

## Speech

His Excellency General Kun Kim, Senior Minister, Vice President and Secretary General of Cambodia Veterans Association during the Occasion of Acceptance of Rotating Chairmanship of VECONAC  
Vientiane, 10-14 December 2018

### **My Respect to**

- Your Excellency **Somphon Keomixay** , Rotating President of Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries and President of Lao Veterans Federation;
- Excellencies Heads of Delegations of the VECONAC Member Countries;
- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Today, I have a great honor to have the permission from **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen** Prime Minister of Cambodia and President of the Cambodia Veterans Association to accept to be the rotating president of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries, to get ready to organize the 32<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for the 2019 Mandate, as decided by this 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

I would like to take this great opportunity to thank the Lao Veterans Federation for your understanding and help to substitute for Cambodia to coordinate and organize the 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for 2018, due to the reason that in 2018, the Kingdom of Cambodia had been busy with the organization of 2 elections, the Senate Elections on 25 February 2018 and the 6<sup>th</sup> Mandate National Election on 29 July 2018. This is a proof of the bond of friendship, cooperation and brotherhood among our VECONAC members.

Once again, on behalf of Cambodia Veterans Association, I would like to express support and would highly appreciate the great achievement of success of the 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly led by Lao Veterans Federation for the purpose to join effort to continue the perpetuity of the confederation and economic enhancement and to benefit the veterans and war victims as well to integrate the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN into the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations called ASEAN.

From here, I would like to officially declare that the Kingdom of Cambodia is pleased to accept to host the organization of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly as decided by this 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and I am proud and would like to invite Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen to visit and participate in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in the Kingdom of Cambodia, which will be held in the coming 2019.

In the end, I wish all members of the General Assembly good health and success in all your endeavors.

Thank you!