

Opening Remark
18th VECONAC General Assembly Meeting
11-13 December 2018, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Dear Heads of Delegations of VECONAC,
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen!

First of all, on behalf Lao Veterans Federation and as the President of VECONAC 2018, it's my great honour and pleasure to welcome all delegates and observers to Vientiane, Lao PDR and the 18th VECONAC General Assemble. Taking this opportunity, may I welcome new presidents from Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand to the VECONAC family. Your participation makes this meeting more exciting and I hope you will bring new ideas to our VECONAC.

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Today I'm very delighted to witness the successful outcome of the 31st EBM which was held in Luang Prabang. The meeting agreed on a number of items. Thus, this 18th GA will further discuss and review the items we have agreed upon previously and some other items that need to be finalised and adopted so that they can be put forward into action in order to bring benefits to each individual member country and VECONAC as a whole.

Therefore, I hope Your Excellencies and everyone will actively and constructively participate and contribute in order to help us achieve the objectives of the meeting.

Once again I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your kind support and participation in this meeting. Should you need any assistance during your stay in the Lao PDR, please feel free to let us know.

Now, I, the President of Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries, would like to officially open the 18th General Assembly.

Thank you