CEEC's representatives and members to exchange two-way information. From the Chamber's side, Executive Committee members have expected to provide more and better info events in the future.

CEEC's NETWORKING EVENT, JUNE 04th, 2015



Picture: CEEC networking event in HCMC

In the first week of June, Executive Committee members have invited CEEC's members to its networking event, organized in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

Invitations were extended to welcome friends and partner companies from Central and Eastern Europe or those with close ties to this region, wishing to know more and be part of the network.

CEEC would like to make this the CEEC's regular networking event, which will be organized on Thursday night on a monthly basis. Invitations will be sent out around 10 days in advance, with reminders 2 days before the event.

The next networking event will take place on Thursday, July 02nd, 2015. More details will be provided shortly. The Executive Committee members would welcome all members and friends to join on regular basis. The presence of any guests is always an honor for the Chamber!

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

APRIL 16th, 2015

THE EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HCMC (EIS) EVENING RECEPTION

On Thursday, April 16th, 2015, the European International School Ho Chi Minh City (EIS) organized an Evening Reception to celebrate the achievement of EIS becoming an International Baccalaureate (IB) Continuum World School at the Intercontinental Asiana, District 1 HCMC.

The IB is a non-profit making Swiss Foundation registered in 1968. The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.



From left to right:

Picture 1: Ms. Helga Nagy (CEEC's Treasurer), Mr. Martin Koerner (EIS' PR & Marketing Manager) and Ms. Magdalena Krakowiak (CEEC's Vice Chairwoman)

Picture 2: EIS representatives and Ms. Nicola Connolly (EuroCham's Chairwoman) celebrating the achievements of EIS becoming an IB Continuum World School



In response to the invitation from EIS' representatives, from CEEC side, Ms. Magdalena Krakowiak (Vice Chairwoman) and Ms. Helga Nagy (Treasurer) took part. The Reception started with the welcome drinks, followed by some opening remark, speeches by representatives of EIS and Ms. Nicola Connolly (EuroCham's Chairwoman).

APRIL 23rd, 2015

WORKSHOP AND LAUNCHING OF HATCH! ANGLE INVESTOR NETWORK



HATCH! ANGLE is a private angel investor network that consists of angel investors, who are high net-worth individuals, having a strong interest and willingness to invest in startup companies typically in an early stage of development. HATCH! ANGLE creates a platform for startup angels to share knowledge and experience in investment, and facilitate the investment relations with startups.

On Thursday, April 23rd, 2015, "HATCH! ANGLE" was officially launched with more than 25 startup angels and individuals who are interested in startup investing. Mr. Csaba Bundik (CEEC's Vice Chairman) was invited to join as a consultant. He has been the consultant for the program since the last 3 years.

APRIL 23rd, 2015

CEEC's INTRODUCTION TO SWISS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

SBA is a non-governmental, non-political, non-profit making organization striving to promote business, economic, cultural activities and other interests of common concern to the Association's members and the Vietnamese authorities.

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CEEC's Executive Director, Mr. Christoph Schill was invited to join the SBA Executive Committee meeting to give an introduction about CEEC and to discuss a potential cooperation. SBA had expressed their interest in organizing networking events together with CEEC in the near future.

MAY 13th, 2015

VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL FOOD INDUSTRY EXPO

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More than 300 companies from 36 Vietnamese localities and 19 other countries and territories participated in the Vietnam International Food Industry Exhibition (Vietnam Foodexpo 2015) on May 13th in Ho Chi Minh City.

Ms. Magdalena Krakowiak, CEEC's Vice Chairwoman and Ms. Helga Nagy, CEEC's Treasurer visited the Vietnam Int'l Food Industry Expo 2015, tasting some products and spreading the word of CEEC among several exhibitors from Europe.

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MAY 11th, 2015

CEEC's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INVITED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO VISIT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND



CEEC's Executive Committee members in Hanoi visited the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in response to the invitation of H.E. Ms. Ambassador Barbara Szymanowska, and the Economic Counselor Mr. Mariusz Boguszewski. Both Ms. Ambassador and Mr. Economic Counselor have expressed their interests and willingness to support CEEC in the Chamber's future operation.

