

VIETNAM BUSINESS FORUM

***ENHANCING EFFICIENCY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF VIETNAM'S ECONOMY***

*Time: 7:30 - 13:30/Wednesday, May 26, 2010*

*Venue: Sheraton Hanoi, Xuan Dieu Str., Hanoi*

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

7:30 – 8:00	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 – 8:30	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ H. E. Mr. Vo Hong Phuc, MPI Minister</li> <li>▪ Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, WB Country Director</li> <li>▪ Mr. Simon Andrews, IFC Regional Manager</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: Review of Investment Climate</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investment Climate Perception presented Local &amp; Foreign Associations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Vietnam Young Business Association - Mr. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman</i></li> <li>2. <i>Eurocham - Mr. Alain Cany, Chairman</i></li> <li>3. <i>Amcham - Ms. Jocelyn Tran- Chairwoman</i></li> <li>4. <i>Auscham - Mr. Brian O'Reilly- Board member</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>▪ Business Environment Report – <i>Mr. Hiroyuki Moribe , Chief Representative JETRO Hanoi</i></li> </ul>
<b>Session 2: Topics to be Discussed with Government</b>	
9:00-10:00	<p><b>1. Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Making PPP in infrastructure happen in Vietnam:</i></b> <i>How big is the infrastructure deficit in VN, in which sectors? Role of PS in infrastructure development; New BOT/PPP framework: what does the Gov want from PPP and how it should implement PPP projects – Infrastructure WG – Mr. Tony Foster</i></li> <li>- <b><i>Financing infrastructure projects in Vietnam:</i></b> <i>Issues that make an infrastructure project viable; How to finance infrastructure projects? What financial markets infrastructure and instruments needed to mobilize financing for infrastructure effectively – Banking Working Group – Ms. Dam Bich Thuy</i></li> <li>- <b><i>Development of Energy efficiency and Renewable Energy – Mr. Gavin Smith</i></b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Response from Government (30')</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Planning and Investment</li> <li>- Ministry of Industry and Trade</li> <li>- Ministry of Transportation</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:15 – 10:50	<p><b>2. Human Resources Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Human resources challenges and its impact on Vietnam enterprises' competitiveness:</b> <i>How the shortage of skillful labor affects competitiveness of the manufacturing sector; what need to be done to address this issue, how the government can facilitate enterprises in training and retaining high quality workers</i> – M&amp;D WG – <b>Mr. Greg Colton</b></li> <li>- <b>Private sector participation in education and training in Vietnam:</b> <i>Role of PS in higher education and vocational training; Status of PS participation in higher education and vocational training; What are constraints /challenges for PS to participate more in this sector.</i> – Education WG – <b>Mr. Bui Tran Phuong</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Response from Government (15')</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PS Representatives</li> <li>- Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs</li> <li>- Ministry of Education and Training</li> </ul>
10:50– 11:50	<p><b>3. Regulatory/administrative and tax reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Introduction</b> – <b>Mr. Simon Andrews</b></li> <li>- <b>Regulatory/Administrative Obstacles for Businesses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Banking:</b> <i>recommending policies and reforming administrative procedures that support economic growth through a transparent, efficient and competitive banking and finance sector</i> – BWG – <b>Mr. Tom Tobin</b></li> <li>○ <b>Mining:</b> <i>commenting on the draft mineral law to establish a reliable and clear regulatory/fiscal framework</i> – Mining WG – <b>Mr. Nguyen Xuan Tuong</b></li> <li>○ <b>Land:</b> <i>reforming administrative procedures to remove obstacles in land development</i> – <b>Mr. Than Thanh Vu</b></li> <li>○ <b>Tax:</b> <i>enhancing efficiency by simplifying /improving the consistency and clarity in tax regulation</i> - Tax sub-Group – <b>Mr. Jeff Sea</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Response from Government (30')</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State Bank of Vietnam</li> <li>- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment /Land Administration Department</li> <li>- Ministry of Finance/General Department of Taxation</li> <li>- Office of Government (Project 30)</li> </ul>
11:50– 12:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>