



VECONAC 30TH EBM & 17TH GA 2017

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Your Excellency,

"VETERANS CONFEDERATION OF ASEAN COUNTRIES' 30TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING & 17TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY" ON 23RD – 27TH NOVEMBER 2017 IN NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Reference: PBPNBD/VECONAC/2017/A/10/A dated 20th November 2017.

On behalf of the President of VECONAC and Presidents of VECONAC member countries, we are glad to convey to Your Excellency that the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries' 30th Executive Board Meeting & 17th General Assembly (VECONAC 30th EBM & 17th GA) was successfully held in Brunei Darussalam on 23rd to 27th November 2017.

VECONAC 30th EBM & 17th GA was organised by Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF). The meeting venue was @ Parkview Hotel, Jerudong.

The total number of participants attending the 17th General Assembly was 81 personnel comprising of 53 delegates and 28 observers (+ spouses) and attended by all ten VECONAC Member Countries.

Two Recommendations and two Draft Resolutions were raised for adoption to 30th EBM. The 17th GA finally endorsed 13 new RESOLUTIONS and this is elaborated as Annex to the attached Joint Communique.

With reference to **RESOLUTION 17-8: AN ORGANIZED VISIT TO THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT IN JAKARTA**, it is also an honour to convey to Your Excellency that the VECONAC Secretariat with the assistance of Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia (LVRI) as coordinator, would like to pay a courtesy visit by Presidents of VECONAC member countries to HE ASEAN Secretary-General at the ASEAN Permanent Secretariat in Jakarta in the near future. This is intended to further formalize VECONAC as an Associated Entity in ASEAN and ASEAN as the Umbrella for VECONAC.

It was unanimously agreed that Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF) will host the 18th GA (and 31st EBM) in the year 2018, and Cambodian Veterans Association (CVA) has confirmed to host the 19th GA (32nd EBM) in 2019.

The chairmanship of the next EBM & GA was handed officially by HE Maj Gen (Retd) Pehin Dato Hj Shari bin Ahmad to the new VECONAC President, HE BG (Retd) Somphone KEOMIXAY of LNVF. LNVF has yet to announce the new VECONAC Secretary General and Treasurer General.

Looking forward to personally meet Your Excellency and the ASEAN Secretariat, thank you.

"FOREVER VECONAC, VECONAC FOREVER"

Yours Truly,



AWANG HAJI SHARI BIN AHMAD

(Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Padukaraja Major General (Retd) Dato Paduka Seri)

for the President of VECONAC

President of Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam