

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WORKING VISIT TO THE U.S.

THE IMPACT OF WTO ACCESSION ON U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS

SCHEDULE

Washington, DC
July 10-14, 2006

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Delegates:

Mr. Vu Mao	Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National Assembly – Head of Delegation
Mr. Dinh La Thang	Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee & Chairman of Petro-Vietnam
Mrs. Huynh Thai Nga	Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee Representative of Dong Nai Province
Mr. Nguyen Minh Cuong	Member of the National Assembly Committee on Economics and Budgetary Affairs (CEBA), Representative of Hanoi
Mr. Nguyen The Trung	Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman of Nghe An People's Committee
Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Thoa	Member of the National Assembly, Representative of Ho Chi Minh City
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MONDAY, JULY 10

- 5:25 AM Arrive Washington Dulles Airport
Met by USVTC Staff
- 6:30 PM Meet in the hotel lobby and depart hotel
- 7:00 PM Welcome Dinner Hosted by USAID
- Ms. Virginia B. Foote – President, USVTC
 - Ms. Shiumei Lin – Sr. Director, International Trade Policy, USVTC
 - Ms. Dana R.H. Doan – International Trade Policy Analyst, USVTC
- Venue: Nam Viet Restaurant
3419 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20008

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 8:00 AM Meet at the hotel lobby and depart hotel
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **BRIEFING MEETING WITH FORMER HILL STAFF: Working Session on Lobbying Congress**
- Ms. Linda Menghetti – Vice President, Emergency Committee for American Trade & former Senate Finance Committee Staff
 - Mr. Brad Figel – Director, Government Relations, Nike, Inc. & former Senate Finance Committee Staff
 - Ms. Diane Sullivan – Assistant Vice President, Tax and Trade, American Council of Life Insurers & former House Staff
 - MODERATOR: Mr. Robert L. Schiffer – Executive Vice President, U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council
- Venue: USABC Conference Room
1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 411
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 289-1911
- Noon Lunch (OPEN)
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
- Mr. Eric G. John - Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian & Pacific Affairs
 - Mr. John Adams – Political Officer, Vietnam Desk, Mainland Southeast Asia
 - Mr. Douglas E. Sonnek – Vietnam Desk Officer, Office of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam Affairs
- Venue: Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

4:00 PM **DELEGATION MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN ROB SIMMONS (R-CT) - CO-CHAIR OF THE U.S.-VIETNAM CAUCUS**

Venue: Office of Representative Simmons
215 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

5:00 PM **DELEGATION MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE JIM LEACH (R-IA)**

Venue: Office of Representative Leach
2186 Russell House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **U.S.-ASEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER**

Delegation Participants:

- Mr. Vu Mao - Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National Assembly
- Mr. Dinh La Thang - Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee & Chairman of Petro-Vietnam
- Mr. Vu Hai Ha - Acting Director, Department of Foreign Affairs, Office of the National Assembly
- Ms. Tran Kim Chi - Interpreter, Department of Foreign Affairs, Office of the National Assembly

Venue: The Park Hyatt Hotel
24 & M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

8:30 AM Meet at the hotel lobby and depart hotel

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **DELEGATION MEETING WITH SENATOR CHUCK HAGEL (R-NE)**

Venue: Office of Senator Hagel
Russell Senate Office Building, SR-248
Washington, DC 20510

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM **OBSERVE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON S.3495 - PNTR FOR VIETNAM**

Venue: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Noon Lunch (OPEN)

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM **MEETING WITH CITIGROUP**

- Mr. Jeffrey Shaffer – Vice Chair, Head of Economic and Political Strategies, Global Banking
- Mr. Charly Madan –Country Office, Citigroup Vietnam

Venue: Citigroup Offices
 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1000
 Washington, DC 20004

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

MEETING WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

- Ms. Charlotte Preece - Assistant Director, Chief of the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division
- Mr. William H. Cooper – Specialist in International Trade and Finance, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division
- Mr. Bernard A. Gelb - Specialist in Industry Economics, Resources, Science, and Industry Division
- Dr. Dick K. Nanto – Head, Asia Section, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division

