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AmCham Singapore Announces the Appointment of Ann Yom Steel as Executive Director

SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, SINGAPORE – The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham SG) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ann Yom Steel as Executive Director. Steel assumed her role – ensuring the chamber maintains its instrumental position in representing U.S. business and promoting members’ continued success and leadership in Singapore and the region – on September 1, 2017.

Steel brings with her a wide breadth of public and private sector experience. She joins AmCham Singapore following her most recent post as Head of Strategic Planning for the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) headquartered in the Philippines where she led the development of the organization’s 10-year global strategy. Prior to her role at IRRI, Steel resided in Singapore and was the Director of External Affairs and Head of Global Partnerships at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Further bolstering her public policy credentials, Steel also served as Associate Director of Public Affairs for Ogilvy Public Relations in Sydney, as well as Deputy Director for Office of State, Local, and Tribal Coordination at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Prior to joining ICE, Steel worked as a political and legislative advisor to a U.S Senator and as chief lobbyist and spokesperson for a number of national associations in Washington, DC.

“We are thrilled to welcome Ann to AmCham,” said Dwight Hutchins, Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore. “Her strong background in public policy and her extensive experience working in the region make her a great fit for the role. Under her leadership, AmCham is even better positioned to strengthen U.S.-Singapore relations, enhance our contributions to the U.S. business community in Singapore, and further support the success of Southeast Asia.”

Steel commented, “I am honoured to have the robust and exciting opportunity to lead one of the preeminent business organizations in the region. AmCham Singapore’s active advocacy initiatives, extensive programming, and ever-growing focus on corporate social responsibility continue to set the standard in our dynamic region. I look forward to continuing these efforts and supporting our members’ success, both in Singapore and across the region.”

Steel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Iowa and a Juris Doctor from the Washburn University School of Law. She has also served as a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Background

The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore is the largest foreign business chamber in Singapore and Southeast Asia, representing 700 leading corporations, with over 5,000 members, to provide business critical insights, sustained policy advocacy, and opportunities to connect with businesses and government leaders in the region. American companies' direct investment in Singapore exceeds an estimated U.S. \$229 billion.

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