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## 11<sup>th</sup> Network Cocktail Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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# **Selected Internal Developments since December, 2012**

- Position paper on Law on Industrial Processing
- Tax seminar in cooperation with AmCham and ANZBA in January
- EU-ASEAN Business council meeting in Saigon Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>
- Study on membership and portfolio development completed
- Membership programme launched
- Meeting with Thai Finnish Chamber of Commerce / Finpro
- Study on CSR ongoing
- Salary Study ongoing
- Investment guide under preparation
- Membership card in preparation

## **Selected Future Activities**

- RIA training February 19-24 together with LNCCI, MoIC, MPI, MoF
- Board meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- **General Assembly on March 30**
- Participation in delegation of vice ministers from MoIC, Ministry of Tourism, Information and Culture to Europe in February
- Anja leaving, hiring of new staff
- Investment Conferences in Germany on March 14 (Frankfurt), 18 (Hannover)
- April: Investment conferences in Viet Nam and other locations (tbc)
- April/May: Joint seminar on AEC and related issues with ANZBA, AmCham
- European Food Festival on May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Job Fair on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Faculty of Engineering
- Expansion of training offer
- Expansion of membership programme

# Changes in the Business Environment

- Legal environment – upcoming laws in the next NA session:
  - New laws:
    - Science and Technology
    - inspection on forestry and natural resources
    - anti-money laundering
  - Amendments:
    - VAT
    - industrial processing
    - agriculture
    - land
    - forestry
    - enterprises
- Others
  - EU-ASEAN Business Council has new structure
  - EU-ASEAN BIS in Hanoi, March 8 – 9
  - LBF revival envisaged
  - Currently levied import duties are said to be discretionary
  - Joint working groups on advocacy issues to be established