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*LEGION VETERANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
(LVRI)*

COUNTRY REPORT

*VECONAC 20th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
15 December 2021*

Honorable VECONAC President,
Honorable Vice Presidents,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of all members and families of the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia (LVRI), I extend my best regards and highest gratitude to the President, Vice Presidents of VECONAC and the entire 20th VECONAC General Assembly (GA) Delegation. It is also at this auspicious moment that we wish you a Happy 41st VECONAC Birthday which falls on December 19, 2021. We hope that our esteemed Organization will play a greater role in contributing to the peace and stability in the Southeast Asian region.

The Covid 19 pandemic which has lasted for approximately 2 years in all parts of the world has changed the pattern of life and communication between us. VECONAC which usually held in person, is forced to adapt to the new normal by communicating virtually through online communication including social media. It is only with the will, the spirit of togetherness and strong leadership from the President and the support of all members of VECONAC that our organization can still carry out its functions during this unprecedented time.

The Covid 19 pandemic affects VECONAC's economy as an organization and most importantly it also affects the Health of Veterans members who are, on average, elderly. LVRI also lost several figures due to Covid 19 who were the best personnel in the LVRI Board of Directors.

LVRI, which is currently making a leadership transition from the 45th generation of Freedom Fighters to the next generation, feels immense loss with the death of Lt. Gen. TNI (Ret.) Rais Abin (Honorary President and President VECONAC 2010-2012). He was the last 45 Freedom Fighter Veterans who had remained loyal to accompany LVRI in the transition period. With their loss, LVRI's leadership has also changed from the 45th Generation of Freedom Fighters to the Veterans of the Independence Defenders Generation.

The efforts of the Indonesian government in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic are very serious. Nonetheless, with the support of all levels of society, they have succeeded in reducing the risk of disease among the community very well. The Indonesian government does not impose a lockdown as it poses a risk to the national economy, instead it implements Public Activity Restriction (PPKM). LVRI follows the Government's instructions according to the applicable PPKM Level in carrying out its work to keep running during the Pandemic in accordance with the Health Protocol strictly by partially carrying out work from home (Work from Home, WFH).

With broad support from the community to maintain the Health Protocol, Indonesia has succeeded in reducing the rate of Covid 19 transmission among the community. All activities attracting the crowd are strictly restricted, including religious holidays, Commemoration of Indonesian Independence Day, LVRI Anniversary and Indonesian National Veterans Day are carried out online. In times like this before Christmas and New Year's which are holiday and festive season are also limited. All civil servants and retired officers are prohibited from traveling. This is solely to reduce the risk of transmission from the new Covid 19 mutation that is still threatening.

With the improving condition of the Pandemic in Indonesia, we really hope that we can maintain this and continue further, so that the world community's trust in Indonesia is also getting better. Hopefully, the trust in Indonesia as Chairman of the G-20 will be carried out without significant obstacles.

We also hope that the conditions for the coming year will be better so that VECONAC can carry out its mission and duties normally as before.

Based on the joint decision of the Working Committee Meeting on September 7, 2020, it was decided that the Veconac Leadership under Vietnam/VAVN as the Host of VECONAC was extended until 2021. VAVN has carried out well in the current situation and condition of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Even now, the General Assembly cannot be held in person, because the situation is not yet possible.

We would like to thank VAVN for successfully leading us in today's difficult conditions and to welcome the War Veterans of Thailand (WVOT) to become President of VECONAC in 2022. We wish you, all the best. May we always be in a good health and then one day we can gather again together to enjoy the beauty of the city of Bangkok. Greetings to all members and families of Veterans throughout Southeast Asia. Happy Birthday VECONAC, 19 December 2021.

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Jakarta, 15 December 2021



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LVRI CHAIRMAN
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