



Hanoi, 23 April 2020

Esteemed Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of the VECONAC Member Countries,

First of all, I would like to send my warmest greetings and my best wishes to Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of the VECONAC Member Countries and have the honor to inform Your Excellencies of the following:

Our region and many countries in the world are facing the COVID-19 pandemic. In the capacity as President of the VECONAC and President of the Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN), I would like to express my deep sympathies over the losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to the people of our respective countries. I also highly appreciate the prompt, drastic and effective measures taken by ASEAN member countries, bringing about initial positive results in the prevention and control of the pandemic. In upholding our glorious traditions, I am strongly convinced that our VECONAC members will be united, partner and join hands with our respective Governments in overcoming the pandemic, caring for our people's lives and health, bringing peace to our peoples.

Excellencies,

Since assuming the role of VECONAC Chair in 2020, the VAVN has been actively making preparations for the Working Committee Meeting (WCM), the 33<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the VECONAC 20<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA). On this occasion, may I have the honor to inform Your Excellencies of the tentative date and venue of these events as follows:

The WCM is planned to be held from 7 to 10 September 2020 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, if the pandemic is successfully contained.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 20<sup>th</sup> GA will be organized back-to-back and scheduled to be open from 14 to 18 December 2020 in the Capital

City of Hanoi, Viet Nam, if the COVID-19 pandemic is successfully controlled, giving no negative impact to our region.

Detailed information relating to these events will be forwarded to our esteemed VECONAC members by the Secretariat at a proper time.

Despite all-round and proactive preparations made by the VAVN, nevertheless, in the context that the COVID-19 pandemic has been progressing complicatedly in the region and the world, the scheduled date for organizing the WCM, the 33<sup>rd</sup> EBM and the 20<sup>th</sup> GA, if necessary, will be adjusted accordingly, on the basis of close consultation of our esteemed VECONAC members.

Excellencies,

I would like to take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellencies our most sincere thanks for your support and collaboration with the VAVN while undertaking VECONAC Chairmanship, in the spirit of mutual solidarity and assistance, for the lofty objectives highlighted in the VECONAC Constitution.

Finally, on behalf of the VAVN, I would like to convey to Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of the VECONAC our best wishes of good health and our highest consideration.

**VECONAC FOREVER, FOREVER VECONAC !**

**PRESIDENT VECONAC  
PRESIDENT OF VAVN**



**Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) NGUYEN VAN DUOC**

To: Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of the VECONAC Member Countries.