Venue: The Library of Congress, Room LM 315 (3rd Floor)
 101 Independence Avenue, SE
 Washington, DC 20540-7500

4:30 PM

MEETING WITH THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (USTR)

- Ms. Jennifer A. Mulveny – Deputy Assistant USTR for Congressional Affairs
- Ms. Elena Bryan – Deputy Assistant USTR for Trade Capacity Building
- Ms. Cecilia Kline – Director for WTO Accessions
- Mr. David Bisbee – Director, Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs

Venue: US Trade Representative
 1724 F Street NW, Room 2
 Washington, DC 20508

6:00 PM

Meet at the hotel lobby

6:30 PM

Dinner Reception Hosted by Ambassador & Mrs. Nguyen Tam Chien
On the Occasion of the 11th Anniversary of the Normalization of Diplomatic Relations between Vietnam and the US and in Honor of Vietnam's National Assembly Delegations

Venue: The Residence of the Vietnamese Ambassador
 2251 R Street, NW
 Washington, DC, 20008

THURSDAY, JULY 13

7:30 AM

Meet at the lobby and depart hotel

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

WORKING BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE US-ASEAN ENERGY WORKING GROUP & WTO COALITION MEMBERS

- Mr. Chris Fedderson - US ASEAN Business Council

Confirmed Companies:

- Mr. Robert Riordan, Black & Veatch
- Mr. Paul Weida, Black & Veatch
- Mr. Samir Sahgal, Boeing Company
- Mr. Richard Herold, bp
- Ms. Devry Boughner, Cargill Inc.
- Mr. Philip Vaughn, Fluor Corporation
- Ms. Laura Hudson, Chevron
- Mr. Mark Baker, Diageo
- Mr. Robert Haines, ExxonMobil
- Mr. John Ruehlman, ExxonMobil
- Mr. Bruce Hatton, McDermott International
- Ms. Susana Florian, Parsons Corporation
- Ms. Suzanne Duvall, Washington Group International

Venue: The Mayflower Hotel - The Georgia Room
 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20036

11:00 AM

MEETING WITH THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Mr. Anthony S. Chan, Ph.D. – Director; Office of Technical Support, Bureau for Asia and the Near East
- Ms. Cheryl Jennings – Desk Officer; Regional Development Mission – Asia (Vietnam, Burma, Laos, Thailand)
- Mr. James L. Walker - Senior Economic Advisor, USAID Bureau for Asia and Near East

Venue: Ronald Reagan Building
 Entrance on 14th Street (between Constitution & Pennsylvania)
 Washington, D.C. 20523

Noon

Lunch (OPEN)

3:00 PM

Meet in Lobby and Depart Hotel

3:30 PM

MEETING WITH SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE STAFF (CONFIRMED)

- Mr. Demetrios Marantis – International Trade Counsel, Minority Staff

Venue: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

U.S.-VIETNAM WTO COALITION WEEKLY MEETING

- Ms. Virginia Foote – Coalition Secretariat and President of the U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council

Participants:

- Ms. Christine Ramsdell - The Boeing Company

- Mr. Bob Aldrich - Grocery Manufacturers Association
- Mr. Lionel Johnson - Citibank
- Ms. Dianne Sullivan, American Council of Life Insurers
- Mr. Scott Miller - Proctor & Gamble
- Mr. John Reilly - AT&T
- Mr. Andre Sauvageot - Fondheim International LLC
- Ms. Beth Watson - NPPC (National Pork Producers Council)
- National Electric Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
- Ms. Brenda Jacobs - USA-ITA (US Association of Importers of Textiles & Apparel)
- Mr. Erik Autor - National Retail Federation
- Mr. Steve Beigun - Ford Motor Company
- Ms. Sarah Chambers - US-ASEAN Business Council
- Mr. Steve Champlin - The Duberstein Group
- Ms. Susan Flack - Target
- Mr. Nate Herman - AAFA
- Ms. Karen Johnson - Verizon Communications
- Ms. Lisa Lindgren - US-Chamber of Commerce
- Ms. Justina Lopez - Alticor
- Ms. Barbara Merola - The Loeffler Group
- Mr. T. James Minn - FedEx Express
- Ms. Natalie Obermann - US Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. Buck Shinkman - Harley Davidson
- Ms. Jeanette Tom - Telecommunications Industry Association
- Mr. Neo Tran - USVTC
- Mr. Christopher Wenk - National Association of Manufacturers

