

## Opening Address

Meeting of the Working Committee for VECONAC 2019

Siem Reap, 03 – 06 July 2019

Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen and Members of the working committee,

At the outset, I kindly would like to address the floor on behalf of His **Excellency General Kun Kim, Senior Minister and the Secretary-General of the Cambodia Veteran Association** and also the **President of VECONAC**. As the **Permanent Deputy-Secretary General of Cambodia Veteran Association and the Secretary General of VECONAC**, it is my great honor and deep pleasure to extend my warmest welcome to the delegates, representing ASEAN member-states of VECONAC, to attend this meeting of the working committee for 2019 in Siem Reap province, land of the great Angkorian that has been recognized as the world heritage.

On this occasion, I kindly would like to express sincere appreciation and commendation to all the member-states and especially to the Laos Veterans Federation for hosting the 18<sup>th</sup> GA in Laos People's Democratic Republic, which was considered as a remarkable success.

Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

In reference to the resolution adopted at the 18<sup>th</sup> GA, the role of the Secretariat must rotate to chair the meeting of the working committee, aiming to prepare and effectively implement the agenda of the 32<sup>nd</sup> EBM meeting for the operational working committee and the 19<sup>th</sup> GA in order to achieve greater outcomes that serves the common benefits of all ASEAN members.

In this connection, I am confident that Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen will contribute to the discussion, exchange of views and consultations that is align with the objectives of the meeting, in order to prepare for the 32<sup>nd</sup> EBM meeting and the 19<sup>th</sup> GA, scheduled to be held in December 2019 in the Kingdom of Cambodia. Thus, to reach the ultimate mutual policy.

Before handing over the floor, may I take the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen for participating in this meeting and we are open to your requests as we are ready to facilitate all the delegates during your stays.

I now pronounce the opening session for the meeting of the working committee of 2019.

Thank you! The floor is yours.