



## **VECONAC 31<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

### **JOINT COMMUNIQUE**

#### **GENERAL**

1. The VECONAC 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting (VECONAC 31<sup>st</sup> EBM) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Lao PDR and hosted by the Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF). The previous VECONAC 30<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting & 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (30<sup>th</sup> EBM & 17<sup>th</sup> GA) was held in Brunei Darussalam on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
2. The VECONAC 31<sup>th</sup> EBM was organised by LNVF at Santi Resort & Spa in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

3. The total number of participants attending the VECONAC 31<sup>st</sup> EBM was 25 comprising 20 delegates and 5 observers and attended by all VECONAC Member Associations except Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP). The attendance list as Annex A.

#### **VECONAC 18<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

4. The VECONAC 18<sup>th</sup> GA was not held back to back with 31<sup>st</sup> EBM because the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is planned to be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December 2018 in Vientiane, the capital city of Lao PDR.

### **THE 31<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

#### **OPENING CEREMONY**

5. The opening of the 31<sup>st</sup> EBM was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Phikaneth Hall, and commenced with the welcome speech by the Guest of Honour, HE Mr Khamkhank Chanthavisouk, the Governor of Luang Prabang, Lao PDR.

6. The 31<sup>st</sup> EBM was then officiated by HE Brig Gen (Retd) Somphon KIOMAXY, the President of VECONAC, at 0950hrs and this was followed with the introduction of newly elected VECONAC Secretary General, Lt Col (Ret) Khamsing SOSENGINH, and VECONAC Treasurer General, Brig Gen (Ret) Khampang KONGCHANSENG, of the LN VF.

7. Mr. Vongdavone Vongxayarath, Director of Promotion and Marketing Division Luang Prabang Provincial Information, Culture and Tourism Department, gave a short presentation on Luang Prabang tourism promotion.

8. Four main agendas were adopted for deliberation:

- a. Review of VECONAC Constitution,
- b. Domiciling of VECONAC Account,
- c. Miniature Medal of VECONAC Medal of Honour, and
- d. Courtesy Call on ASEAN Secretary General.

#### **REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND TREASURER GENERAL**

9. Secretary General's Report: Attached.

10. Treasurer General's Report. Attached.

#### **RECOMMENDATION AND DRAFT RESOLUTION**

11. Only one draft resolution was submitted to the 31<sup>st</sup> EBM i.e. the recommendation from VAVN for Col (Ret) Ta Hung to be conferred with Medal of Honour.

12. Apart from the normal three committees (Economic Opportunities; Women; and Resolution), fourth committee was established to focus on reviewing the existing VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws. The results of the four committees are as follows:

##### **12.1. RESOLUTION 31-1. RESOLUTION ON AWARDING THE VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR.**

**12.2. RESOLUTION 31-2. VECONAC HONOURARY PRESIDENCY CONFERRING AND VECONAC HONOUR MEDAL AWARDING INVESTITURE CEREMONY.**

**12.3. RESOLUTION 31-3. DOMICILING VECONAC ACCOUNT.**

**12.4. RESOLUTION 31-4. VECONAC SECRETARIAT AND CHAIRMANSHIP ROTATION.**

**12.5. RESOLUTION 31-5. COURTESY VISIT TO ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL.**

**12.6. RESOLUTION 31-6. WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**12.7. RESOLUTION 31-7. REQUESTING FOR VECONAC FUND FOR 31ST EBM AND 18TH GA ACTIVITIES.**

**12.8. RESOLUTION 31-8. WOMEN AND SPOUSE INTERACTION PROGRAM.**

**12.9. RESOLUTION 31-9: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT BUREAU WITHIN THE VECONAC ENTITY.**

**12.10. RESOLUTION 31-10: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC BUREAU WITHIN THE VECONAC ENTITY.**

13. The details Resolution are at Annex B.

## **JOINT COMMUNIQUE**

14. The 31<sup>st</sup> EBM adopted the Joint Communique as presented by the VECONAC Secretary General and it will be presented and deliberated during the coming 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

## **ATTENDEES**

15. The Heads of Delegations attending the 31<sup>st</sup> EBM were:

15.1 Lt Col (Ret) Hj Hashim Hj Zainal Abidin – ESABD

15.2 Gen Meas Savan - CVA

15.3 MG (Ret) ABDUL GHANI - LVRI

15.4 BG (Ret) Khamhom SENGBOUALOME - LNVF

15.5 Adm Senator Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Hj Mohd Nor - VAMAF

- 15.6 Commodore (Ret) Aung Thaw - MWVO
- 15.7 BG (RET) Winston Toh - SAFVL
- 15.8 Gen Sampan Tanyapuch - WVOT
- 15.9 Lt Gen (Ret) Nguyen Van Dao - VAVN

### **ADOPTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF 32<sup>nd</sup> EBM & 19<sup>TH</sup> GA**

16. Following the previous decision adopted during 30<sup>th</sup> EBM & 17<sup>th</sup> GA in Brunei Darussalam, it was reconfirmed the CVA will be hosting the 32<sup>nd</sup> EBM & 19<sup>th</sup> GA in 2019.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

17. The Joint Communique was adopted on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Santi Resort & Spa. Luang Prabang, and the 31<sup>st</sup> EBM was officially closed by HE Brig Gen (Ret) Somphone KIOMAXY, the President of VECONAC, at 1020.

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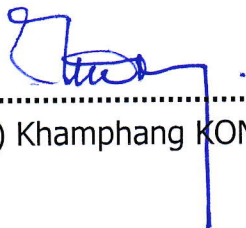




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BG (Ret) Somphon KEOMIXAY – VECONAC President



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Lt.Col Khamsing (Ret) SORSENGINH – VECONAC Secretary General



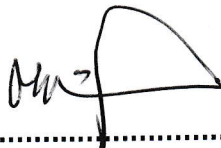
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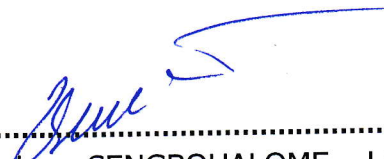
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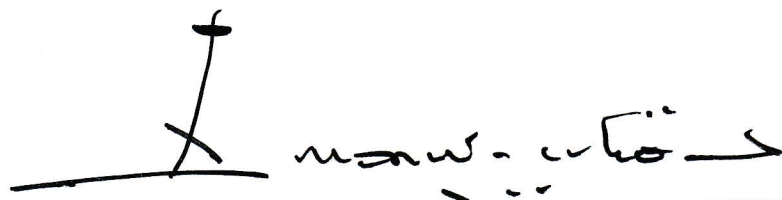
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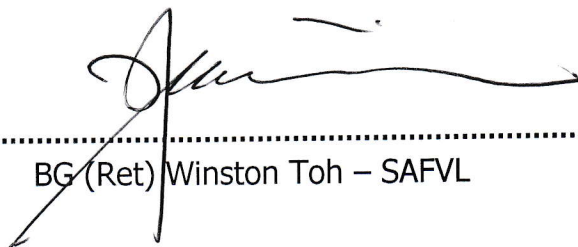
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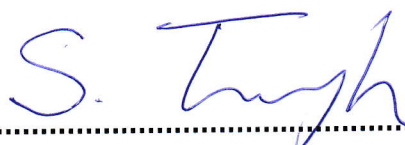
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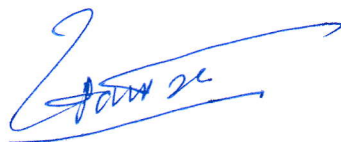
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