Venue: Citigroup Offices
 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1000
 Washington, DC 20004

Evening

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FRIDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM

Meet at the lobby and depart hotel

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

MEETING WITH US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- Mr. Charlie Schott – Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Trade and Investment
- Mr. John Ciorciari - Deputy Director of the South and Southeast Asia Office
- Mr. Luyen Tran - Deputy Director of the East Asia Office
- Mr. Gianluca Signorelli – International Economist, Office of South and Southeast Asia
- Mr. R. Logan Sturm – Research Economist, Office of Financial Services Negotiations
- Ms. Anbinh Phan - Office of International Trade and Financial Services
- Mr. Henry Bryant – Intern, Office of International Trade and Financial Services

- Mr. Toni DeChario – Intern, Office of South and Southeast Asia

Venue: Department of Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20220

11:30 AM

**MEETING WITH STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
SPEAKER OF THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

- Mr. Sean Mulvaney – Assistant to the Speaker for Policy
- Mr. Shae Loper – Policy Assistant

Venue: US Capital, Meeting Room H-122
Washington, DC 20515

12:30 PM

Lunch (OPEN)

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

POLICY ROUNDTABLE - “Presenting the New Vietnam”

2:00 PM

Welcome & Introductions

- Fred Brown - Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, SAIS

2:15 PM – 2:25 PM

Overview of Key Issues affecting US-Vietnam Relations Today

- Chairman Vu Mao, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Vietnam National Assembly

2:25 PM – 2:35 PM

Labor Rights Issues in Vietnam

- Mrs. Huynh Thai Nga, Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative of Dong Nai Province

2:35 PM – 2:45 PM

Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Enforcement in Vietnam

- Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Thoa, Member of the National Assembly, Representative of Ho Chi Minh City

2:45 PM – 2:55 PM

The Communist Party’s Strategy for Deeper International Economic Integration and Commitment to WTO Accession (Roadmap established by the 10th Party Congress)

- Mr. Dinh La Thang, Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee & Chairman of Petro-Vietnam

2:55 PM – 3:15 PM

Coffee Break

3:15 PM – 3:25 PM

Overview of USG support to Vietnam’s International Economic Integration

- Steve Parker, DAI and STAR-Vietnam

3:25 PM – 5:00 PM

Open Discussion

- Moderator: Virginia B. Foote, President of the US-Vietnam Trade Council and Executive Vice President of the US-ASEAN Business Council

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

- Fred Brown - Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, SAIS

Participants:

- Ms. Ashley Badger - The Asia Foundation
- Mr. Richard P. Cronin - Senior Associate, Henry L. Stimson Center
- Ms. Dana R. H. Doan, International Trade Policy Analyst, U.S. Vietnam Trade Council
- Mr. Phong Ho - Embassy of Vietnam
- Mr. Daniel Ikenson - Assistant Director, Center for Trade Policy Studies, CATO Institute
- Ms. Le Lan - Embassy of Vietnam
- Mr. Bobby Muller – President, Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation
- Mr. Walter North - Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East , USAID
- Mr. Marvin Ott - Professor of National Security Policy, National War College, National Defense University
- Mr. Robert L. Schiffer - Executive Vice President, U.S. Vietnam Trade Council
- Mr. Tim Seltzer - Director, SEAF Blue Ocean Finance LLC, Small Enterprise Assistance Fund
- Ms. Judith Strotz - National Intelligence Council
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy - Henry L. Stimson Center
- Ms. Frances Zwenig - Counselor, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, U.S. ASEAN Business Council

Venue: SAIS - Nitze Building, Herter Room (1st Floor)
1740 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

SATURDAY, JULY 15

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| 12:00 PM | Meet in the lobby and check out hotel |
| 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM | DC City Tour |
| 3:30 PM | Depart DC for Dulles Airport |
| 6:23 PM | Depart Dulles Airport (IAD) for Houston, Texas |