



Glass for a safer and greener life



As exclusive official journal of the AFGM, *Glass Worldwide* recently spoke to Vieglass Chairman Tran Quoc Thai about Vietnam hosting the annual ASEAN Glass Conference for the first time.



Tran Quoc Thai, Chairman of Vieglass, looks forward to welcoming ASEAN Glass Conference delegates to Hanoi.

The Vietnam Glass Association (Vieglass) will host the 36th ASEAN Glass Conference at the prestigious Sheraton Hotel in Hanoi from 24 to 27 September 2012. The theme of the this year's meeting is 'Glass for a Safer and Greener Life'.

This is the first time the ASEAN Glass Conference has been held in Vietnam, its capital city Hanoi having been selected as a special place to stage the event. In addition to technical sessions where suppliers are invited to present the latest innovations in glass manufacture, a series of social activities with the theme 'Heritage Voyage' are designed to retain and occupy all participants from day one through to the concluding gala dinner.

"The Vietnam Glass Association (Vieglass) joined the ASEAN Federation of Glass Manufacturers in September 2009 and despite being the youngest glass association and a newcomer to the AFGM, we will try our best to contribute to the activities of our organisation" commented Tran Quoc Thai, Chairman of Vieglass, Vice Chairman of the AFGM and Chairman of the organising committee of the

36th ASEAN Glass Conference.

"We are very pleased to be hosting the 36th ASEAN Glass Conference for the first time in Vietnam. Vieglass members, including flat and hollow glass manufacturers and glass processors, look forward to participating at the event, hoping to strengthen relationships with colleagues from the region and extending co-operation to international partners, thereby developing the Vietnamese glass industry for a greener and safer life" Mr Thai enthused. "We will use this occasion to introduce the famous places and culture of Vietnam to our guests."

As difficult times for global economies continue, Tran Quoc Thai hopes the ASEAN Glass Conference will provide opportunities to share valuable experiences and effective suggestions on government policies, while also creating possibilities for co-operation on supply, market and production activities.

Vieglass has over 100 members including flat glass and hollow glass manufacturers such as SanMiguel Yaramura Haiphong, Vietnam Float Glass, OI-BJC Vietnam, DienQuang Lamp, Viglacera Float Glass, Trang An Float Glass, DapCau Sheet Glass, ChuLai Float Glass and Kala Glass.

"The meeting will provide members of the Vietnam Glass Association with the opportunity to host an annual conference, as well as meeting their neighbours" added AFGM Secretary General, Peter Javier. "I expect Vietnam to make it a conference worth complimenting. AFGM Glass Conferences offer a valuable opportunity to meet the glassmakers of AFGM and neighbouring countries (as well as competitors) in a multi-level, friendly and relaxed setting" he commented. "In the region's culture, socialising is an integral part of networking."

EVENT SCHEDULE

Day 1 (23 September 2012)

- Arrival and registration of participants.

Day 2 (24 September 2012)

- Golf tournament at Dong Mo Lake King's Island Golf Resort.
- Cyclo ride to explore Hanoi's old quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake.
- Welcome cocktails.

Day 3 (25 September 2012)

- Grand Opening Ceremony and group photograph (Grand Ballroom).
- Lunch.
- Plenary Session (AFGM delegates only).
- Cultural tour of historic Vietnam villages.
- Dinner and show.

Day 4 (26 September 2012)

- Technical session.
- Heritage and historical tour of Hanoi.
- Business Connection session (half day).
- Lunch at hotel.
- Dinner.

Day 5 (27 September 2012)

- AFGM Grand Tour of UNESCO world heritage Halong Bay – a seven wonders of the world landmark.
- Lunch.
- Gala dinner.

EVENT PARTNERS

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Delegates are expected from around the world.



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AFGM STRUCTURE

The ASEAN Federation of Glass Manufacturers is the glass

industry's regional representative body, affiliated to the ASEAN-CCI and representing glassmakers in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

The AFGM's current Chairman is Renato Y Cabrera Jr (Philippines) and Vice Chairmen are Tran Quoc Thai (Vietnam), Khun Wiroj Chuchotthavorn (Thailand), Leslie Struys (Malaysia) and Henry Susanto (Indonesia). The organisation's Secretary General is Peter M Javier (Philippines). ■

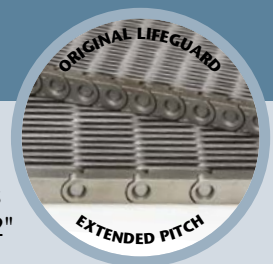


Hanoi hosts the ASEAN Glass Conference for the first time this September.

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