

Acceptance Speech

by General Santasana Nantibhakhirund,
Director - General of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand
on the Occasion of Taking Over as a New President
of Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC)

15th December 2021

Senior Lieutenant General (retired) Nguyen Van Duoc,
President of Veterans Association of Vietnam,

Excellencies Heads of Delegations,

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor and a pleasure for me to accept the post as a new President of Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC), most importantly, on behalf of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand, I would like to express our gratitude to all VECONAC member countries for your confidence given to Thailand to host the Working Committee Meeting, the 34th Executive Board Meeting and the 21st General Assembly in 2022. WVO and I are willing to do our best to achieve successful results on those meetings.

I would like to thank and congratulate Senior Lieutenant General (retired) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of Veterans Association of Vietnam and also the VECONAC Chairmanship team on their

dedication and contribution to the success of the virtual VECONAC meetings for the past two years.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the founding of VECONAC in Jakarta in 1980 over four decades ago, VECONAC has become a regional community that enhances peace and strengthens friendship among the region, as well as encouragement of cooperation on matters affecting ASEAN. However, in order to drive forward the successful implementation of VECONAC tasks, all ten countries must collaborate even more closely, under the proposals of VECONAC Constitution and By-laws. In order to succeed those missions, WVO is very pleased to expedite the process of any resolutions that have been endorsed by the 20th General Assembly to achieve the goals as soon as possible.

On this occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Thailand's 2022 VECONAC Presidency, as follows;

1. General Santasana Nantibhakhirund as VECONAC President
2. Lieutenant General Chitiphat Boonchuai as VECONAC Vice - President
3. Lieutenant Colonel Hassachai leamlaor as VECONAC Secretary General
4. Mrs. Somjai Youngpradit as VECONAC Treasurer General

I hope that the situation of COVID-19 outbreak will become better very soon and wish that everybody has been staying safe and healthy. Accordingly, we need to hold together and strictly be strong part of public health measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus in each country, so that we can see one another in-person and join our regular activities together in the upcoming Working Committee Meeting that will be held in 2022 at Pattaya, Chonburi, in Thailand.

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Thank you.
