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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO

with

THE HONG KONG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST

Invite you to a luncheon program:

THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL HUB

Presentation by:

Dustin Daugherty

**Head of North America Business Development
Dezan Shira & Associates**

Hong Kong and Singapore have long rivaled each other as ideal locations to establish a business's regional headquarters in Asia. Similarly ranked at the top of the Ease of Doing Business Index by the World Bank, these two cities both offer a wealth of advantages for foreign investors. Their strengths have enabled them to draw in foreign investment in quantities hugely disproportional to their jurisdictional size.

While the business environments are on a whole, very similar, other factors such as geopolitical risks and opportunities along with a company's strategic goals will likely be the determining factor of where to locate your business. Discover which location may suit your regional HQ needs as we compare these top two business environments and lay out what advantages there are to be had by investors.

Topics to be covered include:

- **Ease of doing business:** Economic comparison/FDI overview; Incorporation differences; Compliance requirements;
- **Location:** Geographic advantages; DTA/FTAs;
- **Taxation:** Local taxes; Tax incentives;
- **Labor force:** Local labor force; Immigration/quality of life;
- **Other factors to consider:** Political climate; Legal environment; Opening a bank account.

Dustin Daugherty leads Dezan Shira & Associates' business development in North America. Since 2015, Dustin has helped oversee Dezan Shira & Associates' and Asia Briefing's growth, particularly in ASEAN and Vietnam, specializing in client advisory on investments in the region, business intelligence, and free trade agreement advisory from our Ho Chi Minh City office. Previously a Manager of the firm's Ho Chi Minh City International Business Advisory team, Dustin was responsible for guiding international clients through their market entry process into Vietnam and the wider ASEAN region, from pre-entry assessment to corporate structuring, and ongoing support in conjunction with his tax, accounting and payroll colleagues.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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6111 North River Road, Rosemont, IL

11:45 a.m. – Registration

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon Program

2:00 p.m. – Adjourn

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