

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
Study Mission on Rule of Law and Legislative Reforms
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The U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council Education Forum (USVTC-EF) and the Support for Trade Acceleration Project (STAR-Vietnam) are pleased to be organizing a Study Mission on Rule of Law and Legislative Reforms from April 4 to 11, 2008. The mission will bring ten Vietnamese professionals from the Law Committee of the National Assembly of Vietnam to Washington, DC. We welcome public/private participation in this study mission.

The objective of this study mission is to study the U.S. law making system including the role of committees and public hearings; procedures for making laws and rules; the U.S. experience with codification as a way to ensure consistency, continuing revision of laws and transparency in the legal system; mechanisms used to improve the quality and consistency of laws and regulations; and the U.S. system of federal and state laws, courts and the division of powers between federal and state agencies.

As the supreme law-making body of Vietnam, the National Assembly is reforming its law and rule making procedures in an effort to enhance the speed and quality of law and rule making while ensuring the participation of the public and effective public governance. The Law Committee is the lead Committee in the National Assembly on legislative reforms and supervision of law implementation by the Government. As Vietnam entered the World Trade Organization (WTO) in January 2007, the Committee is tasked with developing a consistent, high quality, and transparent legal system that is consistent with its WTO commitments and makes it

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easier for people to understand and comply with laws and regulations. To this end, the Committee has the willingness and vision to reform and, therefore wants to study more international experiences in the area of legislative reforms and the development of the rule of law so that it can make better informed decisions regarding ongoing law reforms in Vietnam.

Key to the effectiveness of the Study Mission on Rule of Law and Legislative Reforms will be the strong participation of the U.S. public and private sector. We look forward to working closely with U.S. agencies and companies in this program.

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