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P.2: “EU keen on FTA negotiations with Vietnam” - Saigon Times Daily 19.01.2010

Despite protests by certain European business associations including EuroCham, the EU still voted for a 15-month extension of 10% tariffs on leather shoe imports from Vietnam. According to Mr. Sean Doyle, ambassador and head of Delegation of the European Commission to Vietnam, the EU is taking a country by country approach instead of reaching an FTA with all ASEAN countries.

P.3: “EuroCham helps local associations build capacity” – Saigon Times Daily 18.01.2010

A series of seminars and courses organized by EuroCham with attendance of Mr. Sean Doyle aims at assisting Vietnamese business associations in building capacities for European and international trade policies and issues.

P.4: “Trade intergration pressures businesses”- Vietnam News 16.01.2010

The EU Ambassador Mr. Sean Doyle recommends that business associations need to improve their capacity to not only consult government but also advise their members on European trade rules and policies and to inform their members about the implications of trade intergration.

P.5: “Da Nang top province - again” – Vietnam News 15.01.2010

More and more enterprises wanted to use Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) to learn about business environment, proven by almost 10,000 companies took part in the survey in 2009. The central city of Da Nang scored 75.96 percent to top the country’s PCI in 2009 for the second consecutive year, followed by Binh Duong with 74.01.

P.6: “EU urged not to put the boot into sector” – Vietnam Investment Review 21.12.2009

Sharply decrease in term of Vietnamese footwear export market with statistical figures are shown that anti-dumping duties go against the interest of most of European members, where they are making shoes or importing shoes from Viet Nam.

P.7: “EuroCham opposes shoe duties” – Vietnam News 17.12.2009

Politicians and businesses not only in Viet Nam but also other countries have protested the EU proposal to extend the anti-dumping duties since “it would cause an adverse impact on the Vietnamese economy as it had faced a lot of difficulties due to the global economic crisis”, said EuroCham Chairman Mr. Alain Cany.

P.8: “EuroCham against anti-dumping duties on shoes” - Saigon Times Daily 16.12.2009

At an interview on behalf of EuroCham, Chairman Mr. Alain Cany stated firmly the opposition regarding the extension of anti-dumping duties on Vietnamese leather shoes.

P.9: “Investors discuss business climate” – Vietnam News 02.12.2009

Foreign and Vietnamese investors participated in Viet Nam Business Forum (VBF) co-hosted by the IFC and the Ministry of Planning and Investment to outline five recommendations for Viet Nam Government to improve the business climate in the country.

P.10: “Talking up 2010’s business outlook” – Vietnam Investment Review 30.11.2009

EuroCham Chairman Mr. Alain Cany with other movers and shakers in the foreign business community shared their view and expectation for 2010.

P.11: “EuroCham chief hails nation’s business environment” – Vietnam News 28.11.2009

An introduction of White Book 2010 of Trade Issues & Recommendations by EuroCham Chairman Mr. Alain Cany and EuroCham Hanoi Director Mr. Matthias Duehn.

P.12: “Eurocham: Progress made in business climate, challenges remain” – Saigon Times Daily 27.11.2009

At the press conference in Hanoi to launch the White Book 2010 of Trade Issues & Recommendations, EuroCham Chairman Mr. Alain Cany with other EuroCham members state the role as “key factor” of the full implementation of Vietnam’s WTO-commitments in 2010 as well as those fundamental constraints to Vietnam’s competitiveness.

P.13: “E-customs planned at Cat Lai Port from 2010” - Saigon Times Daily 30.10.2009

Cat Lai will be the first port in HCMC to apply e-customs, the program would help local customs officers categorize cargo based on the declaration of shippers, as this port handled 40% of the cargo in the south and 60% of that in HCMC, given by Mr Nguyen Huu Nghiep – Deputy Director of The HCMC Department of Customs.