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MESSAGE FROM ICT SC CHAIRMAN:

The digital society will not happen in the future, it is happening now. Digital transformation is not about technology - it is about strategy and new ways of thinking. It affects worldwide all sectors of commercial business as well as public administration and public services. Speed and agility are essential in a digital world.

With the support and IT competences of our members in Vietnam and other national and international associations, we want to be the outstanding IT voice representing EuroCham members to the Vietnamese Government and its regional administrations. However, this requires that we significantly increase the number of members in the Information Sector Committee and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our advocacy activities.

We welcome companies to join us and make Information and Communication Technology Sector Committee an expert forum to deliver the best possible solutions to the digital challenges of industry and public administration in Vietnam.

I wish us good luck and success!

Mr. Winfrid Messmer

Vision for 2019-2020:

1. Regular meetings and flow of communications;
2. Monthly newsletters to update on ICT SC activities and share news on the IT industry in Vietnam;
3. Strengthen relationships with key stakeholders: Ministry of Information and Communications and VINASA;
4. Increase ICT SC visibility in events and EuroCham meetings;
5. Contribute to EuroCham advocacy activities: position papers and annual WhiteBook publications

ICT SC members:

ICT SC held kick-off meetings

28 June | Considering the exponential pace of technological development, ICT SC held a re-engagement meeting with EuroCham members interested in ICT topics to discuss with IT departments and IT companies how ICT SC could become a better forum for them to exchange IT-related concerns and address those issues to the authorities.

ICT SC enthusiastically wants to learn more about issues that IT departments and companies are facing and discuss feasible solutions for issues of common interest. Should you want to discuss your IT-related issues, feel free to contact ICT SC through our mailbox.

ICT SC's new members and Chairman

12 July | ICT SC held a meeting with new members, elected a Chairman and identified key topics to advocate: education and human capital; cyber security; and e-signature. Other potential topics include data privacy, internet cost and internet bandwidth, Internet of Things, digital transformation, etc. Industry 4.0 is seen as an opportunity that ICT SC and EuroCham members should grab and optimise the benefits it brings.

ICT SC members gratefully welcomed their new Chairman Mr. Winfrid Messmer and Vice-Chairman Mr. Amanuel Flobbe.

ICT SC looks forward to welcoming more members in the coming time. Should you wish to participate in ICT SC activities, feel free to contact ICT SC through our mailbox.

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ICT SC joined the EuroCham delegation Dialogue with HCMC People's Committee and departments

11 July | ICT SC representatives joined a EuroCham delegation for a fruitful dialogue with the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee and its departments. Chairing the session, Mr. Tran Vinh Tuyen and departments welcomed EuroCham and discussed enhanced cooperation in innovation district pilot projects in Districts 2 and 9 and high-tech centers.

The discussions, especially the city's plans while transforming into a smart city, were valuable for ICT SC to understand the city's advantages and challenges and set targets for future collaboration with key departments.

Full report: here

Relevant news: here

Supportive activity: *AIOT & Smart Cities contest - A nationwide startup contest organized with Quang Trung Software Incubator*

A nationwide contest which allows startups and individuals to brainstorm new innovative solution towards AI, IoT and Smart Cities. This contest also provides an opportunity for candidates to go through a customized training program from the organizer and Bosch.

More details: here

Recent position paper: WhiteBook 2019

1. Education and training
2. Internet cost and internet bandwidth
3. Cyber security
4. Development of Industry 4.0

ICT Chapter in WhiteBook 2019: English & Vietnamese

Supportive news:

Comment on Draft Decree on managing, connecting and sharing digital data

The Ministry of Information and Communications is collecting comments on the Draft Decree on managing, connecting and sharing digital data (version 2.1). Deadline for submitting comments is 5 August 2019. More detail: here

Should you wish to provide comments under EuroCham ICT SC, please contact ICT SC through our mailbox.

Workshop on Cybersecurity Law

Ministry of Public Security shall organise a workshop disseminating Vietnam's Cyber Security Law to local and foreign enterprises on 9 August 2019 in Ho Chi Minh City.

More details: here

Vietnam ICT Summit 2019

The Vietnam ICT Summit 2019, themed "Digital Transformation Towards a Prosperous Vietnam" will take place on 8 August 2019. More details: here

Industry 4.0 Summit 2019

The Industry 4.0 Summit 2019, themed "Digital Vietnam: Accelerating Digital Transformation Toward Sustainable Development" will take place on 2-3 October 2019.

More details: here

Ho Chi Minh City reviews smart city project

On 22 June 2019, Ho Chi Minh City's steering board for the smart city project held a conference to preliminarily review the 18-month implementation of the smart city project and set tasks for the next phase.

More details: English & Vietnamese