



#### Mr Brenton Mauriello

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **AustCham ASEAN Appoints New President**

We are pleased to announce that Mr Brenton Mauriello (AustCham Thailand representative) has been elected as the incoming President of the Australia-ASEAN Chamber of Commerce (AustCham ASEAN) for 2019.

Mr Mauriello takes over the presidency role for AustCham ASEAN, the peak body representing Australian business in ASEAN, from Mr Fraser Thompson (AustCham Singapore representative) who had previously held the position since 2017.

Mr Mauriello welcomed the appointment and expressed a strong commitment to furthering the work of AustCham ASEAN:

"AustCham ASEAN will continue to work with the ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Business Councils to strengthen business relations and the commercial environment so as to enhance the already strong economic ties between Australia and the ASEAN region".

Additional appointments include new AustCham ASEAN Vice Presidents Ms Chau Ta (AusCham Vietnam representative), and Mr Ashley Irving (Auscham Cambodia representative).

Further, Mr Fraser Thompson - immediate past president of AustCham ASEAN - will continue to support the work of AustCham ASEAN through the role of Senior Vice President. We thank Mr Thompson for his strong contribution to establishing AustCham ASEAN. Mr Thompson commented:

"I am delighted at Brenton's appointment. We have created a strong foundation, and it is vital that we build on this during Thailand's year as ASEAN chair; where Brenton's leadership will be crucial".



In 2019 AustCham ASEAN will continue to facilitate advocacy engagement for Australian business in ASEAN. There will be an increased focus on trade-related projects, and the development of thematic working groups on the three initial keys areas:

- · Agri-food and supply chain logistics
- Digital transformation and Industry 4.0
- Healthcare

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#### **About AustCham ASEAN**

The Australia-ASEAN Chamber of Commerce (AustCham ASEAN) was officially launched by the Australian Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, on Saturday June 3, 2017. AustCham ASEAN is a 'chamber of chambers' with its membership base the officially registered Australian chambers and business councils from across ASEAN.

The organisation is a registered society in Singapore with the following Foundation Members:

- The Australian Chamber of Commerce, Cambodia
- Indonesia Australia Business Council
- The Australia Chamber of Commerce Lao PDR
- Australian Chamber of Commerce Myanmar Association
- Malaysia-Australia Business Council
- The Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (Philippines) Inc
- Australian Chamber of Commerce, Singapore
- Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce
- The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam

AustCham ASEAN aims to deepen Australian business engagement with ASEAN by (1) Informing Australian business on regional integration developments and the business landscape; (2) Explaining the contribution of Australian business to ASEAN markets; and (3) Advocating for policies, rules and regulations that support Australian business activities in ASEAN.

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