

REPORT
OF VIRTUAL VECONAC 33RD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 15, 2021

INTRODUCTION

1. Due to the complicated developments of COVID-19 in the region and the world, the 33rd Executive Board Meeting (33rd EBM) was organized virtually on December 15, 2021 and presided by the Veterans Organization of Vietnam (VAVN).

ATTENDANCE

2. Available at 10 connection points were Presidents/Vice Presidents and representatives of all VECONAC member countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The 33rd EBM was chaired by Lieutenant General Nguyen Song Phi, Vice President of VECONAC and Vice President of VAVN.

The List of Participants is in Appendix “A”.

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3. The 33rd EBM was organized back-to-back with the VECONAC 20th General Assembly, and commenced with the Opening Address by Lieutenant General Nguyen Song Phi, Vice President of VECONAC and Vice President of VAVN.

4. The 33rd EBM reviewed the progress of two Resolutions which had been endorsed by the 19th GA as follows:

4.1. Resolution 19-1: “Safeguarding and Preservation of Military/Historical Events”.

Four countries which have submitted their lists are Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam. The remaining members have agreed to submit their lists to the Secretariat of the succeeding VECONAC Chair soon.

4.2. Resolution 19-3: “Resolution to Develop a Vision and Mission Statement of VECONAC”.

All VECONAC members are of the opinion that this is a difficult issue, so we will do it slowly. The VECONAC Chair will draft the content, and then ask all members for the opinion. When all members agree to the draft, the Chair will submit it as a proposed Resolution.

5. The 33rd EBM reviewed and adopted draft resolutions submitted by the Working Committee Meeting (WCM) to the 20th General Assembly for endorsement as follows:

5.1. Resolution on Calamities Affecting the Holding of VECONAC Meetings.

5.2. Resolution on Adding the Meaning of VECONAC Flag to the VECONAC Constitution.

5.3. Resolution on Commemorating the VECONAC Founding Day Annually on December 19.

5.4. Resolution on Acknowledging and Thanking the Cambodia Veterans Association on successfully holding the 32nd EBM and the 19th General Assembly.

5.5. Resolution on Recommendation to Confer VECONAC Honorary Presidency title on GENERAL KUN KIM, Senior Minister Responsible for Veterans and Disabled Affairs, Vice President and Secretary-General of the Cambodia Veterans Association (CVA), and Awarding the VECONAC Medal of Honour to GENERAL MEAS SAVAN, Director of General Department of Military Service and Permanent Deputy Secretary-General, CVA, for their dedication and contributions to the success of the 32nd EBM and the 19th General Assembly, and the investiture ceremony for the awards to be held at the 21st GA.

5.6. Resolution on Conferring VECONAC Presidency title on BG (Retired) SOMPHON KEOMIXAY, President, and Awarding the VECONAC Medal of Honour to LCOL (Retired) KHAM SING SOSENGINH, Secretary-General of the Lao Veterans Federation for their dedication and contribution to the success of the 31st EBM and the 18th GA, and presenting both awards at the investiture ceremony, at the 20th GA.

5.7. Resolution to Record a Statement of Appreciation to recognize the outstanding leadership, dedication and contributions of the last LT-GEN RAIS ABIN, Honorary President of Legiun Veteran Republik Indonesia and President of VECONAC 2010-2012.

The list of Resolutions is in Appendix “B”.

6. The 33rd EBM reviewed and adopted the Agenda of the 20th General Assembly.

The Agenda is in Appendix “C”.

7. The 33rd EBM submitted the WVO as VECONAC Chair 2022 to the 20th GA for endorsement.

8. The 33rd EBM reviewed and adopted the Draft Joint Communiqué to be submitted to the 20th General Assembly for endorsement.

The Draft Joint Communiqué is in Appendix “D”.

9. Lieutenant General Nguyen Song Phi, Vice President of VECONAC, Vice President of VAVN thanked the Leaders of VECONAC and all delegates for their valuable opinions to make the 33rd Executive Board Meeting a success. The 33rd Executive Board Meeting concluded at 1130 AM on the Fifteenth of December in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty One.

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