

SEMINAR “TPP DIALOGUE - ENVISIONED GROWTH FOR BUSINESS IN VIETNAM”



On March 17th, 2016, at Hochiminh Stock Exchange (HOSE), “TPP Dialogue- Envisioned growth for business in Vietnam” seminar was co-hosted by Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vietnam (VCCI)- Hochiminh City Branch, KPMG Vietnam and HOSE with the keynote speaker Mr. Tran Quoc Khanh- Deputy Minister of

Ministry of Industry and Trade, Head of Vietnam’s TPP negotiation delegation. 30 national and international industry associations, 200 FDI enterprises, top listed companies on HOSE and representatives from other industries joined the event.

At the seminar, Mr. Tran Quoc Khanh covered updated information about TPP as well as its effects on business environment and relations between members of TPP. Mr. Khanh also stated that on February 4th, 2016, the TPP was officially signed, marking the completion of 5-year negotiation. Vietnam is one of 8 countries which were invited to TPP negotiation from the very first days, because from foreign investors’ point of view, Vietnam is dynamic and determined on applying new innovative policies and following strictly to international commitments. Moreover, Vietnam with its high population, is promising to bring huge added value to other members of TPP. Participating in the trade agreements and enhancing the relationships with economic powers have improved the position of Vietnam in the region and all over the world. With 12 members currently, TPP is the biggest trade area with total population of 800 million (11.2% of the world), GDP equivalent to 40% and total export- import revenue accounting for 30% of the world. When coming in to effect on 2018, TPP will offer big opportunities especially for domestic enterprises in trading, manufacturing, importing and exporting fields, etc.



Speaking at the event, Mr. Tran Duc Sinh, Chairman of HOSE expected positive changes in the stock market under the effects of the TPP. Based on economic development, listed securities' quality of not only directly benefited industries such as textile, shoe leather, seafood but also other supporting industries will be enhanced. Foreign indirect investment inflows to Vietnam will increase strongly, creating new momentum of growth for the market.

However, opportunities always come along with challenges and risks. Apparently, the current scale of stock market is not big enough to absorb the enormous foreign investment funds; competitive pressure to domestic enterprises is relatively high in the international playground. In order to transform opportunities into economic benefit, not only enterprises but also the Government and Authority Entities should innovate themselves. Besides, enterprises' health reflects the strength and the competitiveness of an economy. Therefore, we expect enterprises to enhance creativities, innovation and competitiveness of products and services to be successful in both domestic and international market, contributing to the development of the nation's economy.

Also in the seminar, Mr. Tran Ngoc Liem, Vice President of VCCI- Hochiminh City Branch said the meaning of the seminar, co- hosted by 3 organizations is to create an open forum, where the representatives from enterprises, associations and other departments can share opinions and discuss directly about TPP opportunities and challenges. Thereby, the enterprises are able to find out the solutions, business strategies and cooperation chances to create more benefits to themselves and also to the social.