

CONFERENCE AGENDA (*tentative*)

VIETNAM AND ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC)

Briefing on one year of AEC and Launching AEC Portal for Biz

Time: 8:00 – 11:30 AM, *Wednesday 28 December, 2016*

Location: *Golden Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Fortuna Hotel*
6B Lang Ha – Ha Noi

| Timeline | Content |
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| 8.00-8.30 | Registration Presenting A Guidance Book on AEC to participants |
| 8.30-8.45 | Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) <i>Mr. Hoang Quang Phong – Vice President of VCCI</i>- Representative of the British Embassy <i>Mr. Andrew Holt, First Secretary, Head of Political and Economic Section, British Embassy Hanoi</i> |
| 8.45 - 9.45 | Section 1 – Vietnam Enterprises and AEC What Vietnam enterprises lose and gain from AEC? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AEC's Nature: Compulsory commitments and cooperation proposals - Impacts on Vietnam enterprises- AEC's Roadmap: Many years for preparation and one year of implementation – What Vietnam enterprises have/haven't achieved?- AEC's Outlook: What will AEC become – What should Vietnam enterprises do? AEC Portal for enterprises – a tool for seeking benefits from AEC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What to get from the Portal- How to make use of the Portal? <i>Speakers:</i> <i>Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Trang – Director of the Center for WTO and Economic Integration - VCCI</i> |
| 9.45-10.00 | Discussion |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | Tea break |

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| 10.00 – 11.15 | <p>Section 2: Round table “ AEC – the story of seizing chances and overcoming challenges”</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Tran Huu Huynh - President of VCCI’s Committee on International Trade Policies</i></p> <p><i>Content</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How has Vietnam implemented main AEC Agreements? From commitment to implementation - How has Vietnam exploited tariff preference in AEC? What are major barriers? - Vietnam enterprises – Hopes and concerns from AEC <p><i>Guest speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Hoang Van Phuong – Lead of ASEAN Division, Multilateral Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade</i> - <i>Mr. Vo Tri Thanh – Senior expert on ASEAN– Central Institute for Economic Management</i> - <i>Mr. Nguyen Tuong – Representative of Vietnam Logistic Business Association</i> - <i>Representative of Vietnam Tourism Association</i> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 11.15-11.30 | Closing |