

Secretary General Report

Aim

1. The aim of the report is to update the board member the activities that have taken place during the report period.

Scope

2. This report covers the VECONAC activities for the period from 26th June to 12th December 2018

Attendance

3. All 10 VECONAC member countries have sent their delegates and observers with total number of 141 to the 18th VECONAC General Assembly convened in Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane Lao PDR.

General Assembly

4. The 17th General Assembly and 30th Executive Board Meeting were successfully organised in Brunei Darussalam on 23rd November to 27th November 2017 and the 31st EBM was held in Luang Prabang, the first world heritage city of the Lao PDR. This 18th VECONAC General Assembly is being hosted by the Lao Veterans Federation.
5. The implementation as well as any pending issues among the 31st EBM Resolutions adopted will be discussed at the 18th GA.

Change in Member Association Leadership

6. Change in Member Association Leadership so far as follows:
 - 6.1. Malaysia: H.E Capt.(Ret) Datuk Sharuddin bin Hj Omar was appointed as the new president of the Veterans Association of Malaysia Armed Forces (VAMAF) after Adm (Ret) Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Hj Mohd Nor on 3rd November 2018.
 - 6.2. The Philippines: H.E Manuel R Panama was appointed as the new President of Veterans Federation of the Philippines after Col Botifacia G De Gracia on 21st December 2017.
 - 6.3. Thailand: H.E General Siripong Wongkhunti was appointed as the new President of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand after General Sampan Tanyapuch effective since 1st October 2018.

Change in member Association on Organization's name

7. Change in member Association on Organization's name so far follows:
 - 7.1. Brunei Darussalam: His Majesty the Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to rename Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD) to **Veterans Association of Royal**

Brunei Armed Forces ("VARBAF" in English & "PERWIRA" in Malay) with effect from 25th August 2018.

- 7.2. Laos: The National Assembly of the Lao PDR approved to rename the Lao National Veterans Federation to **Lao Veterans Federation** with effect from 13th June 2018.

Courtesy Visit

8. Activities conducted so far:

- 8.1. On 7th August, 2018, the entourage headed by H.E. Brigadier General (Ret) Somphone KEOMIXAY, President of 18th VECONAC, H.E.'s VECONAC Secretariat Members, the Vice Presidents and their accompanying senior members/officers paid a call on The ASEAN Secretary General, **H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi** at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 8.2. H.E. the President, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer-General of 18th VECONAC, and all the Vice Presidents of VECONAC, each member country were invited to the celebration of 51st ASEAN Day on 8th August 2018 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Conclusion

9. Lao Veterans Federation (LVF) expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to other VECONAC member countries for their cooperation, kind support and active contribution that enable the LVF to successfully accomplish its 18th VECONAC chairmanship.

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