AmCham Singapore

AmCham Singapore is an NGO that advocates for U.S. business interests in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

Their largest function is to facilitate networking between member companies and between companies and the public sector.
AmCham Staff
Work Responsibilities

I worked on the ASEAN Business Outlook Survey (ABOS), an annual publication by AmCham Singapore which reports U.S. businesses’ sentiments about the business environment in Southeast Asia.

I analyzed survey data for the report, created content to represent data, drafted the report, and edited the report.

I also prepared presentations to present results to government officials.
The ASEAN Business Outlook Survey

**Expatriate Satisfaction**

Employee satisfaction is broadly positive across ASEAN, with 90% of business executives surveyed reporting that their expatriate employees are generally satisfied with their assignments. Only respondents in Myanmar (90%) report that fewer than seven in ten expatriate employees are satisfied with their assignments.

**Expatriate Assignment Satisfaction**

Are Your Expatriate Employees Generally Satisfied with their Assignments in Your Response Location?

- Regional: 80%
- Indonesia: 84%
- Malaysia: 88%
- Singapore: 90%
- Thailand: 90%
- Vietnam: 92%
- Myanmar: 90%

**Expatriate Requests for Relocation**

The majority of respondents (83%) report that their companies do not regularly receive requests from employees based in other locations to transfer to their location. Nonetheless, the majority surveyed in Singapore (71%) and Cambodia (80%) report that employees based in other locations do request to be relocated to those locations, indicating that the employees’ interests in moving to Singapore and Cambodia.

**Expatriate Business Outlook Survey**

2017
Opportunities

One great part of working on ABOS is that the publication is entirely written and largely created by interns; all of the work I did on ABOS was essential in finishing the publication.

Other opportunities at AmCham:
- Several events with speakers from both public and private sectors discussing issues such as Singapore’s foreign policy, global health issues, climate change, etc.
- Intern tours at Singaporean offices of companies like Google and Discovery
- Extensive networking opportunities through these events
The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore presents

The Balestier Series

Mr. Gabriel Lim
Ministry of Communications and Information
Permanent Secretary

August 21, 2017
12:15 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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Rewarding Aspects of the Internship

My time with AmCham allowed me to better understand the nuances which differentiate work in NGOs or the public sector from work in for-profit companies.

- Greater constraints on public image/public relations
- Different pace and goals of work

These lessons have not necessarily changed my academic or career plans, but it gives me a much better understanding of the sort of environment I would face if I work in more public-interest roles.

AmCham also has a lot of undergrad and recently graduated interns, making for a good social experience.
Personal Growth

Living alone in Singapore was definitely a new experience for me and helped me get used to taking greater responsibility for the small tasks of everyday life.

My time there was also great for reading and self-reflection.

Singapore is similar enough to the U.S. in terms of institutions and everyday life that it is easy to adjust to living there.

However, Singapore has a distinct culture with a non-Western foundation.
Singapore