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The Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it has appointed My Lan Tran to serve as Executive Director. Ms Tran joins the Chamber June 1<sup>st</sup>.

In her role as Executive Director, Ms Tran is responsible for growing the membership, leading the business capacity building development efforts and manage the daily operations of the Chamber. She will work with the private sector, government, and the communities at large to coordinate VACC initiatives statewide.

"Leaving her position at the City of Richmond after seven years with all seniorities and benefits behind, Ms Tran has decided to follow her passion as to bring our organization to the next level in order to serve our Virginia Asian community more effectively." said Tinh Phan, VACC Chairman." With this risk taking to fulfill her passion, I wish to thank Ms. Tran for her dedication and devotion to our VACC's cause and further pledge that I will do whatever possible to help and bring the organization into this new chapter and may God bless her for her vision, passion and responsibilities.", he said.

Ms Tran has more than 30 years of professional experience in the areas of domestic and international economic development, supplier diversity development, and workforce development. Most recently, she directed the technical assistance component for the city of Richmond Office of Minority Business Development.

Prior to her tenure at the City, she spent six years in various international marketing management and policy, research, and planning at the Virginia Economic Development (VEDP) to help create jobs in Virginia. Previously, she was Deputy Director for Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Employment and Training in Quincy.

Ms Tran has an advanced graduate international education in the United States and Europe to include a Master's degree in International Policy and Asian Affairs from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. She completed her advanced research in Asian Affairs at the University of Berkeley and the Post Naval Graduate School in California, and the University of Caen in Normandie, France. She is certified as an International Trade Specialist by Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Arizona. My Lan is certified as an Economic Development Specialist by Virginia Tech's Institute for Economic Development.

Ms Tran won the 2007 Virginia and Region III Small Business Champion of the Year Award from the US Small Business Administration and have received numerous awards for leadership and performance from the US Department of Labor, US Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as from many branches of the military for her extensive service contributions to those serving the military force and disabled US veterans.

Ms Tran is quadrilingual in Spanish, French, Vietnamese, and English, and she is currently learning Mandarin.

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