Picture: From left to right,
Mr. Istvan Lenart (CEEC's Executive Committee Member)
H.E. Ms. Ambassador Barbara Szymanowska (Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland)
Mr. Marko Moric (CEEC's Chairman)
Mr. Csaba Bundik (CEEC's Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Mariusz Boguszewski (Economic Counselor, Embassy of the Republic of Poland)

MAY 20th-22nd, 2015

CZECH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR'S INVITATION TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC'S WORKSHOP & PAVILION

Within the framework of "Environment & Energy Tech Hanoi 2015" in Hanoi at International Center for Exhibition, the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Vietnam had warmly invited representatives from Associations, Chambers, Institutes and Promotion Centers to attend and visit their workshop and pavilion.

From CEEC's side, Mr. Csaba Bundik (CEEC's Vice Chairman) took part.

CEEC's Vice Chairman has met the Ambassador of the Czech Republic, H.E. Mr. Martin Klepetko. The Ambassador was looking forward to the Chamber's official introduction to the Embassy. Mr. Milan Vagner, the Trade Counselor also expressed his pleasure to know that CEEC attended their event.

MAY 19th, 2015

CEEC's CHAIRMAN ATTENDED EUROCHAM'S PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INVESTMENT

CEEC's Chairman, Mr. Marko Moric has been invited to join the EuroCham Business Luncheon - "Will Vietnam be the next ASEAN Tiger?"

Around 70 guests were present at the event for a very successful and informative discussion, among them the European Ambassador H.E. Franz Jessen, Ambassador of Spain H.E. Mr. Alfonso Tena, Ambassador of Romania H.E. Mr. Valeriu Arteni, Ambassador of the Netherlands H.E. Ms. Nienke Trooster, Country Director of World Bank, Mrs Victoria Kwakwa and representatives of leading European companies.

H.E. Mr. Bui Quang Vinh, Minister of Ministry of Planning and Investment, first spent an hour in a private meeting with 6 major EuroCham member companies and institutions' representatives (ABB, CEEC, Duane Morris, HITC, Mercedes-Benz Vietnam, Siemens and the World Bank) where the business community had the opportunity to share with Mr. Vinh their main industry concerns in a very open and mutually understanding atmosphere.



MAY 19th, 2015

CEEC's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN HANOI VISIT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

CEEC's Executive Committee members (Mr. Marko Moric, Chairman; Mr. Csaba Bundik, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Ivan Kashukeev, Executive Committee Member) have come to visit The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Vietnam.

The Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Evgueni Stoytchev and the Economic Counselor, Mr. Aleksandar Aleksandrov have congratulated CEEC's representatives on the establishment of the Chamber.

The Ambassador has showed his special interests in the Chamber's future plans. He has stressed the need for having such a Chamber of Commerce and ensured us his supports in CEEC's upcoming activities.



Picture: From left to right,
The Economic Counselor, Mr. Aleksandar Aleksandrov
CEEC's Vice-Chairman, Mr. Csaba Bundik
The Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Evgueni Stoytchev
CEEC's Chairman, Mr. Marko Moric
CEEC's Executive Committee Member, Mr. Ivan Kashukeev
Mr. Nguyen Viet Cuong, Bulviet Ltd.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS



EUROCHAM AFFILIATION NEGOTIATION



Friday, April 24th, 2014: On behalf of the Chamber's Executive Committee, Ms. Magdalena Krakowiak (CEEC's Vice Chairwoman) and Mr. Christoph Schill (CEEC's Executive Director) invited Ms. Nicola Connolly (EuroCham's Chairwoman) to a meeting and handed over CEEC's Official Letter of Request for Affiliation.

Tuesday, May 5th, 2014: CEEC sent to Ms. Nicola Connolly a presentation aiming to give EuroCham more detailed information regarding CEEC's scale, scope and services.

Friday, May 8th, 2014: Mr. Marko Moric (CEEC's Chairman) met Ms. Nicola Connolly in EuroCham's office. She showed her pleasure to the fact that the two Chambers can cooperate with each other. She also confirmed her receipt of CEEC's introduction package and promised to get back to CEEC's Executive Committee after EuroCham's Executive Committee meeting on June 11th.

CEEC MET VINASME's VICE CHAIRMAN

CEEC's Chairman, Mr. Marko Moric had introduced the Chamber to Mr. Pham Hai Tung, Vice Chairman of the Vietnam Small and Medium Enterprises (VINASME)



The Vinasme's representatives promised to give us their support and access to their network, information, data base. He also suggested to have a memorandum of understanding (MoU) together.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPLASH into
Summer
at **EIS Summer School**

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN FROM
2 -17 years old

3 WEEKS FROM
15th June - 3rd July, 2015

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EUROPEAN International School HO CHI MINH CITY
A MODEL TALENT SCHOOL

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The EUROPEAN International School Ho Chi Minh City is pleased to announce that registration is now open for Summer School 2015. The Summer Programme will run from 15th June – 3rd July and is available to all children from 2 to 17 years of age.

