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VETERANS LEGION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA (L V R I)

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Honourable VECONAC President,
Honourable Vice Presidents,
Distinguished Delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all on behalf of the LVRI President, may I extend our warmest greeting to the President, Vice Presidents and all delegates and observers attending this 19th General Assembly in Phnom Penh the beautiful city of Cambodia.

We would like to deliver, that the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia (LVRI) has held its 11th General Assembly in October 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The General Assembly itself is a transition from the generation of Freedom Fighter Veterans to the Defender Veterans' generation by acclamation appointed Lt Gen (Ret) Rais Abin, remains with the task of preparing his successor within 2 years.

On the basis of the General Assembly, the National Working Meeting was held on October 10, 2019, was to set Lt Gen (Ret) Rais Abin officially handed over the leadership Maj Gen (Ret) Saiful Sulun, who previously served as Vice President of LVRI.

The replacement for the taking over have received the consent approval mandate from the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, by issuing a Presidential Decree of the Republic of Indonesia in November 2019 which ratified the Structure of LVRI Central Board for the period 2019 to 2022 under the leadership of Maj Gen (Ret) Saiful Sulun.

On this Special Occasions, we formally convey the special greetings from LVRI Central Board to our fellow VECONAC members, with the hope that the good relations that have been forged between us can continue and be improved.

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The political situation in Indonesia in the past year, experiencing a festive democratic party, where Indonesia held simultaneously General Elections starting from the Election of Legislative Members at the Regional level to the Center, Regional Leadership Council members as well as Presidential Elections which is carried out directly by the people. The highlight of the democratic party is the inauguration of the President of the Republic of Indonesia Joko Widodo for the second time and Vice President Ma'ruf Amin on October 20, 2019, in front of the Special Session of the People's Consultative Assembly.

President Joko Widodo's, second cabinet, called: *The Indonesian Cabinet Goes Forward* with 5 Vision or Main Targets namely:

1. Continue building infrastructure.
2. Human resource development which is the key for Indonesia in the future.
3. Open Investment.
4. Continuing bureau Distinguished cratic reform, and
5. Ensure the use of a focused and well-targeted State Budget (APBN).

In relations with the main target of the government at point-2, mentioned above, namely; that the development of human resources, then LVRI as an official institution that accommodates ex-combatants and defenders of independence of the Unitary Republic of Indonesia, assisting the government in the human resource development program, with the program of inheritance of the 1945 struggle values. Veteran members are expected to be an example and role model for the nation's next generation to maintain and fill independence. In essence, is willing and willing to sacrifice and selfless struggle for the sake of maintaining the integrity of the Unitary Republic of Indonesia.

In nurturing, the younger generation, especially in LVRI family environment, we have an official organization that houses the Son/Daughter of Indonesian Veterans named PEMUDA PANCA MARGA (PPM) or in English is called: "The Youth Organization of Indonesia Veterans". This Organizations is Established on January 22, 1981. Based from the desire of the sons and daughters of Indonesian Veterans from various regions to gather themselves in one organization to continue the ideals of their parents' struggle, increase their potential and play a role in fostering independence.

As a Trustee, from the "The Youth Organization of Indonesia Veterans" (PPM), in accordance with the results of the 11th LVRI General Assembly concerning the General Policy of the LVRI Work Plan for the period 2019-2022. The Legion Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia encourage PPM to held Extraordinary National Deliberations, on 9 September 2019 in order to improve the organizational structure and quality of human resources that represent PPM as "The Youth Organization of Indonesia Veterans".

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On this GA-19, we invite the Chairman and several members of PPM “The Youth Organization of Indonesia Veterans” to come together attending this event, and to acknowledge to them what Legion Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia (LVRI) has done in fostering friendships with fellow VECONAC members. We hope that as the next generation, they can appreciate and continue the good relations that have been initiated by their ‘generation of parents’.

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With the end of the physical presence of the Freedom Fighter Veterans, the main mission of LVRI since the 11th General Assembly is the Preservation of the 1945 struggle values, which is the legacy of those who have succeeded in seizing and developing the State of Indonesia. Other missions such as improving the welfare of veterans have basically received the attention of the Government with the issuance of Law No. 15 of 2012 on Veterans where we have gained various welfare improvements such as tax breaks, renovate the uninhabitable veterans’ home etc. Preservation of the 1945 struggle values which is the main task is not easy in the midst of fundamental changes, progress and the onslaught of the pace of technology that can not be dammed.

To implement these programs, LVRI is assisted by subordinate organizations, called Regional Leadership Council spread throughout the Indonesian archipelago, starting from Aceh province to Papua province totaling 30 Regional Leadership Councils and 331 Leadership Council Branches.

Several activities that were participated in by LVRI during 2019 such as;

1. January 2, 2019. Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of LVRI at Kalibata National Heroes Cemetery.
2. February 11, 2019. The LVRI Star Award was given to the Indonesian National Army Commander, Marshal Hadi Tjahjanto.
3. February 27, 2019. During the Veteran Vocational Workshop at the Indonesian Ministry of Defense, The LVRI Star Award was given to

the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia, General (Ret) Ryamizard Ryacudu.

4. August 10, 2019. LVRI celebrated National Veterans Day, to commemorate the completion of the physical dispute between the Indonesian and Dutch Armed Forces.
5. August 17, 2019. LVRI in each region participated in celebrating the 74th Indonesian Independence Day.
6. October 5, 2019. LVRI participated in commemorating the 74th Anniversary of the Indonesian National Army.

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In accordance of the direction of His Excellency the President of VECONAC, regarding the appointment and assignment of the LVRI to become the Coordinator and Liaison between VECONAC and the ASEAN Secretariat, and to several activities related to the ASEAN Secretariat have been carried out :

1. VECONAC has been included in ASEAN activities, because it has become part of the Civil Society Organization in ASEAN starting with the visit of a delegation of President VECONAC and Vice Presidents to pay an honorary visit to ASEAN Secretary General: HE Dato Lim Jock Hoi on 7 August 2018.
2. Attended the 2nd Forum of Entities Associated with ASEAN on 15 October 2018. Discussed the ASEAN Blue Print until 2025 which included: ASEAN Political Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Social Cultural Community.
3. Attended the 3th Forum of Entities Associated with ASEAN on April 9, 2019. On this occasion, the ASEAN Blueprint continued to prioritize and hoped for more active participation from each entity in accordance with the scope of the mission and vision of the organization.

4. Attending the 52nd ASEAN Anniversary and the Inauguration of the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) New Building on August 8, 2019. At this event, the inauguration of the new building was more representative. The event was filled with ASEAN traditional music and cultural performances. The program was also filled with discussions about the problems of persons with disabilities and their rights and supporting facilities.

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Once again I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cambodia Veterans Association for their excellent efforts to host the 19th General Assembly, and your hospitality during our stay in the Royal Capital of Cambodia, Phnom Pehn, one of the 'Pearl of Asia'.

And, last but not least, VECONAC will have its 39th birthday on December 19, 2019. We started with a few but now we are ONE, not only in numbers but also in realizing the vision-mission of the VECONAC founders.

Congratulations on the 39th VECONAC Anniversary

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December 10th, 2019

MAJ GEN (RET) BANTU HARDJIJO