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1st QUARTER NEWSLETTER – January through March 2019

Welcome to the Quarter I 2019 Chandler MHM Newsletter. For your convenience, full articles can be read by 'clicking' on the titles below. We hope you find this Quarter I 2019 edition – value adding.

LEGAL UPDATES Major Legislation – January through March 2019 by, Chandler MHM (click on the title to learn more) PUBLICATIONS Doing Business in Thailand First Edition – February 2019

Chandler MHM's lawyers combined resources to publish a book that provides an overview of Thai laws and practice for conducting business in the private sector in Thailand. In the introductory section readers learn about: A History of Thai Law, Sources of Thai Law, The Constitution, Statutes, Emergency Royal Decrees, and other basics. The following 14 Chapters aim to strengthen readers' understanding of, Company Law; M&A; Trade Competition; Project Finance and other information, valuable for those entering the Thai business environment. This First Edition book can be accessed by opening the PUBLICATIONS site on the Chandler MHM website.

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ASIAN-Mena Counsel Thailand: Projects & Energy; February 2019 Article by Jessada Sawatdipong, Sr. Partner and David Beckstead, Counsel Chandler MHM (click on the title to learn more)

FIRM NEWS / EVENTS – January through March 2019

Firm News

Chandler MHM: Continuing Growth

During the First Quarter of 2019, Chandler MHM increased practice area strengths with the addition of 8 new lawyers to its legal team. New lawyers included:

Banking & Project Finance Kun Tanarattananon, Associate

Corporate Nathaorn Yingseree, Associate

Dispute Resolution/Litigation Chatchai Inthasuwan, Sr. Partner Ratthai Kamolwarin, Associate

M&A

Arkrapol Pichedvanichok, Sr. Partner Pootkarn Boonyarak, Associate Yusuke Iwasawa, Associate

REITs/Capital Markets Thitiporn Prasertpakdee, Associate

Firm Events – January through March 2019

Chandler MHM Cocktail Reception – 15 February 2019

Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok

More than 150 executives from financial institutions and major corporations across Thailand joined Chandler MHM to celebrate the New Year, welcome Arkrapol Pichedvanichok, Sr. Partner/Co-Head of the firm's M&A Practice, and Chatchai Inthasuwan, Sr. Partner, Practice Leader for Dispute Resolution/Litigation – and to launch "Doing Business in Thailand".

<u>CanCham Thailand: Leadership in Energy Innovation – 6 March 2019</u> SO Sofitel, Bangkok

On 6 March, Chandler MHM was the Gold Sponsor for an energy-focused event at the SO Sofitel hosted by the Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CanCham). The event, "Leadership in Energy Innovation 2019 Thailand's Updated Power Development Plan: Energy Roadmap to 2037", featured a keynote speech on the update to Thailand's Power Development Plan (PDP) by Dr. Veerapat Kiatfuengfoo, Director of the Power Policy Bureau at the Energy Policy and Planning Office, Ministry of Energy. As Master of Ceremonies, David Beckstead, Counsel at Chandler MHM, welcomed attendees and led the Q&A session. Approximately 70 participants represented independent power producers, financial institutions, government agencies and civil society organizations. (click on the title to learn more)

World Law Group: 7th Annual Asia Regional Conference 8-9 March Bae Kim & Lee office, Seoul, So. Korea

More than 30 World Law Group members met in Seoul, So. Korea in early March at the offices of Bae, Kim & Lee for knowledge-sharing, and regional "re-connecting". Jessada Sawatdipong, Sr. Partner, Tananan Thammakiat, Partner, Pranat Laohapairoj, Counsel, and Piyawannee Watanasakolpunt, Sr. Associate represented Chandler MHM at the Conference. Pranat participated in a panel covering, Developing Cooperative Regional Work Between Firms, and Tananan presented updates on Thailand, covering: PPP, the EEC, Trade Competition, and the elections scheduled for 24 March.

(click on the title to learn more)

<u>AMCHAM Thailand: What to Do When They Won't Leave Easily</u> Terminations and Other Tricky Aspects of Thai Labor Law – 21 March 2019 Radisson Blu Plaza, Bangkok

Ratthai Kamolwarin, Associate at Chandler MHM, was one of three featured speakers at an AMCHAM joint HR and Legal Committee event in late March. Ratthai specializes in Litigation at the firm and has significant experience with labour and employment law. Over 60 participants joined the event and Ratthai's presentation focused on termination of employment.

Firm Events – Upcoming

<u>In-House Congress Bangkok 2019: Co-Hosted by Chandler MHM – 5 June 2019</u> Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit, Bangkok

Chandler MHM will Co-Host the 17th In-House Congress in Bangkok on 5 June 2019. The event will include informative panel discussions, followed by focused Workshops on topics of high importance to Thailand's inhouse lawyers, CEOs, company directors and compliance professionals. The firm's morning Workshop, **Thailand's EEC** – **Investment and Financing Opportunities**, will be led by legal specialists in banking, finance, and energy; Joseph Tisuthiwongse, Partner, David Beckstead, Counsel, and Nopamon Thevit Intralib, Sr. Associate;

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