If you would like to register your child to the EIS Summer School or you would like to receive further information, please

mail to: thanh.phan@eishcmc.com

or call: 090 388 9849.

More information at <http://www.europeaninternationalschoolhcmc.com/eis-summer-school-2015/>

Will European Union-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement unlock the green growth market in Vietnam?

Date: Thursday, June 18th, 2015
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Venue: InterContinental Asiana Saigon, Corner Hai Ba Trung St. & Le Duan Blvd, Dist 1, HCMC
Fee: Member & Co-host: VND 950,000 / Non-member: VND, 1,350,000

This special briefing, co-organized by EuroCham and Its Green Grow Sector Committee, will provide you with most insightful update from the EU-VN FTA insiders and possibility of this agreement conclusion as well as implementation to facilitate the abolishment of barriers and the development of the conditions that are essential for Green Growth to prosper in Vietnam.

More information at: <http://www.eurochamvn.org/node/14570>

Retailing-Franchising & Establishing a Company in Vietnam

Date: June 17th, 2015
Time: 11:30 am - 02:00 pm
Venue: Hard Rock Cafe
Hard Rock Ho Chi Minh City, Kumho Asiana Plaza, 39 Le Duan Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Organizer: Asia Media Partners

Speakers: Vaughan Ryan – Managing Director, Nielsen Vietnam; Phi Nguyen – Managing Partner – Indochina, World Franchise Associates; and L-Martin Desautels – Managing Partner, DFDL

Online registration: <http://www.vietnambusiness.tv/executive-exchange/online-registration>

More information at: <http://www.citynetevents.com/saigon/events/retailing-franchising-and-establishing-a-company-in-vietnam-june-17th-2015>

UPCOMING EVENTS

EuroCham - BBGV Co-hosted Mid-year review Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, 16 June 2015
 Time: 11:30am - 3:45pm
 Venue: Park Hyatt Saigon
 Fee: Member & Co-host: VND 950,000 - Non-member: VND 1,200,000

More information at: <http://www.eurochamvn.org/node/14689>

VBF Governance & Integrity Workshop Series

Co-hosted by 3 chambers (Australian Chamber of Commerce (AusCham), Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CanCham) and European Chamber of Commerce (EuroCham) with financial support from the United Kingdom Department for International Development (UK DFID), a series of workshops will be organised on the following days:

16 and 26 June in Hanoi
 17 and 25 June in HCMC

Several international speakers will share their expertise in best practices on compliance and control risks in the Asian region as well as industry case studies from Vietnam.

More information at: <http://www.eurochamvn.org/node/14678>

CEEC'S MEMBER INTRODUCTION

THE EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HCMC (EIS)



European International School Ho Chi Minh City (EIS) has been CEEC's Corporate Member since March, 7th 2015. EIS is a fully accredited IB World School, authorized to teach all 3 programs of the International Baccalaureate curriculum (PYP, MYP, and DP) to students aged 2-18 years old. EIS is a Nobel Talent School and belongs to the Nobel Education Network (NEN). NEN makes a difference by connecting specialized schools and empowering them to provide world-class 21st Century education across countries and cultures.



The EUROPEAN International School is located in Thao Dien, District 2 HCMC. EIS occupies 11 buildings with separate buildings for different functions. Classrooms and special-purpose rooms are equipped with technology and all Primary classrooms have interactive smart boards. EIS's campus additionally consists of:

- an outdoor pool,
- an astroturf sports ground,
- a basketball court,
- a pre-primary outdoor adventure playground,
- special rooms (art room, music room, science lab, computer lab, design tech workshop),
- a library

English is the language of instruction throughout the school. Additional languages are offered for students in all grades from toddler to Grade 10.

EIS also organizes after school activities, which give students space and time to develop their artistic talents, social competencies, physical endurance and skills, as well as have fun in a supervised and supportive environment. These activities include "Introduction French", "Wall Painting", "Swimming", "Tennis", "Karate Club", "Special Needs School", "Student Council (SRC)", "Phu My Orphanage"

THE EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HCMC (EIS)

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