



Hanoi, 8 July 2020

Esteemed Excellencies,

First and foremost, on behalf of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC) and the Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN), I would like to convey our warmest greetings and our wishes of good health to you and have a pleasure to inform Your Excellencies of the following:

Since assuming the role of VECONAC Chair, the VAVN has been actively undertaking its tasks in the capacity as VECONAC President and making preparations for the Working Committee Meeting (WCM) scheduled to be organized in September 2020 in Ho Chi Minh City, the 33rd Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 20th General Assembly (GA) scheduled to be organized in December 2020 in Hanoi.

However, since then, the COVID-19 pandemic has been progressing complicatedly and unpredictably in Southeast Asia and in many areas of the world, bringing multi-faceted impact to the social life of many countries, including diplomatic activities.

There remains only two months from now to the planned WCM. Nevertheless, the VAVN has not been able to send invitations and provide information about the WCM to VECONAC members due to the complicated development of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in negative impact on organizing our meetings.

Under these circumstances, the VAVN has consistently carried out the tasks well in line with the role of its VECONAC Chair. At this point, the VAVN would like to remind our esteemed VECONAC members of the dateline for sending two (02) historical/military places/events to the Secretariat of the 20th GA prior to July 15, 2020.

As for the meetings, in case the COVID-19 pandemic still develops so complicatedly that all the meetings, namely, the WCM, the 33rd EBM and the 20th GA

cannot be organized, the VAVN would be very grateful to receive the recommendations from all VECONAC members on how the VAVN will organize the hand over of the VECONAC Chairmanship to the War Veterans Organization of Thailand before the year 2020 ends.

To conclude this letter, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Esteemed Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of VECONAC member countries the assurances of our highest consideration.

VECONAC FOREVER, FOREVER VECONAC !

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nguyen Song Phi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Vice President, VECONAC

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To:

Esteemed Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of VECONAC Member Countries