



Hanoi, 17 September 2020

Excellencies,

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 wishes of good health to you, and in reference to the Working Committee Meeting (WCM), the 33rd Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 20th General Assembly (GA), have a pleasure to inform Your Excellencies of the following:

Over the past months, the Veterans Association of Vietnam has received many responses from the Leaders of our esteemed VECONAC members regarding the holding of the VECONAC 2020 meetings. On behalf of the VAVN, I would like to convey our most sincere thanks to Your Excellencies for your valuable opinions and your heart-felt sentiments to our country, our people and our organization.

As you know, since its outburst, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused loss of life of over 900,000 people, changed many practices in the political, economic and social life of the humankind, and at present is still progressing complicatedly and unpredictably in many countries in the region and the world.

In 2020, Vietnam holds the role of ASEAN Chairmanship, Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council and Chair of the 41st ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly. The VAVN is also honored to assume the role of VECONAC Chair in 2020. Due to the prolonged and complicated development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Leadership of the Vietnamese State and Government recently has decided to hold all meetings within the framework of the Vietnam Chairmanship 2020 Year in the form of video conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Leaders of our esteemed VECONAC members of the above-mentioned decision of the Vietnamese Leadership and earnestly look forward to receiving support and cooperation from Your Excellencies and all our colleagues.

On this occasion, I would like to convey our sincere thanks to all of you for your support on the WCM which will be held virtually on 21 October 2020. Because of the special nature of the meeting, I decided to appoint HE Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Song Phi, Vice President VECONAC/VAVN to preside at the virtual WCM. Documents relating to the meeting, including the Administrative and Technical Arrangements, will be forwarded to you the soonest by the Organizing Committee.

Finally, I would like to convey to Your Excellencies Vice Presidents of VECONAC and Presidents of VECONAC Member Countries our best wishes of good health and our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

VECONAC FOREVER, FOREVER VECONAC !

PRESIDENT OF VECONAC

PRESIDENT OF VAVN



Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) NGUYEN VAN DUOC

To:

Excellencies Vice Presidents of VECONAC

and Presidents of VECONAC Member Countries

